

**Meeting location:** Collinwood Public Library, 856 E. 152<sup>nd</sup> St, Cleveland, Oh 44110

**Call to Order:** Executive Director Houser called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Present: Jack Bialosky, Lenora Lockett, Tom Cook, Nancy Schuster, Caroline Peak

CMSD/CMSD Representative(s): Hollie Dellisanti, David Riley

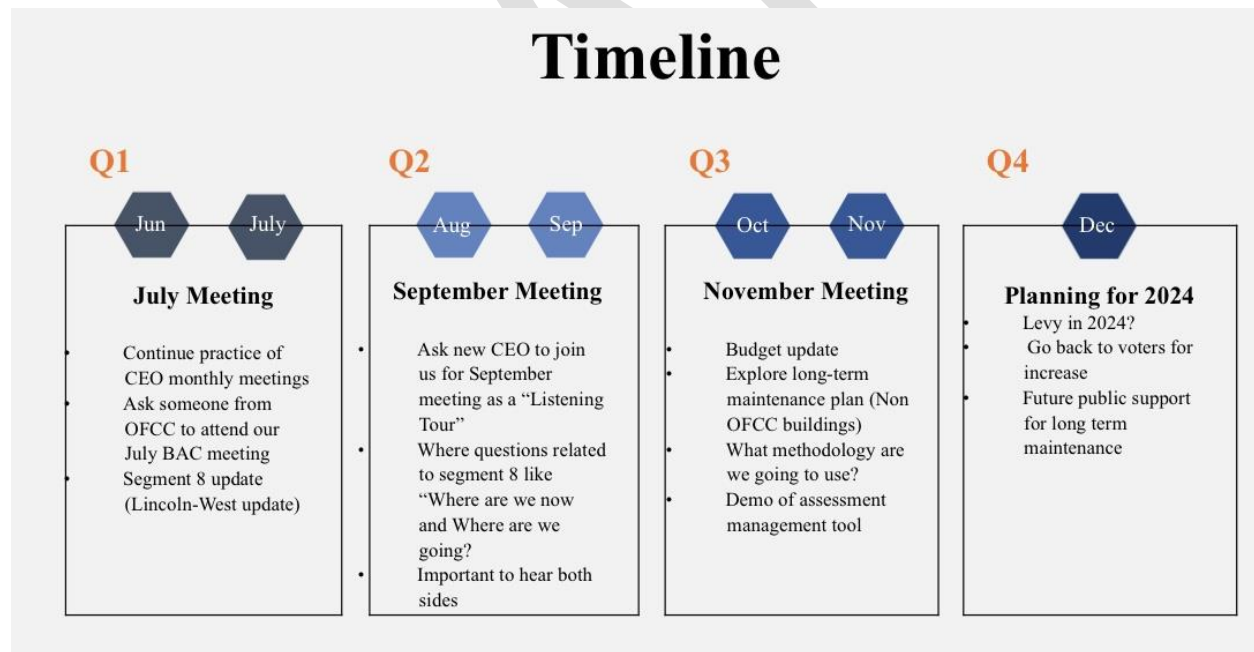
**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes from the March 27th, 2023 BAC meeting were tabled to the July meeting.

**Executive Director’s 6-Month Business Plan**

Executive Director Houser highlighted accomplishments from the month of April and May including CMSD board passing BAC funding resolution and meeting new CEO Dr. Morgan.

Mr. Houser then reviewed his 6-month plan for the BAC meetings:



Executive Director Houser spoke about using the months of June and July to meet with each board member and bringing someone from the OFCC in to speak at the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. ED Houser talked about having a listening tour with CEO Morgan at the Executive Grille located at East Tech High School for the September BAC meeting and using November and December to investigate CMSD’s long-term maintenance plan.

After the 6-month slide a formal discussion with the Commissioners in attendance and David Riley took place. Key discussion points:

- **Commissioner Bialosky asked how much money was left from the district and how much would be needed if we were to do all of Segment 8?**

David Riley said he has an upcoming meeting with OFCC to go over the budget and identify what things are eligible for co-funding.

- The district has around 69 million left and needs around 90 to complete all the Segment 8 projects so they have a shortfall of around 30 million dollars.
  - CMSD will take those numbers and go to the commission and ask for additional funding.
  - Still fighting with OFCC around Construction cost in Cleveland.
- **Commissioner Schuster asked what is the experience of other Big Cities around construction cost?**
    - David Riley said the state/OFCC wants CMSD to prove any additional funding for each project and cost estimates and prove they have tried to do things to modify the cost.
    - Ohio School Design manual – the state will co-fund good but don't want to co-fund "better" or "best".
    - David Riley said they recently (first week of April) got the OFCC to sit down and start documenting that construction cost has skyrocketed.
    - Using ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund) money on Joseph M. Gallagher.
  - **Commissioner Schuster asked rather we have compared our cost directly with other big cities?**
    - Mr. Riley said Union labor cost more in Cleveland.
  - **Commissioner Bialosky asked who is lobbying on behalf of CMSD to explain how this is not equitable?**
    - David Riley responded that we have brought in very good people including Tim Cosgrove and Al Ratner who spoke to the Governor on behalf of CMSD/The City of Cleveland
    - Commissioner Bialosky said this is something he would like to hear more about, and suggested Director Houser pay special attention to and write a letter to the editor piece to make sure the public is aware that this is happening.
    - Commissioner Schuster asked that Director Houser investigate if any of the other Ohio cities of large population are building schools and what their experience was when they were building their schools?

- Commissioner Schuster asked for a map of the areas of all the newly built schools in the State of Ohio.
- David Riley said the State used to have a market adjustment but around 2008 the State stopped doing that.
- **Commissioner Bialosky asked if the Commission was done after Segment 8?**
  - David Riley said there was a planned Segment 9 that was an “abate and demo” segment and the real question for the district is making decisions on the legacy buildings that have not been funded by any of the Segments including Collinwood, Glenville, and East Tech.
  - Commissioner Bialosky asked Director Houser to see if this is something the Commission could be educated about.
  - ED Houser said that CMSD has a new CFO Kevin Stockdale and will see if he could come talk to the Commission in November.
- **Commissioner Bialosky asked if anyone knows anything about the new CEO and what is his new vision?**
  - Commissioner Peak said she believes he was the best candidate.
  - ED Houser said because he used to work for the district, he should have some knowledge of the issues.
- **Commissioner Peak said she would like to see legacy schools kept for the community and highlighted the housing shortage in the City of Cleveland**
  - Longfellow school came out great.
  - Nathaniel Hawthorne and the Imperial schools are in progress now.
  - The school would benefit from property taxes with tenants living in the City of Cleveland
  - Commissioner Bialosky highlighted that the State of Ohio took away the historic tax credit.
- **Commissioner Schuster suggested having a meeting at the new Executive Grill at East Tech. Executive Director**
  - Houser suggested we have that meeting with CEO Morgan in September.

**Public Comment:** No public comment for this meeting

**Next Meeting:** The board agreed to the next BAC meeting on Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> – location TBD.

**Adjourn:** Commissioner Bialosky moved to adjourn. Commissioner Peak seconded. The motion was carried out and the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.