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COPLEY-FAIRLAWN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Work Session Meeting

Copley High School Main Office Conference Room

March 15, 2021 1:00 p.m.

Steve Coon, President called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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

Jim Borchik

Paul Cevasco - absent

Steve Coon

Catherine Konopka

Paula Lynn

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A. Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Lynn, seconded by Dr. Konopka, to adopt the agenda for the March 15, 2021 work session meeting, as presented.

AYES: Lynn, Konopka, Borchik, Coon

NAYS: None

B. Topics

1. Review of the March 16, 2021 Agenda Items

A review and discussion of the Tuesday, March 16, 2021 regular meeting agenda occurred.

2. End of Year Activities

Mr. Poe, Superintendent, said that the Governor announced that proms and graduations were allowed this year. Based on this announcement, the plan is to have a prom this year. Dancing would be allowed and tables for 8 students would be set up for dinner.

The high school administration has been contacting venues for potential graduation ceremonies. Blossom Music Center presented a quote of \$32,500 for the one day rental which is excessive. Other venues contacted did not have acceptable dates. The plan currently being considered is to have it at the high school stadium to promote social distancing.

Athletics and co-curricular activities will continue as they have throughout the year. Masks, social distancing, and attendance restrictions utilized per guidelines.

3. Transportation

Transportation to extra-curricular and co-curricular activities will be a major problem this spring. Currently, four bus drivers are out on an extended leave of absence. The administration has decided to allow parents and students to drive to events. This would require parents to sign a waiver releasing the school district of liability. The waiver is currently being reviewed by district legal counsel and will be available very soon. In addition, a program is being developed to train coaches that would like to drive their team to events utilizing a school bus. The coaches would go through the same training process as a regular bus driver is required to go through to obtain a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with a bus endorsement. There is discussion to pay for the training in return of a commitment from potential drivers. The lack of drivers is not limited to just

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Copley-Fairlawn City School District. This is a problem state wide and events may be cancelled or postponed because teams cannot get to events.

4. Athletics

The Ohio High School Athletic Association has requested use of our baseball field for sectional tournament games. The games are anticipated to happen over a two day period of time weather permitting. We told them we would allow them to use the field as they have done before with our softball field.

The boys and girls basketball teams both had successful seasons under the leadership of Coach Mark Dente. The plan is to have Coach Dente coach both teams again next year if that's his desire. There has been a concern in the past about the time involved with both teams, but he has chosen to devote the time necessary and build successful programs. A concern is his lack of involvement with the younger students and developing the program.

Akron Children's Hospital currently provides athletic training services and a part-time strength and conditioning coach. It is unknown if they will continue these services next year. School district administration will be in discussion with them about continuing the services or looking at an alternative partnership.

5. Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds

Mr. Wheadon, Treasurer, reported that the school district will receive almost \$900,000 in ESSER 2 funds. In addition, on March 4, 2021, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act which establishes ESSER 3 funding to schools. The projection is the school district will receive about 2.4 times the amount of funding we received in ESSER 2, so a total of a little over \$2 million. The grant funds are part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) signed into law on December 27, 2020 by President Trump. The funds are to be used for a broad range of items including addressing learning loss, mental health services, preparing schools for reopening and staying open, testing, technology, improving air quality, disinfectant, etc.

6. Projects/Vehicles

Discussion about potential capital improvement projects were discussed. The Board of Education would like an estimated cost for bathroom renovations at the high school. There is a concern with the sound system in the high school gymnasium. The current system is only four years old and has been tested multiple times but it is still difficult to hear the announcer. Also, based on the dialogue earlier about extra and co-curricular activities, quotes will be requested for additional vans to assist in transporting small groups/teams.


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C. Adjournment


It was moved by Mr. Borchik, seconded by Dr. Konopka, to adjourn the meeting (2:52 p.m.)

AYES: Borchik, Konopka, Lynn, Coon

NAYS: None



President



Treasurer