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COPLEY-FAIRLAWN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

Copley High School Auditorium

June 23, 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 - absent

Trevor Chuna

Steve Coon

Steve Doss

Beth Hertz

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A. Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Chuna, seconded by Mr. Doss, to adopt the agenda for the June 23, 2026 regular meeting.

AYES: Chuna, Doss, Hertz, Coon

NAYS: None

B. 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.

None

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C. 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 regular meeting held on May 19, 2026.

2. Financial Statement

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

3. Temporary Appropriations

Adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 5705.38 of the Ohio Revised Code provides that this Board of Education shall pass an annual appropriation measure not later than July 1st of each fiscal year, and

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WHEREAS, an amended official certificate of estimated resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 has been determined and certified by the Budget Commission of Summit County as prescribed by Section 5705.36 of the Ohio Revised Code, therefore be it RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Copley-Fairlawn City School District, that to provide for the current expenses and other expenditures of said district, there be set aside and appropriated for the several purposed for which expenditures are to be made, an amount equal to approximately one-fourth (1/4) of the amount appropriated in the fiscal year 2026, to constitute a temporary appropriation measure for the fiscal year 2027.

4. Appropriation Additions/Reductions/Modifications

Adopt the following appropriation additions/reductions/modifications:

The Board hereby agrees to establish appropriations at the fund level for the 2025-2026 school year and to approve the following appropriation additions, reductions and modifications. Additional modifications may be necessary and are hereby approved. Final expenditures and revenue reports will be presented to the Board of Education in July 2026.

Additions

001 – General Fund	\$ 400,000.00
003 – Permanent Improvements	\$ 155,899.00
006 – Food Service	\$ 152,960.00
014 – Rotary	\$ 3,770.00
019 – Other Local Grants	\$ 200.00
035 – Fringe Benefit Fund	\$ 155,380.00
200 – Student Activities	\$ 19,030.00
401 – Auxiliary Services	\$ 5,216.00
499 – Other State Grants	\$ 28,000.00
516 – IDEA-B Special Education	\$ 168,949.00
572 – Title I	\$ 124,409.00
584 - Title IV-R	\$ 16,573.00
587 - IDEA-B Early Childhood	\$ 12,275.00
590 – Title II-A	\$ 3,006.00

Reductions

004 – Building Fund	(\$331,981.00)
011 – Consumer Services	(\$ 1,699.00)
002 – Bond Retirement	(\$ 24,026.00)
018 – Public School Support	(\$ 10,229.00)
022 – OHSA – (agency)	(\$ 4,345.00)
024 – SRHCC – Self-Insurance	(\$ 4,000,000.00)
300 – Athletics	(\$ 42,042.00)
451 - Network Connectivity	(\$ 4,000.00)
551 – Title III Immigrant	(\$ 448.00)

5. Fund-to-Fund Transfer

Approve the following fund-to-fund transfers:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	011 - Bistro	\$4,751.00

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General Fund 011 – Animal Science and Care \$289.00

6. Insurance

The Board authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer to execute the property, fleet & liability insurance agreement.

7. Petty Cash/Change Funds

Approve the following petty cash funds for the 2026-2027 school year (as needed):

<u>Petty Cash Funds</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Athletic Department Checkbook (up to)	\$10,000
Central Office (as needed)	\$ 200

Approve the following change funds for the 2026-2027 school year (as needed):

<u>Change Funds</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Athletic Department	\$3,500
Bistro 81	\$ 100
Animal Science and Care	\$ 200

AYES: Hertz, Doss, Chuna, Coon

NAYS: None

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D. Superintendent's Considerations and Recommendations

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

1. Service Agreements

Approve the following service agreements/contracts for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Summit Educational Service Center for Services for Students with a Disability
- KRG Education Services Inc., for services provided
- Greenleaf Family Center for Sign Language Interpreter Services
- PSI Associates Remedial/Title 1 Services in June 2026
- Summit Educational Service Center (Kids First/TOPS)
- Child Guidance & Family Services (mental health)

2. Student Handbooks

Approve Student Handbooks for the 2026-2027 school year.

3. In Lieu of Transportation

Approve in-lieu-of transportation payments for the 2025-2026 school year for the following students:

Chapel Hill Christian School

Franks, Jack

Franks, Nora

Sebestyen, William

Sebestyen, Emma

Heritage Classical Academy

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Abbott, Caleb
 Abbott, Isaac
 Abbott, Jacob
 Culp, Abigail
 Culp, Eli
 Maxfield, Everett

Insightful Minds
 Shapkaliski, Dean

Julie Billiart School
 Henley, Robyn
 Lewis, Asher
 Stewart, Nora
 Tkel, Greyson

Lake Center Christian
 Franks, Lily

Lawrence School
 Pittinger, Sophia

Medina Christian Academy
 Fike, Joyelle,
 Fike, Nessa
 Fister, Madison
 Fister, McKenzie
 Gravino, Willow
 Kovesi, Evelyn
 Kovesi, Karina
 Kusicki, Audrey
 Kusicki, Dominic
 Palesh, Ainsley
 Palesh, Allegra
 Pejnovic, Alivia
 Pejnovic, Ellie
 Smith, Autumn
 Smith, Elliana
 Thomson, Joshua
 Thomson, Lorena
 Thomson, Matthew
 Vanderground, Joshua

Northeast Ohio Classical Academy
 Fister, Colton
 Fister, Hailey
 Lotrean, Georgia
 Lotrean, Salem
 Tobin, Gianna

Northside Christian Academy
 Benedick, Eve
 Carroll, Bailey
 Carroll, Boston
 Carroll, Siobhan
 Dzundza, Jacob
 Dzundza, Lucas
 Franks, Aubriana
 Franks, Mariella

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Gorman, Adelaide
Kovacs, Bea
Kovacs, Winnie
Mountjoy, Connor
Urdiales, Lorraine
Webel, Lila

Lippman School
Chenowith, Ethan

Summit Christian Academy
Preston, Raegen

Old Trail School
Beasley, London
Everett, Madeliene
Falkenstein, Jakob
Haghnazari, Milan
Miller, Lana
Rattansi, Aydin

Our Lady of the Elms
Myers, Quinne
Rossetti, Lucia

Sacred Heart School
Hatch, Anthony
Hatch, Christopher
Nichols, Brianna

St. Vincent St. Mary
Cornute, Melania
Bickett, Connor
Bickett, Katherine
Goff, Benjamin
Nichols, Benjamin
Schellenberger, Lydia
Sellers, Madelyn
Warner, William

Spring Garden Waldorf School
Finocchio, Annalise
Sims, Erica
Sims, Olivia

St. Sebastian
Cochran, Benjamin
Ereth, Joan
Marino, Angela
Marino, Vincent
Parke, Apollo
Parke, Brantley
Ricchuiti, Giuliana
Sellers, Everly
Sellers, James
Sellers, John
Sellers, Mya
Sellers, Wyatt
Spisak, Luke

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Stallings, John

Towpath Trail
Pujolas, NolanWings of Change Learning Center
Melchior, HollySt. Anthony School
Holloway, KalaniSt. Francis De Sales
Nervo, Asti4. Personnela. Administrative

1. Award an administrative contract to the following effective August 1, 2026:

Kerrigan, William	Dean of Students, Copley-Fairlawn Middle School
McFedries, Lisa	Assistant Principal, Copley High School

2. Accept the resignation of the following effective July 31, 2026:

Falhamer, Brian	Principal, Fort Island Primary School
McFedries, Lisa	Dean of Students, Middle School

b. Certified

1. Accept the resignation of the following:

Beebe, Sarah	Tutor, effective May 29, 2026
Davis, Ashley	Tutor effective June 8, 2026
Walter, Lauren	Tutor effective June 8, 2026

2. Employ the following certified staff for the 2026-2027 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:

Agler, Adele	Art Teacher, Part-Time, MA, Step 3
Gruenbaum, Ashley	Intervention Specialist, Full-Time, MA+30, Step 5
Metzger, Lynn	District Reading Coach, MA, Step 5
Yang, Lu	Chinese Teacher, Part-Time, BA, Step 4

3. Approve a One-Year Limited contract for the 2026-2027 school year to the following teacher:

Love, Joseph

4. Approve extended working days for staff for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:

Campana, Daniel	CHS Guidance Counselor - up to 20 days
Fuller, Christa	CHS Guidance Counselor - up to 20 days
Kraft, Elaina	CHS Guidance Counselor - up to 20 days
Barclay, Fiona	CHS Media Center - up to 4 days

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Faith, Tracy	CFMS Guidance Counselor - up to 15 days
Freeland, Aimee	CFMS Guidance Counselor - up to 15 days
Gerwick, Stephanie	CFMS Guidance Counselor - up to 15 days

c. Classified

1. Accept the resignation of the following:

Krajcik, Brice	Special Needs Assistant, effective May 8, 2026
Horgan, Kathleen	Special Needs Assistant, effective May 28, 2026
Lillie, Ashley	Educational Assistant, effective May 28, 2026

2. Employ the following for the 2026-2027 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:

Hawley, Richard	Technology Department Secretary, Step 5, effective June 16, 2026
Peters, Patricia (Trish)	Fiscal Assistant - Payroll, effective July 1, 2026

3. Employ the following custodial summer workers for summer, 2026, as needed and contingent upon subsequent receipt of reports from FBI and BCII:

Howard, Leigha
Reid, Nevan

4. Employ the following substitute personnel for the 2026-2027 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:

Graham, Katherine	Central Office Secretary effective June 23, 2026
Sedlon, Phillip	Bus Driver

d. Supplemental

1. Employ the following for the 2026-2027 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:

Athletic Coaches

Nicholson, Avery	CHS, Volleyball, Assistant Coach
Allen, Douglas	CHS, Girls Basketball, Assistant Coach
Miller, Ryan	CHS, Girls Basketball, Assistant Coach
Emich, Samuel	CHS, Boys Basketball, Assistant Coach
Taylor, Todd	CHS, Boys Basketball, Assistant Coach

Academics/Clubs (Advisor/Coach)

Clark, Kelly	CFMS, D.C. Trip Coordinator
Foster, Michael	CFMS, Band
Faith, Tracy	CFMS, Builders Club
Rieger, Jennifer	CFMS, Math Counts
Faith, Tracy	CFMS, National Honor Society

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Lewis, Windy	CFMS, Yearbook (5-6), 50%
Fleming, Malaki	CFMS, Quiz Bowl, Assistant
Lewis, Windy	CFMS, Chess Club
Rieger, Jennifer	CFMS, Science Olympiad
Clark, Kelly	CFMS, Drama Director
Sandora, William	CFMS, Geography Bee
Rieger, Jennifer	CFMS, GSA (Gender Sexuality Alliance)
Little, Scott	CFMS, Music Vocal (50%)
Lebo, Danielle	CFMS, Music Vocal (50%)
Rieger, Jennifer	CFMS, Power of the Pen
Korosa, Susan	CFMS, Quiz Bowl
Harris, Joshua	CFMS, Student Leadership
Harris, Joshua	CFMS, W.E.B. (Where Everyone Belongs)

e. Auxiliary Services

(Copley-Fairlawn City School District is by law the fiscal agent for all auxiliary service funds, at no cost to the District)

Approve contracts for the 2026-2027 school year to employ the following at St. Hilary Schools:

Eldred, Christine	Guidance Counselor (part time)
Heuer, Katie	Math Enrichment Teacher (full time)
Pitchford, Allison	Tutor (part time)
Scanlon, Christina	Intervention Specialist (full time)
Zupsansky, Terese	Tutor (part time)

AYES: Doss, Hertz, Chuna, Coon

NAYS: None

E. New Business

Mr. Doss asked for an update on student transportation for the 2026/2027 school year. Mr. Robinson, Business Manager, said that the school district will no longer transport students to Walsh Jesuit High School or Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy in Cuyahoga Falls because they are outside the 30-minute criteria set by Ohio Revised Code. This will be a savings of over \$200,000. Both schools were notified in May, 2026 that transportation would be discontinued. Also, Mr. Robinson reported that the district is asking parents to "opt-in" if they want transportation for the upcoming school year. It is anticipated that 40% of high school bussing will be eliminated after the routes are refined. It is anticipated that the school district will still be utilizing the same number of busses for middle school and elementary schools but will ultimately be decided based on the "opt-in" requests received. The school district still has a shortage of bus drivers and substitute drivers.

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F. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Chuna, seconded by Mr. Coon, to adjourn the meeting (5:40 p.m.)

AYES: Chuna, Coon, Hertz, Doss

NAYS: None


President


Treasurer