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COPLEY-FAIRLAWN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting
 Board of Education Conference Room
 January 27, 2026 3:15 p.m.

Steve Doss, President, called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m.

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

- Jim Borchik
- Trevor Chuna
- Steve Coon
- Steve Doss
- Beth Hertz

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A. Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Hertz, seconded by Mr. Coon, to adopt the agenda for the January 27, 2026 special meeting, as presented.

AYES: Hertz, Coon, Borchik, Chuna, Doss

NAYS: None

B. Topics

1. Permanent Improvement Projects and Construction Update

Mr. John Wheadon, Treasurer, informed the Board that \$42 million from the \$50 million bond has been spent or is in the process of being spent to date. Money is still owed to Summit Construction and Infinity Construction for the stadium and building renovations. Final closeout documents haven't been completed and approved by the architect yet. Also, the new fuel tank has been ordered and is awaiting delivery and install. Other projects planned with the remaining money are parking lot renovations, restrooms and a storage building at the high school baseball and softball fields, renovations to the pool entrance, a new band room and renovations of the old one at the middle school, and tuckpointing of all buildings. If after paying the arbitrage rebate there is still funds available, then the next project being considered is turfing of the high school baseball and softball fields. Also, architects and structural engineers are reviewing the middle school stage/auditorium area in order to install new curtains.

An arbitrage rebate is a payment to the U.S. Treasury for profits earned by investing proceeds from tax-exempt municipal bonds at a higher yield than the bond's interest rate. The district has been investing the funds at a higher rate to date and is recognizing excess interest income.

There was discussion about the restrooms and storage facility at the high school fields. The facility will include two separate restrooms along with a large storage building on the back side of it. The current storage building would be demolished because of its deplorable condition. It was discussed about putting changing rooms and lockers in the building but the cost became too high and less or no money would be available for the other intended projects.

2. Financial Update

Mr. Wheadon said he would be recommending approval of the financial forecast at the February meeting as required by law. This is a change from previous years when the recommendation had to be made before May 31st. He

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said that the February forecast will resemble the forecast passed in September 2025. Even though a forecast isn't required in May, he said he still plans to update the forecast at that time.

3. Public Records Training

Board members or their designee are required to complete three hours of certified public records training for each term of office as mandated by the Ohio Revised Code. The Board members designate Treasurer John Wheadon to complete the training on their behalf. The training is scheduled for February 10, 2026.

4. Transportation

Mrs. Aimee Kirsch, Superintendent, said that transportation continues to be a huge problem. The district has been using an outside company to assist when there is a lack of drivers. The outside company is unable to fill some of the vacancies now too. Plus, the school district will have a driver retiring this month and some in the near future. An "opt-in" form will be sent to high school parents in order to determine who is riding the busses compared to who is being car-pooled daily. This is expected to assist in realigning the bus routes. In addition, group pick-ups will be arranged instead of door to door.

5. Other Items

Mrs. Kirsch said that the City of Fairlawn Chief of Police reached out to her about adding an additional resource officer that could float his/her time between Herberich Primary School and Fort Island Primary School. It was determined that the number of officers currently in place and being paid for meets the district's needs.

There was inquiry about the replica totem poles that were at the high school prior to construction. After further investigation, it was determined that the outside replica pole had substantial insect damaged and fell apart while trying to move it. The inside replica pole was affixed to the old walls outside of the auditorium and was damaged during removal. Since it was damaged, the pole was discarded.

Staff appreciation gifts were discussed. Items will be purchased and distributed in May 2026.

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C. Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Coon, seconded by Mrs. Hertz to go into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G). The board shall consider the employment of a public employee of the school district pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(1) and matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(5) at 5:14 p.m.

AYES: Coon, Hertz, Borchik, Chuna, Doss

NAYS: None

The board returned to public session at 5:14 p.m.

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D. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Coon, seconded by Mr. Chuna, to adjourn the meeting (5:15 p.m.)

AYES: Coon, Chuna, Borchik, Hertz, Doss

NAYS: None

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