

COPLEY-FAIRLAWN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting/Work Session

Copley High School Main Office Conference Room

November 10, 2022 3:00 p.m.

Paul Cevasco, President, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

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

Jim Borchik
Paul Cevasco
Steve Doss
Beth Hertz
Paula Lynn

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A. Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Cevasco, seconded by Mrs. Lynn, to adopt the agenda for the November 10, 2022 special meeting/work session, as presented.

AYES: Cevasco, Lynn, Borchik, Hertz, Doss

NAYS: None

B.. Topics

1. Review of the November 15, 2022 Agenda Items

A review and discussion of the Tuesday, November 15, 2022 regular meeting agenda occurred. John Wheadon, Treasurer, reviewed the five year forecast with the board and noted that based on current projections, negative spending will begin this fiscal year and a levy will be necessary no later than November 2026. There has been an increase in costs associated with additional mental health personnel, special needs teachers, and school resource officers. A sufficient carryover balance is available to cover the negative spending during the next few years. The last operating levy was approved in August, 2010.

2. Permanent Improvements/Bond

The \$50 million bond levy that was presented to the tax payers of the district on November 8, 2022 passed. Planning will begin immediately. Meetings have already begun with bond counsel attorneys and underwriters. Additional meetings are scheduled for Friday November 11th with construction attorneys. It was also noted that the planning stage with architects and engineers will take place over the next several months. The focus will be on the items that were

discussed during the campaign for the levy. The board plans to do site visits to other school districts to look at their stadiums.

3. Transportation Discipline

There has been an increase with discipline issues on busses while transporting students to and from school. The board reviewed some specific incidents and it was suggested that a letter be sent home to all parents reminding them that behavioral issues are distracting to the drivers and will not be tolerated. Students that misbehave while riding the school bus will have their bus riding privilege suspended or revoked.

4. Residency

The district is receiving calls and notices that students from surrounding areas may be using an address within school boundaries to come to Copley-Fairlawn City School District. The district will continue to investigate such leads.

5. Delinquent Accounts

The federal government provided free breakfasts and lunches to all students during the COVID-19 pandemic. Starting with this school year (August 2022), free meals were no longer made available from the federal government. Since meals are no longer free, there has been a recent influx of students taking a breakfast or lunch and not having enough money on their account to pay for it. The negative balance accumulates quickly and follows the student throughout their education career. It was determined that building administration will need to reach out to the families and inform them that charges exist on their child's account and is due immediately. Unpaid balances are over \$18,000 to date.

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C. Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Borchik, seconded by Mr. Doss, to go into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1). The board shall consider the employment/evaluation of employees or officials of the school district. (4:45 p.m.)

AYES: Borchik, Doss, Hertz, Lynn, Cevalco

NAYS: None

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D. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Borchik, seconded by Mrs. Hertz, to adjourn the meeting (6:01 p.m.)

AYES: Borchik, Hertz, Lynn, Doss, Cevalco

NAYS: None

President

Treasurer