

COPLEY-FAIRLAWN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting/Work Session

Copley High School Main Office Conference Room

August 11, 2022 3:15 p.m.

Paul Cevalasco, President, called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

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

Jim Borchik
Paul Cevalasco
Steve Doss
Beth Hertz
Paula Lynn

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A. Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Cevalasco, seconded by Mr. Doss, to adopt the agenda for the August 11, 2022 special meeting/work session, as presented.

AYES: Cevalasco, Doss Borchik, Lynn, Hertz

NAYS: None

B.. Topics

1. Review of the August 16, 2022 Agenda Items
A review and discussion of the Tuesday, August 16, 2022 regular meeting agenda occurred.
2. Board of Education Goals
The goals of the district were reviewed and will be recommended for approval at the regular board meeting next week. The board will realign the goals so that safety and security are listed prior to financial stability.
3. School Opening
Students will return to the school buildings beginning on Wednesday, August 17, 2022. Employees will return on Monday, August 15th for a professional development day followed by a teacher work day on August 16th.

Representatives from Red Oak Behavioral Health will be presenting on Trauma Informed Care and a representative from the Copley Police Department will be presenting on school safety.

4. Permanent Improvement Project/Bond Update
Mr. Steve Robinson, Business Manager, stated there is a meeting planned next week with the architectural firm Fanning Howey to develop design renderings for the projects that are part of the upcoming bond issue. The facility needs include bathroom renovations at each building, cafeteria renovations, athletic complex renovations, an additional turf field, sewer service modifications, auditorium upgrades, locker room upgrades and other renovations.

Discussion occurred regarding the parking lot being constructed at the middle school by Copley Township. Construction cannot begin until the Indiana bats in nearby trees migrate. Final approval has not been granted yet because there is ongoing discussion about the walkway from the parking lot to the school building.

5. Staffing Update

Mr. Brian Williams, Assistant Superintendent, reviewed a list of new hires. In addition to replacement personnel being hired for staff that have retired or resigned, the district has also added a teacher of the deaf, additional psychologists, and contracted for additional therapists and mental health professionals.

Mr. Steve Robinson, Business Manager, discussed the shortage of substitutes in all classified positions. In addition, he informed the board that many cafeteria employees resigned over the summer and filling these positions has been difficult. The district will be discussing having pre-packaged meals in the future or discontinuing food service operations if staff cannot be located to fill the vacant positions.

6. Safety/Security Update

Mr. Cevasco and Mr. Doss had another meeting with Mayor Roth, City of Fairlawn, regarding providing a resource officer at Fort Island Primary School. They reported that the City may be able to find an officer and the funding would be split between the school district and the city. Mr. Poe previously met with Chief Mier, Copley Township police chief, regarding providing a resource officer at the middle school, the high school and Arrowhead Primary School with the same arrangement. The goal is to have a full officer at each school building.

The anticipated expense for the district to employ the resource officers is \$500,000 per year and will need to be included in future five year forecasts. The district also needs to be cognizant of entering into a long-term contract since a contract can only be certified for the time period that money is currently available in the district's five year forecast.

7. Annual Calendar

The annual calendar was completed and mailed to parents within the district. An error occurred by the printing company and they did not include vital information. In lieu of re-printing and re-sending the calendar, the information will be placed on the district website. The printing company is not charging the school district for the printing and mailing of the original calendar because of their error.

Discussion occurred about discontinuing producing/sending the calendar in future years. Many districts simply place a calendar on their website and all vital information is on the website.

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C. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Borchik, seconded by Mrs. Lynn, to adjourn the meeting (5:04 p.m.)

AYES: Borchik, Lynn, Hertz, Doss, Cevasco

NAYS: None

President

Treasurer