

COPLEY-FAIRLAWN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting/Work Session

Board of Education Conference Room

May 11, 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 Mrs. Lynn, seconded by Mrs. Hertz, to adopt the agenda for the May 11, 2022 special meeting/work session, as presented.

AYES: Lynn, Hertz, Borchik, Doss, Cevasco

NAYS: None

B.. Topics

1. Review of the May 17, 2022 Agenda Items

A review and discussion of the Tuesday, May 17, 2022 regular meeting agenda occurred.

Many retirees and students will be recognized for their accomplishments.

The five year forecast was reviewed and no operating levy is planned during the forecast period.

A contract with Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron is being recommended for approval. The contract would be for a term of five years. In exchange for exclusive advertising rights, Akron Children's will provide athletic training, strength and conditioning coach, and scholarships.

2. Update on Capital Improvements

Meetings have been held with the Impact Group related to getting information to the community about the facility needs of the school district. The facility needs includes bathroom renovations at each building, cafeteria renovations, athletic complex renovations, an additional turf field at the high school, sewer service modifications, auditorium upgrades, locker room upgrades and other renovations. Architects and engineers from Fanning Howey have been working on cost estimates and potential construction timelines.

3. Middle School Schedule

As a follow-up to the February 15, 2022 regular board meeting where students were concerned that less choices would be available for electives, portions of the schedule were reviewed again. Although elective options were reduced in grades 7 and 8 (not 5 and 6), we actually have realized an increase in the number of students who have selected band for the 2022-2023 school year. 49 more students have enrolled in band for the 2022-2023 school year compared to 2021-2022 school year. Based on the small number of students in some grade levels and the reduction of elective options in grades 7 and 8, teachers are going to be moved around for next year instead of doing a reduction in force.

4. Communication with Senior Citizens Group

Discussion occurred about communicating with the senior citizens in the community. A lot of the information about the school district is sent to parents and there are senior citizens that are interested in the happenings in the school. Administration will explore the best ways to get information to senior citizens. Mailers, flyers and posters may be the best form of communication for things such as school plays and concerts.

5. Social Studies/English Curriculum Adoption

A committee of over 40 teachers and administrators representing all grade levels met multiple times and reviewed all options for the social study textbook adoption and English/language art adoption. It has been about eight years since a new adoption occurred for social studies. Five companies presented their materials to the group and there was a unanimous decision made to recommend the books that appear on the agenda. Board members requested the rubric that was used to select the books and Brian Williams, Assistant Superintendent, indicated he would share it with them. Critical Race Theory is not addressed in any of the programs as this is not contained in the Ohio Content Standards. The teaching staff has been specifically instructed to teach only those topics and concepts found in the Ohio State Content Standards.

The English adoption is for grades 7-12 only. Grades K-6 adopted new textbooks three years ago and they are not up for a new adoption in the rotation.

6. Diversity Committee Update

The next committee meeting is May 26, 2022. Based on conversations and information shared at previous meetings, the school mascot is going to be discussed in more details. The group has discussed various options such as change the nickname and mascot, change the mascot but not the nickname, to keep everything the same, etc.

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C. Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Borchik, seconded by Mr. Cevalco, to go into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) and (4) The board shall consider the employment/compensation/discipline of employees or officials of the school district and to discuss negotiations at 5:16 p.m.

AYES: Borchik, Cevalco, Doss, Lynn, Hertz

NAYS: None

The board returned to public session at 6:32 p.m.

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D. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Borchik, seconded by Mrs. Lynn, to adjourn the meeting (6:32 p.m.)

AYES: Borchik, Lynn, Hertz, Doss, Cevalco

NAYS: None

President

Treasurer