

## **COPLEY-FAIRLAWN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Special Meeting/Work Session

Copley High School Main Office Conference Room

January 19, 2023 3:00 p.m.

Steve Doss, 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 - absent

2023-08

### A. Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Borchik, seconded by Mr. Cevalasco, to adopt the agenda for the January 19, 2023 special meeting/work session, as presented.

AYES: Borchik, Cevalasco, Hertz, Doss

NAYS: None

### B. Topics

#### 1. Middle School Schedule

A scheduling committee of staff has been reviewing the current middle school schedule. No decisions have been made but the committee is considering a nine period day, utilizing the flex period better, and offering a third elective. The committee will continue to work on the schedule into the spring.

#### 2. District Wide Improvements Project Design Professional Review

Interviews with the two design professional companies that submitted proposals for the district wide improvements occurred on Thursday January 12, 2023. A committee made up of 5 administrators and 2 board members were involved in the interviews. The committee reported to the board how the interviews went and made a recommendation on which company they would like to continue discussions with in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 153.65. The superintendent and treasurer were asked to continue discussions with the design professional firm, Fanning Howey. It is anticipated a recommendation to approve a professional design firm will be made at a February board meeting.

#### 3. District Wide Improvements Project Evaluation

In order to prioritize projects that are anticipated to be completed utilizing the bond proceeds, the board was asked to participate in a "dot-voting" exercise. Each board member was given different color dots to signify different values and to place next to projects they felt were most important to least important. The most important projects were the high school stadium renovations, the middle school stadium renovations, and connection to city sewer at the high school and middle school.

#### 4. Middle School Stadium Project Proposal Review

Proposals from three companies were received to complete a design-build project at the middle school stadium. After a careful review of the proposals receive and discussions with some of the companies involved in the bidding, it was determined that the design-build process may not have been the best approach, so the board will be discussing a different approach utilizing a design professional. The middle school project involves a turf field replacing the grass field, an all-

weather track surface would replace the cinder track, new bleachers, and new fencing.

5. Tax Abatement

John Wheadon, Treasurer, reported that the City of Akron has established a community reinvestment area within the school district. This area allows for a tax abatement to be granted for renovations to a personal resident. A homeowner recently applied for and was granted an abatement on their addition. This is a specific area within Akron but will affect the amount of taxes paid to the school district from this resident. The school district has no say in this occurring.

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C. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Cevasco, seconded by Mrs. Hertz, to adjourn the meeting (4:46 p.m.)

AYES: Cevasco, Hertz, Borchik, Doss

NAYS: None

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President

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Treasurer