

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 announced we received a district wide PBIS Award, first time in the history for the district.

Mr. Knoll announced the board of education will not place a bond issue on the March ballot which means the earliest the district can be back on the ballot is in November.

Mr. Knoll shared pictures from the Lighting of the Green (a Canfield Rotary project) as well as other holiday events and performances.

Mr. Knoll announced Christmas break for students- December 20, 2023 - January 3, 2024, with staff to return a day earlier.

BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION

Mr. Knoll thanked Mr. Smallwood and Mr. Wilkeson for their tenure on the board. They were both presented with gifts of appreciation.

Mr. Atway also thanked both for their service.

Mr. Wilkeson reflected on technology, security and transparency accomplishments during his tenure and hopes that the next board can advance the facilities project.

Mr. Smallwood thanked the board for the opportunity to serve and commented on the board and administration’s integrity in the operation of the district. He offered continued assistance with the facilities project.

Mrs. DeCapua also offered words of appreciation.

INTRODUCTION OF NOVEMBER ROTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The following November Rotary Students of the Month were introduced:

Dr. Potts presented Brandon Vallett, Senior

Mr. Rubin presented Donnie Ferko, Grade 8

Mr. Lavery presented Derek Whitman, CHC Grade 4

Mr. Flood presented Sophia Kuwik, Hilltop Grade 4

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mrs. DeCapua presented Resolutions #37-2024 through #77-2024 honoring the following individuals/teams:

Lauren Miasek
Bryce Roberts
Nathan Miller
Mick Ambrose
Nick Beistel
Simon Kovass
CHS Boys Golf Team
CHS Girls Golf Team
Aubree Philibin
Alex Conley
Miya Cohol
Taylor Morrone
CHS Boys Soccer Team
Ethan Mulichak
Drew Snyder
Ryan Dangol
Whitney Miller
Hadley Moser
Sisira Nalluri
Alex Hammar
Blake Baker
Lauren Runion
Linsey Plant
Sabrina Baskett
Anna Vennetti
Mia Gaffney
Gianna Gamberale
Kaylie Harmon
CHS Girls Soccer Team
Maci Toporcer
Hanna Wahib
Vivian Nohra
Ava Paris
CHS Girls Tennis Team
Santino Cocca
Vince Luce
Mike Malkovits
Scott Eaton
Danny Inglis
Anthony Mazzella
Angelo DeLucia

CAPITAL CONFERENCE BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Campbell shared his take-away on leadership and communication.

Mr. Atway shared his take-away on communication and misinformation.

Mr. Knoll commented on a session he attended concerning having high school students become referees.

TREASURER’S REPORTS

Mr. Smallwood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the check payment register for the month ending September 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.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Frank Micchia spoke on the shared resource officer at the elementary schools. He appealed to the board to consider a full-time resource officer at each elementary.

LICENSED RESIGNATION, CLASSIFIED RESIGNATIONS, CLASSIFIED HIRING, HIRING CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES, HIRING PARAPROFESSIONAL, EXTRACURRICULAR HIRING

Mr. Knoll made the following recommendations:

Resignation – Licensed:

Meaghan Carroll Hilltop Kindergarten Teacher
effective December 1, 2023

Resignations – Classified:

Elizabeth Bufkin Hilltop Special Needs Aide
effective December 4, 2023

Britney Jonda Hilltop Instructional Aide
effective January 8, 2024

Hiring – Classified:

Melissa LaManna Hilltop Instructional Aide
at \$15.77 per hour, 5.5 hours per day
effective January 8, 2024

Sophia Smith Hilltop Special Needs Aide
at \$15.77 per hour, 3.75 hours per day

effective date pending appropriate licensure and background check

Hiring Classified Substitutes:

Kim West
Melissa Jackson

Hiring – Paraprofessional:

(To be reimbursed by Boosters)

Nick Mattiussi Band Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour

Hiring – Extracurricular for the 2023-24 School Year:

In-District Licensed Extracurricular

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| Head Girls Track Coach | Leslie Holmes | \$ 6,142 |
| Boys Tennis Coach | Pat Pavlansky | 5,323 |
| Head Girls Lacrosse Coach | Melynda Guerrieri | 5,323 |

Out-of-District Licensed Extracurricular (Resolution #78-2024)

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| Freshman Softball Coach | Rebecca Hartz | \$ 4,504 |
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Non-Licensed Extracurricular (Resolution #79-2024)

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| Head Softball Coach | Mike Kernan | \$7,371 |
| Varsity Assistant Softball Coach | Barb Balestrino | 4,914 |
| JV Softball Coach | Kerry Durkin | 4,914 |
| Softball Volunteer | Caitlyn Sapp | |
| Asst. Girls Lacrosse Coach | Megan Tyson | 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.

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

FIVE-YEAR FORECAST

Mr. Smallwood and Mr. Wilkeson presented the five-year forecast. After much discussion, Mr. Wilkeson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smallwood, to adopt the Five-Year Financial projections 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.

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:

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| Boys Varsity Bowling Team | Participate in a Bowling Tournament Centerville, Ohio January 12-13, 2024 Providing travel and lodging are paid by an outside source |
| CVMS 5 th Grade Students | Outdoor Educational Experience Camp Fitch North Springfield, Pennsylvania May 22-24, 2024 Providing lodging is paid by an outside source |

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Atway, to approve the above requests for out-of-state/overnight field trips 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.

POLICY ADOPTION

Mr. Wilkeson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to adopt Policy 0164 – Notice of Meetings - revised.

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.

TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

Mr. Atway made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smallwood to approve Resolution #80-2024 to request the ESC of Eastern Ohio to initiate the transfer of property from Boardman Local School District to Canfield Local School District.

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.

CALENDAR PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Knoll announced the Calendar Public hearing per ORC.

BOARD MEETING DATES

The date of the Organizational Meeting was set for Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with the January regular Board of Education meeting to follow.

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM

Mr. Atway was appointed as President Pro-Tem for the organizational meeting.

OSBA MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Wilkeson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smallwood, to approve membership in OSBA for 2024 for \$7,159 plus subscriptions for School Management News.

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.

DONATIONS

Mrs. DeCapua presented the following donations and recommended they be accepted:

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| Kapalko Family | \$ 100.00 | CVMS Playground Beautification Project |
| Ohiopyle Prints, Inc. | 92.00 | HS Principal's Fund |
| Gene Haas Foundation | 2,500.00 | Jets Club |
| Canfield PTA | 2,775.81 | Hilltop Outdoor Rug |
| Nader & Ayam Atway | 100.00 | CHS Craft Show Concessions |
| Farmers National Bank | 100.00 | CHS Craft Show Basket Auction |
| David & DeAnna Griswold | 100.00 | CVMS Playground Beautification Project |
| Heather & Timothy Bauman | 100.00 | CVMS Playground Beautification Project |
| D'Apolito Family | 25.00 | CHS Craft Show |
| Lunsford Family | 25.00 | CHS Craft Show |
| Neal & Vanessa McDonald | 100.00 | CVMS Playground Beautification Project |
| Robert Lane | 250.00 | CVMS Playground Beautification Project |
| Kathryn & Mark Geisler | 100.00 | Speech & Debate Fund |
| Steven Robbins & Jennifer Manning | 250.00 | Speech & Debate Fund |
| Tri State Lung & Sleep Associates, Inc. | 100.00 | Speech & Debate Fund |
| Joann & Robert Weber | 50.00 | Canfield Players |
| Faisal & Catherine Bajwa | 500.00 | Canfield Players |
| Paul & Jennifer Kadilak | 50.00 | Canfield Players |
| David Vernon | 500.00 | Canfield Players |
| Christopher & Carrie Hall | 50.00 | Canfield Players |
| Nicholas & Anissa Modarelli | 200.00 | Canfield Players |
| CMDI LLC | 100.00 | Canfield Players |
| Ellashek Dental | 100.00 | Canfield Players |

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| Erica Richley-Duda | 100.00 | Canfield Players |
| Canfield Rotary Association | 360.00 | Interact Club |
| Zachary & Laura VanBrocklin | 100.00 | Speech & Debate Fund |
| Sisters Cupboard and Closet, LLC | 250.00 | Speech & Debate Fund |
| Rita's Italian Ice | 100.00 | Speech & Debate Fund |
| James & Kimberly Gilbert | 100.00 | Speech & Debate Fund |
| Patricia DeRosa | 500.00 | Cardinal's Nest at Hilltop |
| Anonymous | 1,000.00 | Hilltop Library Fund |
| Symons Family | 40.00 | Hilltop Library Fund |
| Kedar & Varada Bhide | 100.00 | Speech & Debate Fund |
| Gary & Lucy Kerns | 250.00 | Speech & Debate Fund |
| Animal Medical Care Center | 100.00 | Speech & Debate Fund |
| Robert & Sarah Faix | 100.00 | Speech & Debate Fund |
| Buckeyes and More, LLC | 20.00 | CHS Craft Show |
| Truenorth | 363.79 | The Giving Pump General Fund Donation |
| Coca-Cola Give | 35.38 | CHS Principal's Fund |
| Nicolinni's Chophouse | 500.00 | Speech & Debate Fund |
| Asif Khan & Shermeen Farukhi | 500.00 | Speech & Debate Fund |
| Steven Aubel | 250.00 | Speech & Debate Fund |
| Wilson Lane Farm | 100.00 | Speech & Debate Fund |
| Total Cash Donations | \$13,136.98 | |

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilkeson, to accept the above donations 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.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 7:02 p.m., Mr. Smallwood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilkeson, 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.