

Held February 17

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**COPLEY-FAIRLAWN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular Meeting

Copley High School Auditorium

February 17, 2026 5:30 p.m.

Steve Doss, President, 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 - absent

Steve Coon

Steve Doss

Beth Hertz

2025-13

A. Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Borchik, seconded by Mrs. Hertz, to adopt the agenda for the February 17, 2026 regular meeting.

AYES: Borchik, Hertz, Coon, Doss

NAYS: None

- B. Presentation – Eric Smith, Principal at Copley High School, spoke about the advanced courses that are offered at the high school. There are 21 Advanced Placement (AP) courses currently and 3 planned for the future. 345 students took AP exams last year and an additional 153 students are enrolled in College Credit Plus (CCP) courses. These offerings save parents money and allow the students to get ahead of schedule in college. Copley High School earned “bronze” status on the 2025 AP School Honor Roll. Of the 213 members of the Class of 2025: 83% enrolled in a 4-year university, 6% enrolled in a 2-year university/college, 2% enlisted into the military, and 7% went into the workforce or to a trade school. There are over 50 clubs and activities available for students to participate in at the high school. Mr. Smith also discussed his dream to develop an intelligence lab, a flexible and interactive space that would provide students opportunities to work directly with machines, computers, and other technologies that are an integral part of today and future workforce.

C. RecognitionStudent of the Month – January, 2026

Oscar Lancianese - Arrowhead Primary

Alexis Williams - Fort Island Primary

Emerson Hasbach - Herberich Primary

Hayden Solberg - Copley-Fairlawn Middle School

Aubrianna Yensho - Copley High School

Sofia Dordevic- Copley High School Student-Athlete

(Five Minute Recess)

D 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*

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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*the total time of 30 minutes is used according to Policy BDDH (Also KD) and Ohio Revised Code 121.22 and 3313.20.*

None

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E. Treasurer's Business

It was moved by Mrs. Hertz, 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 organizational/regular meeting held January 14, 2026 and special meeting held on January 27, 2026.

2. Financial Statement

Approve the financial statement for the month of January, 2026.

3. Donations

Accept the following donations:

- a. William Renner    \$300.00        Girls Up
- b. William Renner    \$300.00        9<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Council
- c. William Renner    \$300.00        Quiz Bowl

4. Financial Forecast

Approve the financial forecast for Copley-Fairlawn City School District.

5. Resolution Accepting Amounts and Rates

Adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Officer of the Board of Education has provided the Alternative Tax Budget, for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Summit County, Ohio, has certified its action together with an estimate by the County Fiscal Officer of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within the ten mill tax limitation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Education of the Copley-Fairlawn City School District, Summit County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said School District the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

Fund	Maximum Tax		Amount to be Received	
	Inside	Outside	Inside	Outside

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General Fund	5.10	56.57	\$6,170,178	\$30,741,492
Bond Retirement		2.25		\$ 2,722,137
Permanent Improvement		2.00		\$ 1,754,125
Total	5.10	60.82	\$6,170,178	\$35,217,754

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of this Board be and he is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

AYES: Hertz, Doss, Borchik, Coon  
 NAYS: None

**F. PROPERTY VALUATION COMPLAINTS**

It was moved by Mr. Borchik, seconded by Mr. Coon to approve the eleven (11) resolutions authorizing the filing of Complaints Against the Valuation of Real Property for Tax Year 2025.

Resolution	Property Owner
2026-15	2800 West Market Street LLC
2026-16	OHM Fairlawn LLC
2026-17	99 Rothrock LLC
2026-18	MDC Endeavour 1 LLC
2026-19	Commerce Road Terminals LLC
2026-20	Fairlawn 575 Property Holdings LLC
2026-21	Thirty Four Fifty Five LLC
2026-22	Jupiter Jefferson LLC
2026-23	185 Montrose LLC
2026-24	Peterson Parkside LLC
2026-25	Akron Hospitality LTD

AYES: Borchik, Coon, Hertz, Doss  
 NAYS: None

2026-15  
 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF COMPLAINT AGAINST REAL PROPERTY

Re:  
 Property Owner: 2800 West Market Street LLC  
 Address: 2800 W. Market St., Akron, OH 44313  
 Parcel Number: 09-04586  
 Basis for Complaint: Recent Sale  
 Tax Year of Complaint: 2025

WHEREAS, R.C. §5715.19 permits a board of education to file a Complaint Against the Valuation of Real Property based upon a recent sale where the sale price exceeds the true value of the property by both ten (10) percent and \$567,000; and

WHEREAS, the law requires a board of education to adopt a resolution for each complaint it files and to notify the property owner of its intention to adopt the resolution.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education exercises its right pursuant to R.C. §5715.19 and authorizes the filing of a Complaint Against the Valuation of Real Property for the property identified herein based upon a recent transfer of the property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board has provided prior notice to the record owner of the property as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all its deliberations and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Ohio Revised Code §121.22.

Copley-Fairlawn City School District Board of Education

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Board President

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Treasurer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2026-16  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF COMPLAINT AGAINST REAL PROPERTY

Re:

Property Owner:	OHM Fairlawn LLC
Address:	80 Springside Dr., Akron, OH 44333
Parcel Number:	05-00710
Basis For Complaint:	Recent Sale
Tax Year of Complaint::	2025

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2026-17

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF COMPLAINT AGAINST REAL PROPERTY

Re:

Property Owner: 99 Rothrock LLC  
Address: 99 Rothrock Rd., Akron, OH 44321  
Parcel Number: 15-04151  
Basis For Complaint: Recent Sale  
Tax Year of Complaint: 2025

WHEREAS, R.C. §5715.19 permits a board of education to file a Complaint Against the Valuation of Real Property based upon a recent sale where the sale price exceeds the true value of the property by both ten (10) percent and \$567,000; and

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Treasurer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2026-18

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF COMPLAINT AGAINST REAL PROPERTY

Re:

Property Owner: MDC Endeavour 1 LLC  
Address: 9 N. Cleveland-Massillon Rd., Akron OH 44333  
Parcel Number: 05-00260 & 05-00261

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Basis For Complaint: Recent Sale
Tax Year of Complaint: 2025

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By: Board President

Treasurer

Date:

2026-19
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF COMPLAINT AGAINST REAL PROPERTY

Re:
Property Owner: Commerce Road Terminals LLC
Address: 1275 Ohio Ave., Copley, OH 44321
Parcel Number: 15-03066 & 15-03067
Basis For Complaint: Recent Sale
Tax Year of Complaint: 2025

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Board President

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Treasurer

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2026-20

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF COMPLAINT AGAINST REAL PROPERTY

Re:

Property Owner:	Fairlawn 575 Property Holdings LLC
Address:	575 S. Cleveland-Massillon Rd., Akron, OH 44333
Parcel Number:	09-02551
Basis For Complaint:	Recent Sale
Tax Year of Complaint:	2025

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF COMPLAINT AGAINST REAL PROPERTY

Re:

Property Owner:	Thirty Four Fifty Five LLC
Address:	444 Rothrock Rd., Akron OH 44321
Parcel Number:	15-01804
Basis For Complaint:	Recent Sale
Tax Year of Complaint:	2025

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Treasurer

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2026-22

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF COMPLAINT AGAINST REAL PROPERTY

Re:

Property Owner:	Jupiter Jefferson LLC
Address:	3610 W. Market St., Akron, OH 44333
Parcel Number:	09-02796
Basis For Complaint:	Recent Sale
Tax Year of Complaint:	2025

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Board President

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Treasurer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2026-23

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF COMPLAINT AGAINST REAL PROPERTY

Re:

Property Owner:	185 Montrose LLC
Address:	185 Montrose West Ave., Akron, OH 44321
Parcel Number:	15-04913
Basis For Complaint:	Recent Sale
Tax Year of Complaint:	2025

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By: Board President

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2026-24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF COMPLAINT AGAINST REAL PROPERTY

Re: Property Owner: Peterson Parkside LLC
Address: 11 S. Cleveland-Massillon Rd., Akron, OH 44333
Parcel Number: 09-03929
Basis For Complaint: Recent Sale
Tax Year of Complaint: 2025

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By: Board President

Treasurer

Date:

2026-25 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF COMPLAINT AGAINST REAL PROPERTY

Re: Property Owner: Akron Hospitality Ltd.

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Address: 100 Springside Dr., Akron, OH 44333
Parcel Number: 05-00709
Basis For Complaint: Recent Sale
Tax Year of Complaint: 2025

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By: Board President

Treasurer

Date:

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D. Superintendent's Considerations and Recommendations

It was moved by Mrs. Hertz, seconded by Mr. Coon, to approve the following actions, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent:

1. Ohio High School Athletic Association

Authorize 2026-2027 membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association for Copley High School and Copley-Fairlawn Middle School. It is agreed that these schools will conduct their athletics in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations, Interpretations and Decisions of the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

2. Overnight Field Trip

- a. Ohio Speech & Debate Association Tournament in Canfield, OH; March 6-7, 2026
b. Copley High School Wrestling Team to Kenston HS, Chagrin Falls, OH for wrestling tournament; March 6-7, 2026

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3. Memorandums

- a. Approve the memorandum of understanding between Stark State College and the Copley-Fairlawn City School District to provide instructional services to qualifying students for the 2026-2027 school year. (College Credit Plus)
- b. Approve the memorandum of understanding between The University of Akron and the Copley-Fairlawn City School District to provide instructional services to qualifying students for the 2026-2027 school year. (College Credit Plus)
- c. Approve the memorandum of understanding between Cuyahoga Community College and the Copley-Fairlawn City School District to provide instructional services to qualifying students for the 2026-2027 school year. (College Credit Plus)

4. Personnel

a. Administrative

- 1. Award administrative contracts to the following:

Slater, Lindsay	Assistant Superintendent effective August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2028
Slater, Lindsay	Interim Assistant Superintendent effective July 1, 2026 through July 31, 2026.

- 2. Accept the resignation of the following:

Sutherland, Deanna	Transportation Director, effective March 20, 2026
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b. Certified

- 1. Accept the resignation of the following at the end of the 2025-2026 school year for retirement purposes:

School, Susan	Teacher
Starkey, Robert	Teacher

c. Classified

- 1. Accept the resignation of the following at the end of the 2025-2026 school year:

Allen, Allison	Monitor, for retirement purposes
Rourke, Cheri	Library Assistant

- 2. Employ the following classified staff for the 2025-2026 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:

Dixon, Pamela	Assistant to the Treasurer, effective February 23, 2026
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3. Employ the following substitute personnel for the 2025-2026 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:

Craig, Shawn                      Bus Driver

d. Supplemental

1. Employ the following for the 2025-2026 school year contingent upon the 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:

Athletic Coaches

Lesiak, Ted	Baseball, Assistant, CHS (Volunteer)
Steppenbacker, Logan	Track, Girls, Head Coach, CHS
Miller, Mary	Track, Girls, Assistant Coach, CHS
Malpass, Christina	Track, Girls, Assistant Coach, CHS (Volunteer)
Dougherty, Christopher	Track, Boys, Head Coach, CHS
Driscoll, Eric	Track, Boys, Assistant Coach, CHS
Ballinger, Lincoln	Track, Boys, Assistant Coach, CHS (.5)
Traylor, Blake	Track, Boys, Assistant Coach, CHS (.5)

e. Clubs

1. Approve the following volunteers for the 2025-2026 school year contingent upon the subsequent receipt by the Board of Education of reports from FBI and BCII and official documentation of any required licensure and testing appropriate to the position:

Nenadov, Petar                      Volleyball, Boys, CHS

5. Policies

Amend the following policy:

ACAA                      Sexual Harassment

6. Calamity Day Alternative Make-Up Plan

Approve a Resolution Adopting A Calamity Day Alternative Make-Up Plan

AYES:    Hertz, Coon, Borchik, Doss

NAYS:    None

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H. Board Action

It was moved by Mr. Doss, seconded by Mr. Borchik to approve the following:

1. Superintendent Contract

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Approve a five-year contract with Mrs. Aimee Kirsch as Superintendent of Copley-Fairlawn City School District effective August 1, 2027 and ending July 31, 2032.

AYES: Doss, Borchik, Hertz, Coon
NAYS: None

I. New Business

Mrs. Kirsch, Superintendent, said that the school district is in urgent need of bus drivers. We have a limited number of drivers because of retirements, leaves of absences and an overall shortage nationwide. We have been utilizing an outside company; however, they are short of drivers to supply to us as well. This issue isn't unique to just Copley-Fairlawn City School District. She further stated that surrounding districts are experiencing similar issues and having to cancel routes. Today was the first day that we did not have enough drivers to cover all routes; thus, we had to cancel a morning route and have parents make arrangements to get their children to school. We are starting a social media campaign to attempt to recruit drivers. A banner has been ordered to advertise and to get the word out that drivers are needed. High School parents have recently been "opt-in" forms to determine the number of students that actually need transportation so that routes can be condensed. The "opt-in" will be expanded to lower grade levels next year. Additional group stops are being planned for the future instead of door to door pick up/drop off.

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J. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Borchik, seconded by Mrs. Hertz, to adjourn the meeting (6:12 p.m.)

AYES: Borchik, Hertz, Coon, Doss
NAYS: None

[Signature]
President

[Signature]
Treasurer