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## Board Work Session

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## Summary

- The board spotlighted Davis Aerospace & Maritime High School.
- CMSD K-8 and high schools are set to streamline textbooks after internal and external review.
- The school board filled a vacancy on the board of the Cleveland Public Library.

## Follow-Up Questions

- What is the district's plan to inform parents and guardians about upcoming curriculum changes?
- How will the city continue to expand neighborhood health clinics?

## Notes

### Members present at roll call:

Sara Elaqaad, chair

Leah D. Hudnall, vice chair

Robert Briggs

Robert M. Heard Sr.

Midori Lebrón

Denise W. Link

Diana Welch Howell

Charlene Jones ([newly appointed](#))

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. Find the agenda [here](#).

### School spotlight presentation: Davis Aerospace & Maritime High School (Davis A&M)

- Principal Tim Jones [introduced Davis A&M to the board and presented academic progress updates](#). The school is a partnership between CMSD and [Argonaut](#), and

has been in existence since 2017. Jones said through partnership with Argonaut, Davis students explore their interest in aviation and maritime through a progression of thematic experiences, evolving into individualized post-secondary plans.

- After the presentation, CMSD CEO Warren Morgan II asked Jones about pathways towards credentials for students after they graduate.
- Jones stressed the difficulty in balancing school and the hours required to achieve those credentials. He said Davis has several graduates that earned those credentials post graduation.

### **Resolution 8.05 (for discussion)**

- Determining The Textbook Requirements Of The Cleveland Municipal School District For The 2024-2025 School Year And Authorizing The Chief Executive Officer And/Or Chief Financial Officer To Order And Pay For Such Textbooks, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$3.624,202.47. CMSD Chief Academic Officer Selena Florence [presented the following](#):
  - The district reviewed surveys from principals, teachers and community members and findings from [EdReports](#), an external curriculum review. For students K-8, the findings recommended adopting the [“Into Reading” curriculum](#), because educators found the curriculum is easy to use and effective for students. For high school students, the findings recommended adopting the [“My Perspectives” curriculum](#) because the curriculum uses rigorous text with ample [scaffolding](#) and is easy to use.
  - After the district’s presentation concluded, board members Briggs, Link, and Howell asked clarifying questions. Morgan also asked if the district is keeping existing textbook materials or would remove them from school buildings. Florence said the goal is for existing textbook materials to be removed from school buildings.

### **Resolution for consideration**

- Making An Appointment To An Unexpired Term On The Board Of Trustees Of The Cleveland Public Library. According to the state of Ohio, [it is the Cleveland Board of Education’s responsibility to appoint people to the Cleveland Public Library’s Board of Trustees](#).
- John Hairston resigned from the board after 16 years due to health issues, said Cleveland Public Library Director Felton Thomas. The board recommended Melaak Rashid to the board for a term ending July 2, 2029. **The resolution was adopted.**

The following resolutions were presented solely for discussion and are to be voted on during the next business meeting, as is the board's protocol. Morgan read the resolutions.

#### **Resolutions for discussion (Finance)**

- Resolution Accepting The Amounts And Rates As Determined By The Budget Commission And Authorizing [The Necessary Tax Levies](#) And Certifying Them To The County Fiscal Officer. The County will collect money for the district and the public library. **No discussion or questions occurred.**
- Authorizing The Acceptance Of A Grant From The Ohio Bureau Of Workers' Compensation, And Authorizing The Chief Executive Officer To Spend The Funds In Accordance With The Terms And Conditions Of The Grant. The board would be accepting a school safety grant of \$14,395 for maintenance and secondary devices to contain the spread of viruses. **No discussion or questions occurred.**
- [Authorizing](#) The Acceptance Of Gifts And Grants From An Anonymous Donor, Cleveland Foundation, Effective Leadership Academy, Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, Mid-American Conference, College Football Playoff Foundation, And Project Lead The Way, And Authorizing The Chief Executive Officer To Spend The Funds In Accordance With The Terms And Conditions Of The Gift And Grants. **No discussion or questions occurred.**

#### **Resolutions for discussion (Operations)**

- Authorizing The Chief Executive Officer To Enter Into [A Two-Year Lease And Shared Use Agreement](#) With The Great Lakes Science Center (GLSC) For The Use Of Educational Facilities For MCSTEM 9th Grade Academy In An Amount Not To Exceed \$192,000. Per Year. Resolution will renew the lease that currently houses that school at the rate of \$16,000 per month. **No discussion or questions occurred.**
- Authorizing The Chief Executive Officer To Take The Necessary Actions To Prepare And Maintain District Facilities For The Period From May 2024 Through June 2025 To Ensure Effective Operation During The Academic Year In An Amount Not To Exceed \$16,525,000. Annual work resolution that will prepare and maintain facilities during the 2024-2025 school year. Board was able to see a [list of expenditures](#) that was not presented on screen for the audience. **No discussion or questions occurred.**
- Accepting \$3,746,000 From the City Of Cleveland To Develop [Neighborhood Health Clinics](#) And Authorizing The Administration To Use \$1,851,000 Of Those Funds To Make Improvements To John Marshall And John F. Kennedy High

Schools And Anton Grdina PreK-8 School To Renovate Three Spaces For Health Clinics. Clinics exist at Glenville, Clara Westropp and Mound, Morgan said. Board was able to see photos that weren't presented on the screen to the audience. Briggs asked what would happen after the three-year grant expires. Elaquad clarified that the grant referred to renovating three new spaces, not three years, but said it would be good to check.

### **Resolutions for discussion (Academics)**

- Authorizing The Purchase Of Ten (10) #K4943-1 Power Wave 300c Advanced Edu One-Paks From The Lincoln Electric Company For Use In The Career Technical Education Programs At [Max S. Hayes High School](#) In An Amount Not To Exceed \$126,001.90. The equipment will be used for the school's welding program, and will upgrade the technology they currently have to create a safer environment.
- Authorizing The Purchase Of Two #8043 Colchester 15" X 50" Precision Geared Head Engine Lathe Gap Bad, Metal Working With Specified Capacities And Features, Including Various Accessory Equipment, From Ornamental Products Tool And Supply, Inc. For Use In The Career Technical Education Programs For Max S. Hayes High School In An Amount Not To Exceed \$92,570. **No discussion or questions occurred.**
- Approving An Extension To The Sponsorship Agreement With The Ohio Department Of Education And Workforce (DEW). A representative from the district presented more information. The extension would be through June 2031, as CMSD is required to have an agreement with DEW for sponsorship reasons. There will be no changes to the contract beyond extending the length of the agreement.
- Renewing The Sponsorship Contracts Of Three Community Schools, And Amending And Restating The Sponsorship Contracts Of Four Community Schools, Sponsored By The Cleveland Municipal School District. A representative from the district presented more information.

### **Resolutions for discussion (Equity & Culture)**

- Authorizing The Employment Of Teaching, Non-Teaching And School-Based Administrative Staff. **This is a routine monthly resolution that will authorize 67 new hires**, according to Morgan, who also shared the additional information about the resolutions below.
- Authorizing The Reclassification Of Employees. **This is a routine monthly resolution that will authorize the reclassification of 16 employees.**
- Accepting The Retirements, Resignations And Other Separations Of Employees. **This is a routine monthly resolution that will authorize the separation of 34 employees.**

- Authorizing The Issuance Of Limited Contracts For Differential Positions And The Payment Of Additional Earned Compensation To Employees. **This is a routine monthly resolution that will authorize additional compensation for 37 employees.**

#### **Old business**

- Adopting The [Cleveland Municipal School District 2024-2025 School Calendar](#). The district has been receiving feedback/questions for a period of 30 days, Morgan said. **They will be voting on the new calendar at the April 23 business meeting.**

#### **New business**

- The board wished Board Member Link a happy birthday month.
- The next regular board meeting will be a business meeting on Tuesday, April 23, at JFK High School.

#### **Executive session**

- Motion to enter into executive session for the purposes of 1) considering the employment of public employees, 2) preparing for negotiations with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment, and 3) conferring with attorneys concerning disputes involving the board that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. The motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned following the executive session around 10 p.m.

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