

**COPLEY-FAIRLAWN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Special Meeting

Copley High School Media Center

July 29, 2024 1:00 p.m.

Jim Borchik, President, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

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

Jim Borchik  
Trevor Chuna  
Steve Doss  
Beth Hertz  
Paula Lynn

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A. Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Lynn, seconded by Mr. Doss, to adopt the agenda for the July 29, 2024 special meeting, as presented.

AYES: Lynn, Doss, Hertz, Chuna, Borchik

NAYS: None

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B. Executive Session

It was moved by Mrs. Lynn, seconded by Mr. Doss to go into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1). The board shall consider the promotion and employment of employees or officials of the school district at 1:05 p.m.

AYES: Lynn, Doss, Hertz, Chuna, Borchik

NAYS: None

The board returned to public session at 1:47 p.m.

C. Topics

1. Legal Update from Attorneys John Britton and Robert McBride Sr.

Mr. John Britton and Mr. Robert McBride, attorneys at Ennis Britton Co., LPA, discussed the roles of the board of education and various policies, pending legislation and recent Supreme Court decisions. They reviewed the following board policies:

BA – Board Operation Goals

BBA – School Board Powers and Duties

BBF – School Board Member Ethics (along with the OSBA Code of Ethics)

BDDH/KD – Public Participation at Board Meetings

Board – Superintendent/Treasurer Relations and alignment

BG/GBD – Board-Staff Communications (Honoring the chain of command)

KLD – Public Complaints about School Personnel

AFA/BK – Evaluation of School Board Operational Procedures

They also reviewed the laws pertaining to entering executive session and records retention, open meetings and public records, and new Title IX regulations.

They reviewed Supreme Court decisions Lindke v Free and O'Connor-Ratcliff v Garnier. Both cases deal with social media accounts and when blocking people is allowable.

They reviewed the new EEOC guidelines on workplace harassment.

The reviewed HB 214: Staff and Student Beliefs, HB 147: Licensure, Hiring Practices, Athletics, and SB 168: Education Regulation Reform.

## 2. Achievement Data Review

Mrs. Aimee Kirsch, Assistant Superintendent, presented an enrollment update along with data regarding state testing. The district's enrollment has increased each year since 2020-2021. The enrollment in 2020-2021 was 2,616 compared to 2,678 in 2023-2024 school year. The district is projected to receive a rating of 4.5 stars from ODE this year. This is an increase from 4 stars the previous year. The achievement component rating is projected to drop for 4.5 stars to 4 stars.

## 3. Board Goals and 2025 focus areas

The 2024 board goals were reviewed to determine if any changes were necessary. No changes are being proposed. The goals will be presented at the August, 2024 regular meeting for approval.

## 4. Permanent Improvement Projects and Construction Update

Mrs. Aimee Kirsch, Assistant Superintendent, provided a construction update. Summit Construction is finishing the inside the high school field house. The access drive at the high school stadium was installed. The maintenance building is completed and waiting for the occupancy permit. The foundation was poured in the common area at the field house. The track surface was scheduled to arrive today; however, it was postponed for an unknown reason.

Infinity Construction had crews working on the inside of each school building. The crews have been working weekends as well. The elementary schools and middle school should be done on time; however, the high school will not be completed but school will begin on time. Summit County Building Department has indicated we could start school and continue working on the projects during the school year. The main priorities are the restrooms and the kitchen. The high school main office area will be completed; however, since construction will be ongoing on the front entrance nobody will be allowed in the offices because it will still be a construction zone. Offices will be temporarily relocated similar to the end of the year last year.

## 5. Financial Update

Mr. John Wheadon, Treasurer, stated that the financial position that was reported in the May, 2024 forecast and levy timing and millage will be discussed at future meetings.

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### D. Adjournment

It was moved by Mrs. Hertz, seconded by Mr. Chuna, to adjourn the meeting (4:50 p.m.)

AYES: Doss, Chuna, Hertz, Lynn, Borchik

NAYS: None

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President

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Treasurer