

COPLEY-FAIRLAWN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

2024 Organizational/Regular Meeting

Copley High School/John Halchin Auditorium

January 9, 2024 5:30 p.m.

James L. Borchik, 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
Trevor Chuna
Steve Doss
Beth Hertz
Paula Lynn

A. Oath of Office

Do you solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and that you will faithfully and impartially discharge your duties as a member of the Board of Education of the Copley-Fairlawn City School District, Summit County, Ohio, to the best of your ability and in accordance with the laws now in effect and hereafter to be enacted during your continuance in said office?

If you do solemnly swear, then respond "I do".

Trevor Chuna – I do
Steven Doss – I do

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B. Election of President

President pro-tempore Borchik opens the floor for nominations for President of the Board for 2024. Mrs. Lynn nominates Mr. Borchik.

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

AYES: Lynn, Doss, Hertz, Chuna
ABSTAIN: Borchik
NAYS: None

2024-02

C. Election of Vice President

President Borchik opens the floor for nominations for Vice-President of the Board for 2024. Mr. Borchik nominates Mrs. Hertz.

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

AYES: Borchik, Lynn, Chuna, Doss
ABSTAIN: Hertz
NAYS: None

Mr. Brochik thanked Mr. Doss for serving as Board President during calendar year 2023. Mr. Brian Poe, Superintendent, presented Mr. Doss with a gavel and thanked him as well.

2024-03

D. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Lynn, seconded by Mrs. Hertz, to adopt the agenda for the January 9, 2024 organizational/regular meeting, as presented.

AYES: Lynn, Hertz, Doss, Chuna, Borchik

NAYS: None

2024-04

E. Board Action

It was moved by Mr. Doss, seconded by Mrs. Hertz, to take the following actions:

1. Board Liaisons

Appoint the following as liaisons to represent the Board of Education for calendar year 2024:

Building and Grounds:	<u>Trevor Chuna</u>
Academics/Student Achievement:	<u>Steve Doss</u>
Legislative:	<u>Beth Hertz</u>
Technology:	<u>Paula Lynn</u>
Community Relations:	<u>Jim Borchik</u>

2. 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).

3. 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.

4. Regular Meetings/Work Sessions

Conduct the calendar year 2024 regular monthly meetings of the Copley-Fairlawn City Board of Education on the following dates:

Tuesday, February 20
Tuesday, March 19
Tuesday, April 16
Tuesday, May 21
Monday, June 25*
Tuesday, July 16
Tuesday, August 20
Tuesday, September 17
Tuesday, October 15
Tuesday, November 19
Tuesday, December 17
(*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 or Copley High School Auditorium based on social distancing requirements. Additional meetings shall be designated at a time and place properly announced. (Ohio Revised Code section 3313.16)

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. Investments

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

8. Purchasing Agent

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

9. 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 2024. Such employments will be reviewed by the Board of Education at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

10. Legal Counsel

Employ the following law firms as counsel to the Board of Education for calendar year 2024, 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
Weston Hurd L.L.P

11. Records Commission

Appoint the records commission of the Copley-Fairlawn City School District for calendar year 2024, 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.

12. Fiscal Year 2025 Tax Budget

Approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Tax Budget, as presented.

AYES: Doss, Hertz, Chuna, Lynn, Borchik
NAYS: None

F. 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 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.

Constance (Hairston) Becker from the Class of 2022 voiced her opposition to the school mascot.

Philip Yenyoy, Cleveland, Ohio, spoke on behalf of Chris Headworth from the Class of 2004 who opposes the school mascot.

G. Special Recognition – School Board Recognition Month, January 2024

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, “Your tireless efforts in advocating for quality education, fostering innovation, and ensuring equitable opportunities for every student deserve the utmost recognition and appreciation”.

He further stated that their leadership during the ongoing construction project has been incredible and this will help create a better learning environment for all students for many years to come.

He concluded by thanking the board for their outstanding commitment and dedication to educational excellence.

2024-05

H. Treasurer’s Business

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

1. Minutes

Approve the minutes of the Board of Education’s regular meeting held December 19, 2023.

2. Financial Statements

Approve the financial statement for the month of December, 2023.

3. Fund-to-Fund Transfer

Approve the following fund-to-fund transfers:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Athletics	\$50,000.00

4. Donations

Accept the following donations:

\$250.00 donation to the CHS Choir from the Kiwanis of Copley-Fairlawn.

\$500.00 donation to the Arrowhead Nature Zone from The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Incorporated.

AYES: Lynn, Doss, Hertz, Chuna, Borchik

NAYS: None

2024-06

I. Superintendent's Considerations and Recommendations

It was moved by Mr. Doss, seconded by Mr. Chuna, to approve the following actions, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent:

1. In Lieu of Transportation

Approve in-lieu-of transportation payments for the 2023-2024 school year for the following students:

St. Sebastian
Julia Cochran

2. Personnel

a. Classified

1. Employ the following classified personnel for the 2023-2024 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:

Gregory, Amanda	Transportation Secretary, Part-Time, Step 5, effective January 4, 2024
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Gregory, Amanda	Cafeteria/Lunchroom Monitor, Step 1, effective January 4, 2024
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2. Accept the resignation of the following:

Gregory, Amanda	Special Needs Assistant, effective January 3, 2024
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Maki, Corinne	Bus Aide, effective January 12, 2024
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c. Supplemental

1. Employ the following for the 2023-2024 school year contingent upon subsequent receipt by the Board of Education of reports from FBI and BCII, and official documentation of any required licensure, course work, degrees and testing appropriate to the position for which the candidate is to be hired:

Academics/Clubs (Advisor/Coach)

Mirman, Jodi CHS, W.E.B. (50%)
Carothers, Kimberly CHS, W.E.B. (50%)

3. Memorandum – Kent State University CCP 2024-2025

- a. 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 2024-2025 school year. (College Credit Plus)

AYES: Doss, Chuna, Lynn, Hertz, Borchik

NAYS: None

J. New Business

Mr. Poe, Superintendent, gave a construction update. The foundation has been poured for the field house at the high school and cement blocks have been delivered to the site. The architect is still working with the Summit County Engineers office on the middle school project and approvals. Fences have been removed around the district but the posts are still in place. The posts will not be pulled out until new posts are ready to be placed because of safety hazards and leaving open holes in the ground.

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K. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Chuna, seconded by Mrs. Hertz, to adjourn the meeting (5:56 p.m.)

AYES: Chuna, Hertz, Doss, Lynn, Borchik

NAYS: None

President

Treasurer