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COPLEY-FAIRLAWN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

2021 Organizational/Regular Meeting
 Copley High School/John Halchin Auditorium
 January 12, 2021 5:30 p.m.

Stephen M. Coon, President pro-tempore called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

Jim Borchik
 Paul Cevasco
 Steve Coon
 Catherine Konopka - absent
 Paula Lynn

2021-04

A. Election of President

President pro-tempore Coon opens the floor for nominations for President of the Board for 2021. Mr. Borchik nominates Mr. Coon.

With no other nominations, Mr. Coon closed nominations for President and the roll call to elect Mr. Coon was as follows:

AYES: Borchik, Lynn, Cevasco, Coon
 NAYS: None

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B. Election of Vice President

President Coon opens the floor for nominations for Vice-President of the Board for 2021. Mrs. Lynn nominates Mr. Cevasco.

With no other nominations, Mr. Coon closed nominations for Vice-President and the roll call to elect Mr. Cevasco was as follows:

AYES: Lynn, Borchik, Coon, Cevasco
 NAYS: None

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C. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Borchik, seconded by Mr. Cevasco, to adopt the agenda for the January 12, 2021 organizational/regular meeting, as presented.

AYES: Borchik, Cevasco, Lynn, Coon
 NAYS: None

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D. Board Action

It was moved by Mrs. Lynn, seconded by Mr. Cevasco, to take the following actions:

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1. OSBA Annual Business Meeting

Appoint Mr. Cevasco as the official delegate and Mr. Borchik as the official alternate to the Ohio School Boards Association Annual Business Meeting to be held on Monday, November 6, 2021.

2. Board Liaisons

Appoint the following as liaisons to represent the Board of Education for calendar year 2020:

Building and Grounds:	<u>Steve Coon</u>
Academics/Student Achievement:	<u>Catherine Konopka</u>
Legislative:	<u>Paul Cevasco</u>
Technology:	<u>Paula Lynn</u>
Community Relations:	<u>Jim Borchik</u>

3. Service Fund

Establish a service fund in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Copley-Fairlawn Board of Education. (Ohio Revised Code section 3315.15).

4. Publication of Record

Designate the West Side Leader as the official publication of record for the posting of all legal advertisements for the Copley-Fairlawn City School District.

5. Regular Meetings/Work Sessions

Conduct the calendar year 2021 regular monthly meetings of the Copley-Fairlawn City Board of Education on the following dates:

Tuesday, February 16
Tuesday, March 16
Tuesday, April 20
Tuesday, May 18
Monday, June 28*
Tuesday, July 20
Tuesday, August 17
Tuesday, September 21
Tuesday, October 19
Tuesday, November 16
Tuesday, December 21
(*Indicates not the 3rd Tuesday of the month)

Meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. or as otherwise properly scheduled and announced, in the Copley High School Main Office Conference Room. Additional meetings shall be designated at a time and place properly announced. (Ohio Revised Code section 3313.16)

Work sessions will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Office Conference Room on the Thursday prior to the regularly scheduled Tuesday meetings that are listed above.

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6. Performance Bonds

Authorize the purchase of performance bonds in the amount of \$50,000.00 each, for the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Copley-Fairlawn City School District.

7. State and Federal Funds/Grants

Authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Copley-Fairlawn City School District to apply for all available state and federal funds and grants.

8. Investments

Authorize the Treasurer of the Copley-Fairlawn City School District to invest interim and inactive funds as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

9. Purchasing Agent

Appoint the Superintendent of the Copley-Fairlawn City School District or the Superintendent's designee as purchasing agent for the district.

10. Temporary Employment of Emergency Personnel

Authorize the Superintendent of the Copley-Fairlawn City School District to employ temporary or emergency personnel when needed during calendar year 2021. Such employments will be reviewed by the Board of Education at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

11. Legal Counsel

Employ the following law firms as counsel to the Board of Education for calendar year 2021, for such matters as may from time to time be referred by the Board or the Superintendent:

Bricker & Eckler, L.L.P.
 Ennis Britton Co., L.P.A.
 Peters Kalail & Markakis Co., L.P.A.
 Squire Patton Boggs
 Walter Haverfield, LLP

12. Records Commission

Appoint the records commission of the Copley-Fairlawn City School District for calendar year 2021, comprised of the President of the Board of Education, Superintendent and Treasurer of the district. The records commission may meet at least once each calendar year to establish rules for retention and disposal of records and to review same.

13. Fiscal Year 2022 Tax Budget

Approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Tax Budget, as presented.

AYES: Lynn, Cevalco, Borchik, Coon

NAYS: None

E. Recognition of the Public

The Copley-Fairlawn City School District Board of Education feels that while public participation in Board meetings is not required, it is a valuable way to receive input from community members. The

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Board will not enter into debate or discussion on any matter brought forward, instead the information will be forwarded to the proper individual for possible follow up. Those who wish to participate in the public comments section of the agenda must sign in on the sheet available at the entrance to the meeting. Those signed up to address the Board should limit their comments to a maximum of three minutes until the total time of 30 minutes is used according to Policy BDDH (Also KD) and Ohio Revised Code 121.22 and 3313.20.

Jessica Lewandowski, parent, inquired about district policy regarding exposing students to inappropriate content. She felt sharing information with students about the turmoil in Washington D.C. regarding the certification of the election was inappropriate. She would like the board of education to review the policy and consider new policies on video streaming by staff during instruction.

Special Recognition – School Board Recognition Month, January 2021

The Copley-Fairlawn City School District Board of Education, as part of Board of Education appreciation month, were recognized and thanked for their services to the students, staff, and community of Copley-Fairlawn. (Mr. Brian Williams, Assistant Superintendent did the recognition).

As Mr. Williams stated in part, “the Board of Education demonstrated their unwavering dedication to our staff, our families, our community, but most importantly, they demonstrated their dedication to our students. Our board members made extremely difficult decisions over the past year regarding the health and safety of students and staff. They learned, they researched and they educated themselves on the very minute details of the Corona-19 virus. They discussed and debated what was best for our students and staff. They did not always agree with each other but, when it was time to make decisions, they always put their differences aside and put our children first. They did this knowing that their decisions would be unpopular with some members of our community. Despite this, they moved forward with their challenging work.”

He further stated that as he watched the board of education members do their important work, one theme rang loud and clear, that is their love and devotion to this community and its children.

He concluded with a quote from former U.S. President John Quincy Adams: “If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”

Mr. Poe also thanked the board of education for their service

Mr. Coon said on behalf of the Board of Education they appreciate being recognized but he would like to thank everybody for their countless hours getting the district through the national pandemic.

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G. Treasurer’s Business

It was moved by Mr. Cevasco, seconded by Mr. Borchik, to approve the following actions, upon the recommendation of the Treasurer:

1. Minutes

Approve the minutes of the Board of Education’s special meeting held December 8, 2020 and regular meeting held December 15, 2020 as presented.

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2. Financial Statements

Approve the financial statement for the month of December, 2020, as presented.

3. Approval of Vendor Payments (Then and Now Certificates)

- a. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following items for payment in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 5705.41 (D):

Vendor	Description	Amount
Wolff Bros. Supply, Inc.	District Maintenance	\$5,225.31

AYES: Cevasco, Borchik, Lynn, Coon

NAYS: None

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H. Superintendent's Considerations and Recommendations

It was moved by Mrs. Lynn, seconded by Mr. Cevasco, to approve the following actions, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent:

1. Ohio High School Athletic Association

Authorize 2021-2022 membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association for Copley High School and Copley-Fairlawn Middle School. It is agreed that these schools will conduct their athletics in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations, Interpretations and Decisions of the Ohio High School Athletic Association, as presented.

2. In Lieu of Transportation

Approve in-lieu-of transportation payments for the 2020-2021 school year for the following students:

Spring Garden Waldorf School

Eisaman, Ian

Eisaman, Jaina

3. Memorandum of Understanding – Kent State CCP

Approve the memorandum of understanding between Kent State University and the Copley-Fairlawn City School District to provide instructional services to qualifying students for the 2021-2022 school year. (College Credit Plus)

4. Memorandum of Agreement – Summit County Public Health Department

Approve the memorandum of agreement between Copley-Fairlawn City Schools and the Summit County Public Health Department.

5. Personnela. Certified

1. Employ the following certified staff for the 2020-2021 school year, contingent upon subsequent receipt by the Board of Education of reports from FBI and BCII which are consistent with the applicant's answers on

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the employment application, and official documentation of any required licensure, course work, degrees and testing appropriate to the position for which the candidate is to be hired:

Meyer, Tricia Tutor, effective January 13, 2021 until the end of the 2020-2021 school year

Williams, Kasey Tutor, effective January 13, 2021 until the end of the 2020-2021 school year

Barlette, Hannah Tutor, effective January 13, 2021 until the end of the 2020-2021 school year

2. Grant unpaid leave to Scott Jedinak from January 4, 2021 through January 8, 2021.

b. Classified

1. Accept the resignation of the following:

Hastings, Elizabeth Natatorium Director, effective December 28, 2020

2. Employ the following substitute personnel for the 2020-2021 school year, contingent upon subsequent receipt by the Board of Education of reports from FBI and BCII, which are consistent with the applicant's answers, and official documentation of any required licensure, course work, degrees and testing appropriate to the position for which the candidate is to be hired:

Noel, Robyn Educational Assistant, Library/Media Associate, Monitor, Playground Assistant, Special Needs Assistant, Secretary, Office Assistant

Kuckuck, Kenneth Transporter

c. Supplemental

1. Accept the resignation of the following:

Hastings, Elizabeth CHS, Swimming, Head Coach, effective December 28, 2020

Oktavec, Andrew CHS, Swimming, Assistant Coach, effective December 28, 2020

2. Employ the following for the 2020-2021 school year, contingent upon subsequent receipt of reports for FBI and BCII, which are consistent with the applicant's answers on the employment application:

Athletic Coaches

Hinton, Amanda	CHS, Swimming, Head Coach (67%)
Prifti, Brenda	CHS, Swimming, Assistant Coach (67%)
Hoffman, Justin	CHS, Baseball, 9 th Grade Coach
Immel, Kristopher	CHS, Baseball, Assistant Coach
Brennan, Thomas	CHS, Baseball, Assistant Coach
Forchione, Angelo	CHS, Baseball, Assistant Coach (Volunteer)

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Fantozzi, Raymond	CHS, Baseball, Head Coach
Matozzo, Timothy	CHS, Lacrosse, Boys Head Coach
Codding, Tanner	CHS, Lacrosse, Boys Assistant Coach
Smargiasso, Heath	CHS, Lacrosse, Boys JV Coach
Paxton, Michael	CHS, Lacrosse, Girls Head Coach
Virgin, John	CHS, Softball, Head Coach
Bauer, Leigh Ann	CHS, Softball, Assistant Coach
Connell, Jessica	CHS, Softball, Assistant Coach
Ullman, Mark	CHS, Tennis, Boys Head Coach
McDade, Gregory	CHS, Tennis, Boys Assistant Coach
Leffler, Andrew	CHS, Tennis, Boys Assistant Coach (Volunteer)
Davis, Anthony	CHS, Track, Boys Head Coach
Ballinger, Lincoln	CHS, Track, Boys Assistant Coach
Bennett, Bradley	CHS, Track, Boys Assistant Coach
Brown, Robert	CHS, Track, Boys Assistant Coach
Legrair Jr., Johnnie	CHS, Track, Girls Head Coach
Smith, Lisa	CHS, Track, Girls Assistant Coach
Davis, Michael	CHS, Track, Girls Assistant Coach (50%)
Cropper, Nathan	CHS, Track, Girls Assistant Coach (50%)
Dies, James	CFMS, Track, Boys Head Coach
Virgei, Adam	CFMS, Track, Boys Assistant Coach
Witschey, Daniel	CFMS, Track, Boys Assistant Coach
Virgei, Melissa	CFMS, Track, Girls Head Coach
Harig, Douglas	CFMS, Track, Girls Assistant Coach

Academics/Clubs (Advisor/Coach)

Lewis, Windy	CFMS, Yearbook Advisor (5/6)
Tyree, Connie	CFMS, Yearbook Advisor (7/8)

AYES: Lynn, Cevasco, Borchik, Coon

NAYS: None

I. New Business

Mr. Poe, Superintendent, gave a COVID-19 update. There are currently 2 staff members and 1 student that have tested positive and are quarantined. Grades 7-12 will resume in person learning beginning January 19, 2021 as was planned prior to winter break. Vaccines are scheduled to arrive to local health departments at the beginning of February and are designated for school personnel. Over 80% of employees have signed up to get the vaccine. Details of where and how the vaccine will be distributed has not been determined by the health department yet. It is hopeful that the vaccine will be distributed in such a manner that it does not interrupt the school schedule; however, that is unknown at this time.

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J. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Borchik, seconded by Mr. Cevasco, to adjourn the meeting (5:54 p.m.)

AYES: Borchik, Cevasco, Lynn, Coon

NAYS: None



President



Treasurer