

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. Matt Campbell
Mr. Bob Smallwood
Mr. Dave Wilkeson

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Knoll informed the board that “Positively Canfield” is the 2023-24 district theme.

Mr. Knoll announced that freshman and new student orientation would be August 16, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Canfield High School.

Mr. Knoll announced that Open House dates are as follows:

High School	August 17
Middle School	August 17
Elementary Schools	August 22

Mr. Knoll announced the school starting dates are as follows:

Elementary Schools	August 21 or August 22 by appointment
5 th and 6 th grade	Last names beginning with A-L, August 21 Last names beginning with M-Z, August 22
7 th -12 th grade	August 21
Fair Break	August 30 through September 4

Mr. Knoll discussed school safety items:

- High School Vestibule
- Elementary School’s new PA systems
- Radios and security cameras
- Bullet/smash resistant window film

Mr. Knoll announced a new police presence, Officer Mike Sroka, at the elementary schools.

Mr. Knoll informed the board that athletic ticket prices would be \$7 plus fees if purchased online, or \$9 cash at the door.

Mr. Knoll announced Champions day, a game day experience for students with special abilities would be on September 21.

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Mr. Knoll announced a Community Tailgate being held September 22 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Knoll did an overview of the Bond Issue. It began in July with a community survey, followed by tours, an educational visioning session, and Master Plan meetings, which resulted in a recommendation to the board. The November Ballot will include a 7.5 mill bond issue to fund a new K-4 school, a new 5-8 school, and renovations to the High School at a cost of \$104,955,000. Examples were given to homeowners to help show calculated costs. A reappraisal scenario was also presented. Benefits of going through with the project were presented as follows:

- Cost savings – One elementary building
- Shared services – class size improvements
- Safety and security upgrades
- Strong property values
- Future state credit

Mr. Knoll presented the benefits of passing the issue now.

MINUTES

Mr. Smallwood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilkeson, to waive the reading of the minutes of the July 12, 2023, regular meeting and approve the minutes as presented.

On roll call members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

Mr. Atway made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the check payment register for the month ending June 30, 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:

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

The President declared the motion carried.

LICENSED HIRING, LICENSED DAILY SUBSTITUTE HIRING, CLASSIFIED HIRING, CLASSIFIED RESIGNATIONS, HIRING EXTRACURRICULAR, AND HIRING PARAPROFESSIONALS

Mr. Knoll made the following recommendations:

Hiring – Licensed:

Joe Caruso

CHS Intervention Tutor
at \$27.87 per hour – 7 hours per day

effective 2023-24 school year

Tricia Viets
CHC Kindergarten teacher
at \$53,232
effective 2023-24 school year

Dylan O'Hara
CVMS Tutor
at \$22.29 per hour – 7 hours per day
effective 2023-24 school year

Hiring – Licensed Daily Substitute for the 2023-2024 School Year:

Alyssa Lynch
Middle School, \$120 per day

Hiring Classified:

Greg Cooper
Interim Athletic Director
at \$60,000
effective August 1, 2023

Carla Hood
CHC Playground Aide
at \$16.10 per hour for 2.5 hours per day
effective 2023-24 school year

Katie Geisler
CHS Special Needs Aide
at \$15.77 per hour for 3.75 hours per day

Beth Bufkin
Hilltop Special Needs Aide
at \$15.77 per hour for 3.75 hours per day

Nicole Zentko
Hilltop Special Needs Aide
at \$15.77 per hour for 3.75 hours per day

Classified Resignations:

Donald Ketchum
CHS Custodian
effective August 5, 2023

Donna Dahman
Transportation Aide
effective August 7, 2023

Bethany Crouch
Cross Country Coach .5 time
effective 2023-24 school year

John Christy
CVMS Assistant Football Coach
effective 2023-24 school year

Alexa Hadley
CVMS Intervention Tutor
effective August 9, 2023

Hiring – Extracurricular:

In – District Licensed Extracurricular

Lead Mentor	Julie Webb	\$ 1,228
Mentor (Welsh)	Kate Antal	819
Mentor (Fitzgerald)	Loraine Stanfar	819

Mentor (Rivera)	Kailey Patoray	819
Mentor (Hogan)	Rita Cole	819

Non-Licensed Extracurricular (Resolution #25-2024)

Ticket Manager	Cindy Rawlings	6,552
*7 th Grade Assistant Volleyball Coach	Alex Schiavi	1,000
*8 th Grade Volleyball Coach	Bri Wenowitz-Fishel	2,866

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.

*Support Organization Donated

Hiring – Classified:

Tom Brucoli	Band Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
Al Colella	Band Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
Dave Drevna	Band Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
Tim Elder	Choral Music Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
Dylan Kollat	Band Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
Courtney Larson	Choral Music Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
Joe Pellegrini	Band Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
Jim Scanga	Band Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
Bob Rollo	Band Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
Kelly Scurich	Choral Music Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
Tom Scurich	Choral Music Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
Ken Young	Band Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour

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Mr. Smallwood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Atway, to hire the above individuals as presented by the Superintendent.

On roll call members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried

OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST

Mr. Knoll presented the following request for an out-of-state field trip and recommended it be approved:

Girls Golf Team

Tam O' Shanter
Hermitage, Pennsylvania
August 19, 2023
to participate in a match

Mr. Smallwood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the above request for an out-of-state field trip as recommended by the Superintendent.

On roll call members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried

IMPRACTICAL TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Atway made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smallwood, to approve amending Resolution #24-2024 declaring transportation impractical for students listed.

On roll call members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried

APPROVE FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT

Mr. Wilkeson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smallwood, to approve Cesar Gomez Sanchez as a foreign exchange student from Spain.

On roll call members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE IMPACT GROUP

Mr. Smallwood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the Communication/PR agreement with The Impact Group effective August 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024 at \$50,000.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Mr. Atway-yes Mr. Campbell-yes Mr. Smallwood-yes Mr. Wilkeson-no Mrs. DeCapua-yes

The President declared the motion carried

APPROVE SUBSTITUTE DAILY RATE INCREASE

Mr. Atway made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve an increase for substitute teachers to \$120 per day.

On roll call members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried

DONATION

Miss Prince presented the following donation and recommended it be accepted:

Roseann & Bryan Peluso	\$ 50.00	James Watkins Scholarship Fund
Total Cash Donations	\$ 50.00	

Mr. Wilkeson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smallwood, to accept the above donation as presented.

On roll call members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Campbell made a motion at 6:35 p.m., seconded by Mr. Smallwood, to adjourn to a confidential executive session to discuss negotiations and the appointment, employment or compensation of an employee.

On roll call members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried.

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RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened at 7:41 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 7:42 p.m., Mr. Wilkeson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Atway, to adjourn. The motion carried without dissent.

Mrs. Traci K. DeCapua, President

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.