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COPLEY-FAIRLAWN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting

Copley High School Main Office Conference Room

August 11, 2021 1:00 p.m.

Steve Coon, President called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

John Wheadon, Treasurer, called the roll and the following were present:

Jim Borchik

Paul Cevasco

Steve Coon

Catherine Konopka - absent

Paula Lynn

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A. Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Cevasco, seconded by Mrs. Lynn, to adopt the agenda for the August 11, 2021 special meeting, as presented.

AYES: Cevasco, Lynn, Borchik, Coon

NAYS: None

B. Topics

1. Agenda for Tuesday, August 17 Board of Education Meeting
A review and discussion of the Tuesday, August 17, 2021 regular meeting agenda occurred.

On the agenda is Dr. Konopka's resignation from the Board of Education since she has moved out of the school district. The Board of Education will be doing a press release announcing the vacancy and requesting letters of interest through August 27, 2021. The board will then review all letters of interest and determine who they will conduct interviews with on September 16, 2021. The goal is to appoint a new board member at the September 21, 2021 board meeting. Board policy BBE was reviewed and it was noted that the vacancy will be filled not earlier than 10 days nor later than 60 days after the vacancy occurred.

2. Board Role and Goals
Mr. Coon requested that at board meetings any question being asked should relate to items on the agenda. At past meetings, questions have been asked that don't pertain to the board agenda and administration had no prior knowledge in order to research an item.

The goals of the district were reviewed and will be recommended for approval at the regular board meeting next week.

Board policies BBA (School Board Powers and Duties), BBF (School Board Member Ethics) and a document from the Ohio School Boards Association (Understanding Your School Board) were reviewed.

3. School Opening
Students will return to the school buildings on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. Employees will return on August 16th for a professional

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development day followed by a teacher work day on August 17th. Professional development being offered throughout the day are “Data Collection and Behavior Strategies” for special needs assistants, “High Yield Instructional Strategies” for returning K-4 and all 9-12 teaching staff, “iReady Webinar” for new K-4 and all 5-8 teaching staff, “Zones of Regulation & PBIS” for all primary staff, and “SEL Curriculum (In-Control and Can Do U)” for all middle school and high school staff.

4. Return to School – COVID Update (Health Protocols)

Mr. Brian Poe, Superintendent reviewed the return to school plan and health protocols. The information will be posted on the school district website and also distributed to parents.

Masks are being recommended but are not mandated inside school buildings. Masks are required on school buses per CDC guidelines. Physical distancing will continue to be in place. The goal is to have 6 feet of distancing between students. Building and bus cleaning, hand sanitizing and handwashing will continue as was in place during the previous school year. Medical grade air purifiers will remain on in each room when students and staff are present. Contact tracing will continue in conjunction with Summit County Public Health requirements. 15 pupil service staff members are available for social emotional and mental health interventions with students. Lunches and breakfasts will continue to be offered for free because of funding supplied by the federal government.

5. Online Learning

An online option has been made available for any family that chooses to enroll in virtual learning. The preference is to have all students to learn in person instead of remotely.

6. Permanent Improvement Projects/Facility Update

Mr. Steve Robinson, Business Manager, reviewed a list of projects that have been completed or are in the process of being completed this summer. This includes parking lot and sidewalk replacement and renovations, lockers in the high school repainted, gym floors refinished, drainage installed and block sealed at the middle school, improvements to the vet tech classroom, new carpet and flooring throughout portions of the school buildings, and a security window was installed at the middle school at the request of the police department to keep visitors from entering the building when dropping off items.

7. Stadium Status

While the stadium lights were being re-lamped this year, it was discovered that two light poles had been damaged by woodpeckers. The poles are 120 foot in length. The damage was extensive. A brief discussion occurred about the stadium renovations that were being discussed prior to the pandemic. This topic will be visited again in the future.

8. Crisis Team Update

The crisis team was utilized this week because of the sudden tragic death of a staff member involved in an automobile accident. The crisis team is made up of administrators, guidance counselors and psychologists. Students and parents were contacted to let them know of the passing and to offer support.

9. Staffing Update

Mr. Brian Poe, Superintendent, reported that a new middle school principal, assistant high school principal, and dean of student have been

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hired and are currently working. All teaching staff positions have been filled or will be filled prior to the first day of school with the exception of one part time position at the high school in foreign language.

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C. Executive Session

It was moved by Mrs. Lynn, seconded by Mr. Cevalco, to go into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1). The board shall consider the employment/compensation of employees or officials of the school district at 3:19 p.m.

AYES: Lynn, Cevalco, Borchik, Coon

NAYS: None

The Board returned to public session at 3:41 p.m.


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C. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Borchik, seconded by Mr. Cevalco, to adjourn the meeting (3:42 p.m.)

AYES: Borchik, Cevalco, Lynn, Coon

NAYS: None



President



Treasurer