

Cleveland City Schools

Board of Education Special Called Meeting

January 19, 2023 8:15 AM

Administrative Office Building, Board Room



Attendance Taken at 8:15 AM.

Mr. Matthew Coleman:	Present
Ms. Carolyn Ingram:	Present
Mr. Andy Lay:	Present
Ms. Krista McKay:	Present
Mrs. Peggy Pesterfield:	Present
Mrs. Jodi Riggins:	Present
Mr. Nate Tucker:	Present

1. Raider Drive Discussion and Proposal Chairman Tucker welcomed everyone to this special called meeting. Mr. Tucker gave a statement regarding his commitment to running an orderly and efficient meeting, treating everyone with respect, providing an equal opportunity for board members to voice their opinions. Board members must direct their concerns through Dr. Dyer; Director of Schools. Mr. Tucker reminded everyone of board policy 1.404 and gave instructions on how to navigate the website to these policies.

This meeting has been called to further discuss the CCS Board Of Education's position on acquiring the 775 Raider Drive building. Chairman Tucker asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the documents they had been given to review regarding this building.

Mr. Coleman asked what are we being asked to commit to and vote on? Dr. Dyer's response was that he would like to take a motion back to the next city council meeting on January 23rd, where the Board stands on its support of the acquisition of this building. He reviewed with the Board members a list of how obtaining this building could impact CCS, such as a large room with a 100-person occupancy that could be easily divided into four separate spaces, two smaller professional development rooms with space to fit 30 people, two conference-sized training rooms with conference tables to accommodate 12-15 people, teacher workspace, enrollment center for new students, board meeting room to comfortably hold staff, faculty, parents, and community members, space for students and staff to collaborate for possible class use and/or clubs, Family Resource Center for our families to utilize and access essential services, community room space to host local events, clubs, and organizations, current AOB space could be utilized for a community room and stage for Ross and Yates and other students, staff, and community members. Office spaces for Human Resources and Business office staff to conduct confidential matters. The Denning Center would open up to different options as this staff would be housed at 775 Raider Drive as well.

Funding- We have the funds to renovate this building to get it up to code and for functional use for staff usage. It may require additional funds to update other areas but these costs are unknown as yet.

Chairman Tucker opened discussion for Board Members:

Jodi Riggins- she had conversations with people in her district who are in full support of this building for CCS. However, they wanted to know how we can incorporate student spaces. Hal Taylor spoke about being able to house students. However, the code requirements are different if classrooms are introduced, but it's an option after more research. It can be used as a meeting space without stricter codes.

Nate Tucker- Worries this could be a money pit, but based on a letter by the city from the building is in good condition and doesn't want to raise taxes. Dr. Dyer believes that after his conversations with Cindy Geren, CCS is in a good financial position. With the unknown of the new federal funding, we don't know what will happen with education funds, but in regards to operational funds, we are in a good financial position. CCS is a top energy efficient user which saves a lot of money. He doesn't feel there would be a need to go to the city to fund this project or raise taxes.

Krista McKay wanted to ensure that all building renovations wish lists would not be done all at once but in phases. She is not comfortable with the statement "we would no longer have a need for the use of Denning Center as we do not have a full detailed share of the project as yet."

Jodi Riggins- asks if we have enough funds to update the AOB building for other needs. Hal Taylor updated that we could repurpose the AOB building for many other uses to accommodate the needs of CCS with current funds.

Matthew Coleman- since Upland Design went inside and gave us this plan, it's been over a year and now we are unknown if there is anything they have missed or that has changed since the walk through. He isn't comfortable with giving the okay without knowing a more concrete number. Maybe have co-op offices to off-set some costs. Possibly split this into 2 motions.

Andy Lay- this does have students in mind using this building or spaces at 775 Raider Dr.

Chairman Tucker invited Councilman Joe Fivas to speak. He provided the board with conditions with the caution that these are by no means requirements, they are just questions and concerns.

Chairman Tucker asked when was the last time CCS went to the city for funding.

Dr. Dyer believes and confers with Cindy Geren it was during the building of Candy's Creek Cherokee Elementary in 2016.

Matthew Coleman reads his motion. Chairman Tucker asks for 2nd- Krista McKay 2nds.

Board members worked on rewording the original motion read by Mr. Coleman and made changes to the current approved motion.

The meeting was paused so that a motion could be typed and shared with Board members and the audience.

The board approved changes made.

The board moved to the suggested conditions document provided by Joe Fivas and made changes.

Suggested Conditions (Joe Fivas) with revisions from CCS

1. Original statement

The city will own the 775 raider Driver ' with the sole use and benefit of the property of the CCS.' The City Council would need to approve additional users or users of the building.

- Revision by CCS BOE
 - The City will own the 775 Raider Driver 'with the sole use and benefit of the property of the CCS' (insert consistent language from other deeds)

2. Original statement

CCS will pay for all fees and renovations of 775 Raider Drive.

- Revisions by CCS BOE
 - None

3. Original Statement

If CCS decides to sell all or a portion of this property, it will revert back to control of the City.

- Revision by CCS BOE
 - If CCS decides to sell all or a portion of this property, it will revert back to control of the City and make the CCS system whole.

4. Original Statement

CCS will not request any capital project funds, including the price of land, architectural services, and geotechnical services, from the City Council until after July 1, 2026. Except for any unforeseen structural issues of a school or natural disaster that could require City funding.

- Revision by CCS BOE
 - This would require discussion and action from the CCS BOE. None of the BM are willing to commit to this condition.

5. Original Statement

The City reserves the right to use the parking in this area for community events with a two-week notice to CCS.

- Revisions by CCS BOE
 - None

Board members have shared the Capitol Plan with the City and it shows our 5 year plans baring a natural disaster.

Dr. Dyer feels comfortable with where the board stands and will bring any suggestions, questions or concerns regarding the 775 Raider Drive back to the board.

The Cleveland City Schools Board of Education has a definite interest in the 775 Raider Drive property as it has the potential to serve the school system in various capacities including as an administrative office, professional development, student learning centers or shared spaces with the City or other entities. However, considering the limited time to evaluate this project, CCS does not have a complete understanding of the development cost or specific use of this property as well as the potential use of properties that may become vacant if the administrative office is consolidated into the Raider Drive building. For the purposes stated above, CCS is open to contributing to the acquisition and renovation costs, in whole or part, though further discussion is necessary once investigation of the property including architectural drawings and construction costs can be included. However, the School Board supports the acquisition of the property by the City for further discussion and evaluation. passed with a motion by Mr. Matthew Coleman and a second by Ms. Krista McKay.

Mr. Matthew Coleman: Yes

Ms. Carolyn Ingram: Yes

Mr. Andy Lay: Yes

Ms. Krista McKay: Yes

Mrs. Peggy Pesterfield: Yes

Mrs. Jodi Riggins: Yes

Mr. Nate Tucker: Yes

Yes: 7, No: 0

2. Adjourn

Chairman Tucker adjourned the meeting at 9:56 am.