

July 12, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Education of the Canfield Local School District, Mahoning County, Ohio met in regular session this date at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Mrs. Traci DeCapua, President  
Mr. Nader Atway, Vice President  
Mr. Bob Smallwood  
Mr. Dave Wilkeson

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**RECOGNITION OF RETIREES**

Mrs. DeCapua introduced the 2023 retirees. The following retirees were recognized:

Licensed:

Darlene Dalvin  
Dianna Liggitt-Fox (not in attendance)  
Michael Moldovan (not in attendance)  
Alicia Muzina  
Edie Narducci (not in attendance)  
Judy Parsons  
Tom Scurich  
Carol Young

Classified:

Gail DeMaiolo (not in attendance)  
David Dickey (not in attendance)  
Claire Glove  
Terri Hutchison (not in attendance)  
Janice Kabetso (not in attendance)

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**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Mrs. DeCapua presented Resolutions #1-2024 through #18-2024, honoring the following students/teams:

AJ Havrilla  
Ben Slanker  
Michael Patellis  
Jameson Beck  
Logan Cayavec  
Tanner Stricko  
Canfield High School Softball Team  
Malena Toth  
Hailey Freedy  
Gianna Pannunzio  
Jenna Triveri  
Blake Baker  
Jason Hammar  
Amir Ali  
Matt Vennetti  
Jack Kadilak  
Ava Littler  
Drew Shapiro

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Wilkeson made a motion at 6:09 p.m., seconded by Mr. Atway to adjourn to a confidential executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. Atway-yes Mr. Smallwood-yes Mr. Wilkeson-yes

The President declared the motion carried.

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**RECONVENE**

The meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

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**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Knoll announced the change to a new school website, using a different vendor and asked for patience as we get the social media sites back up and running.

Mr. Knoll made it aware that the Facility Project information is still available on the website.

Mr. Knoll acknowledged that the 33 million dollar amendment in the budget bill for a new Middle School did not make it through to the final budget, and thanked Representative Al Cutrona for his efforts.

Mr. Knoll reviewed the final recommended project costs for the Facility Project totaling \$104,954,912.92.

Mr. Knoll shared preliminary site drawings with proposed building placements at Hilltop and the Middle School; both 3 story and 2 story options were presented for the Middle School.

Mr. Knoll also shared High School renovations that are part of the Facility Project.

Mr. Knoll scheduled a question and answer session for Tuesday July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the High School auditorium to discuss district finances to satisfy Strategic Planning goal 02.

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**MINUTES**

Mr. Smallwood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Atway, to waive the reading of the minutes of the June 14, 2023, regular meeting and the June 30, 2023, special meeting and approve the minutes as presented.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. Atway-yes Mr. Smallwood-yes Mr. Wilkeson-yes

The President declared the motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORTS**

Mr. Smallwood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilkeson, to approve the check payment register for the month ending May 31, 2023, to approve purchases as approved by the Superintendent, certified by the Treasurer, and detailed in the Purchase Order Register, and to approve investments as detailed in the investment report.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Mrs. DeCapua-yes    Mr. Atway-yes    Mr. Smallwood-yes    Mr. Wilkeson-yes

The President declared the motion carried.

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ed Kay spoke concerning the new school proposal. He also shared concerns of the administrative staff relocating to Hilltop. He inquired about the determining factors for not using the Shields Road property. Mr. Kay also wanted to know if by combining both elementary schools, would positions be eliminated? He also mentioned the traffic issues that will arise due to construction. He wanted to know the effect of Cutrona’s 33 million dollar proposal that didn’t go through. Lastly he asked about who would oversee the expenditures should the bond issue pass.

Laurie Moore inquired about the chickens that were released in the High School, wanting to know if tax payer money was used or if students were responsible for the clean-up. She requested civics be reintroduced into the curriculum to teach respect.

Jason Henry followed up concerning the cheerleading uniform purchase inquiry from a previous meeting.

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**RESIGNATIONS, HIRING, APPROVE CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES, AND APPROVE SUPERVISOR WAGE INCREASE**

Mr. Knoll made the following recommendations:

**Resignation – Licensed:**

Renee English

CHS English Teacher/Media Center  
effective July 1, 2023

**Resignation – Classified:**

Michael Cochran

Athletic Director  
effective August 1, 2023

**Hiring – Licensed:**

Joyce Stoffer

CHS Math Teacher  
at \$55,280 per year  
effective August 1, 2023

Dr. Mark Potts 3-Year Administrative Contract assigned to HS Principal at \$100,000 per year effective August 1, 2023 – July 31, 2026

Richard Prescott 3-Year Administrative Contract assigned to HS Assistant Principal at \$95,000 per year effective August 1, 2023 – July 31, 2026

**Hiring – Classified:**

Thomas DeLuca Sound and Lighting Technician at \$13.00 per hour, as needed

**Hiring – Licensed Daily Substitutes for the 2023-24 School Year @ \$110 per day:**

Amy Hensdill C. H. Campbell  
Kaelin Holloway Hilltop  
Jason Morell High School

**Hiring – Extracurricular for the 2023-24 School Year:**

**In-District Licensed Extracurricular**

High School Student Council Assistant Stephanie Ruark \$ 1,228  
Model UN Advisor Brian Racz 1,228

**Non-Licensed Extracurricular (Resolution #23-2024)**

Fall Play Assistant Lauren Moliterno \$ 2,457  
Spring Play Assistant Lauren Moliterno 2,457  
Summer Percussion Instructor Dylan Kollat 1,638  
Auxiliary Unit Advisor Martina Starkey 2,457

Contracts are pending verification of BCI/FBI background checks and completion of all required certifications and courses including but not limited to Pupil Activity Validations and CPR certifications for those supervising vigorous activities.

**Approve Classified Substitutes:**

Janice Kabetso  
Carla Hood  
Stevan Kupec  
Rachel Rafeedie  
Nicole Zentko

**Approve Wage Increase:**

3 % wage increase for the Food Service Supervisor

Mr. Smallwood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Atway, to approve the above recommendations as presented by the superintendent.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. Atway-yes Mr. Smallwood-yes Mr. Wilkeson-yes

The President declared the motion carried.

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**OSBA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING DELEGATES**

Mr. Campbell was appointed the delegate and Mr. Smallwood the alternate to the OSBA Annual Business Meeting to be held in November 2023.

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**OUT-OF-STATE/OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUESTS**

Mr. Knoll presented the following requests for out-of-state/overnight field trips and recommended they be approved:

Cross Country Team	Participate in Team Building Raccoon Creek Lake State Park Hookstown, PA July 30-August 3, 2023
Middle School Cross Country Team	Train and Encourage Team Building Raccoon Creek State Park Hookstown, PA August 1, 2023

Mr. Smallwood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilkeson, to approve the above requests for out-of-state/overnight field trips as recommended by the superintendent.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. Atway-yes Mr. Smallwood-yes Mr. Wilkeson-yes

The President declared the motion carried.

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**GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS**

Mr. Knoll presented the following grant applications for FY24 and recommended they be approved:

IDEA	\$ 559,965.89
Title I	200,580.75
Title II-A	52,852.42
Title IV-A	13,436.20
IDEA Early Childhood	13,956.30*

\*county consortium

Mr. Smallwood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilkeson, to approve the applications for participation in the above programs as recommended by the Superintendent.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. Atway-yes Mr. Smallwood-yes Mr. Wilkeson-yes

The President declared the motion carried.

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**BUS STOPS**

Mr. Smallwood made a motion, seconded by Mrs. DeCapua, to approve bus stops as presented, which is subject to change.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. Atway-yes Mr. Smallwood-yes Mr. Wilkeson-yes

The President declared the motion carried.

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**MASTER FACILITY PLAN**

Mr. Atway made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smallwood, to adopt Resolution#19-2024 to accept the Master Facility Plan for the OFCC Expedited Local Partnership Program including acceptance of the Expedited Local Partnership Program Project Agreement.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. Atway-yes Mr. Smallwood-yes Mr. Wilkeson-yes

The President declared the motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION OF INTENT**

Mr. Smallwood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilkeson, to adopt Resolution #20-2024 to accept Resolution of Intent – Expedited Local Partnership Program ½ Mill Maintenance Requirement.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. Atway-yes Mr. Smallwood-yes Mr. Wilkeson-yes

The President declared the motion carried.

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**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BONDS**

Mr. Wilkeson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smallwood, to adopt Resolution #21-2024 determining to proceed with submitting the question of the issuance of school improvement bonds.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. Atway-yes Mr. Smallwood-yes Mr. Wilkeson-yes

The President declared the motion carried.

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

Mr. Atway made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smallwood, to adopt Resolution #22-2024 regarding the employment of substitute teachers.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. Atway-yes Mr. Smallwood-yes Mr. Wilkeson-yes

The President declared the motion carried.

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**IMPRACTICAL TRANSPORTATION**

Mr. Smallwood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Atway, to amend Resolution #222-2023 to Resolution #24-2023, declaring transportation impractical for listed students.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. Atway-yes Mr. Smallwood-yes Mr. Wilkeson-yes

The President declared the motion carried.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, at 8:04 p.m., Mr. Atway made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smallwood, to adjourn. The motion carried without dissent.

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Mrs. Traci K. DeCapua, President

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Miss Patricia L. Prince, Treasurer

*A recording of the meeting is available to the public via the Canfield Local School District YouTube Channel, [www.youtube.com/canfieldschools](http://www.youtube.com/canfieldschools).*