

COPLEY-FAIRLAWN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting

Copley High School Media Center

August 14, 2024 3:00 p.m.

Jim Borchik, President, called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

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

Jim Borchik

Trevor Chuna - absent

Steve Doss

Beth Hertz

Paula Lynn

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A. Agenda

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

AYES: Doss, Lynn, Hertz, Borchik

NAYS: None

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B. Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Borchik, seconded by Mrs. Lynn go into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1)(3). The board shall consider the promotion and employment of employees or officials of the school district and to consult with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action at 3:02 p.m.

AYES: Borchik, Lynn, Doss, Hertz

NAYS: None

The board returned to public session at 3:40 p.m.

C. Topics

1. Review of the August 20, 2024 board agenda

Mr. John Wheadon, Treasurer, and Mrs. Aimee Kirsch, Superintendent, reviewed the draft copy of the August 20, 2024 regular board meeting agenda with the board members.

2. Permanent Improvement Projects and Construction Update

Mrs. Aimee Kirsch, Superintendent, gave an update on the ongoing construction projects.

The high school track will not be completed prior to the grand opening of the stadium. Originally district personnel were told there was a 28 day curing period where nobody could be on the track and not even a ball could land on the new track surface once it was applied. However, that period has been adjusted to a 5 day period. The company that needs to do the track surface is currently on a major college job site and plans to apply the surface of the track starting on August 31, 2024.

District administration have been in contact with a local landscaping company regarding redesigning the north hill of the stadium by the score board. The

goal is to make it easier to maintain while making it look better than just rocks.

The middle school athletic field is scheduled to be completed by the end of September, 2024. The artificial turf installation is starting this week.

Fencing at each building is nearly completed. It's estimated that 95% of the fencing project is completed. The fencing at the baseball field is being reviewed to determine if an alternate can be done so it makes it easier for spectators to see the infield.

Quotes are being obtained for a tarp for the pitcher's mound at the softball field.

The interior projects are ongoing. School will start on time but there will still be construction necessary at each building. The group restrooms at Arrowhead Primary School are completed but the bathrooms inside the classrooms are only about half completed. The bathrooms inside the classrooms at Herberich Primary School are done but the group bathrooms are not done yet. The Fort Island Primary School bathrooms are partially completed. Only the girl's bathrooms are completed but a plan has been set up for use of the bathrooms to start to the school year. Construction at the primary buildings will be completed after school hours. The middle school bathrooms are nearly completed except for two group restrooms in the seventh and eighth grade wing. The bathrooms by the cafeteria will be utilized until the group restrooms are completed. The contractor has reported that most of the high school restrooms will be operable by the first day of school. Construction crews will be working evenings and the weekend to complete the restrooms. The middle school cafeteria is operable with some new equipment and some old equipment. There is a delay on the equipment so the old equipment will be utilized until the new equipment is received and installed. The high school cafeteria will not be operable. The plan is to produce lunches at the middle school and deliver the bag lunches to the high school. The bag lunches will be similar to the lunches that were served during the COVID period. Ceiling tiles at the high school are not installed yet because wiring is still being completed. The high school project was originally not anticipated to be completed until at least October.

The high school sign in front of the building will not be in operation at the beginning of the year because of the construction but it will be back up and running soon.

3. Auditor of State Fraud Reporting and Training Requirement

Mr. John Wheadon, Treasurer, reviewed Ohio Auditor of State Bulletin 2024-005 with the Board. The Bulletin requires all elected officials and employees to complete fraud reporting and training every 4 years. All current employees must complete the initial training by November 29, 2024. The website was shared with the board members to complete their training.

4. Lunch Charges

Mr. John Wheadon, Treasurer, reviewed the balance of delinquent lunch accounts. Currently, there are over \$25,000 in delinquent accounts. Building collection procedures will be reviewed and determined if they are sufficient. Mr. Wheadon will report back to the Board at a later date on his findings.

5. Financial Update

Mr. John Wheadon, Treasurer, reported that the district spent about \$60,000 last year for in lieu of transportation. In lieu of transportation is money paid

to parents for transporting their children to non-public schools. Previously, the State of Ohio covered these costs but then the law was changed a couple of years ago requiring the local school district to cover it.

Mr. Wheadon also reported that he has had a conversation with representatives from various organizations regarding the redevelopment of the Holiday Inn property at the corner of State Route 18 and Interstate 77. The developer may be requesting a tax increment financing (TIF) deal which would require Board of Education approval. If a TIF is requested, the Board will have further discussions.

A brief update was given regarding the bond money being used for the projects. Currently, about \$42 million of the bond money has been allocated for projects.

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D. Adjournment

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

AYES: Lynn, Doss, Hertz, Borchik

NAYS: None

President

Treasurer