

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:

Mr. Nader Atway, President
Mrs. Traci DeCapua, Vice President
Dr. Betsy Ahlquist
Mr. Matt Campbell
Mr. Steven DeMaiolo

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT/BOARD MEMBER INPUT

Mr. Knoll reflected on our Positively Canfield Theme for this year as follows:

Mr. Knoll announced School Counselor Appreciation Week followed by Mrs. DeCapua presenting a proclamation recognizing counselors’ dedication to their job.

Mr. Knoll announced School Resource Officer Appreciation Day, February 15th and recognized officers Sroka, Garstka and Zmuda.

Mr. Knoll presented pictures from Military Appreciation Night.

Mr. Knoll noted his postings of positivity on social media, specifically, Instagram and Twitter.

Mr. Knoll announced that Canfield is sending four students to Buckeye Girls State. He noted there are only five representatives for the whole county.

Mr. Knoll stated that the Power of Pen Team took 1st place in competition.

Mr. Knoll mentioned the Kindness Club is making fleece blankets to be donated.

Mr. Knoll announced that the Challenge 24 Club, a new math competition, will be held in Canfield on March 7th.

Mr. Knoll stated the Innovation Fund will be kicking off an online auction on April 15th to raise funds for innovative projects that teachers will make application for.

Mr. Knoll had athletic updates:

Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball both won The Battle of 224 by beating Poland in Basketball.

8th Grade Girls Basketball won the League Championship.

Mr. Reel received a celebratory basketball for his 200th career win.

Girls Swim Team were Sectional Champions.

Mr. Knoll continued his district updates:

Mr. Knoll shared that ten students received Scholastic Art Awards.

Mr. Knoll stated that conference night would be February 15th for all buildings.

Mr. Knoll gave a Facility Planning Update – timelines were presented, should the board decide to place something on the November ballot, July 8 being the first deadline.

Mr. Knoll commented on the property reappraisal – noting our previous comments were accurate concerning what increases were to be expected.

Mr. Atway commented that he feels we should be using information already learned from the facilities committee and not engaging them again but moving directly to the levy committee. He suggests our focus/priority should be on a new Middle School with select renovations to other buildings.

The remaining Board Members supported this decision and welcomed input from the community. The consensus was a November bond issue at a reduced amount. Discussions are to continue.

INTRODUCTION OF JANUARY ROTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The following January Rotary Students of the Month were introduced:

Mr. Flood presented Everett Calder, Hilltop Grade 4

Dr. Potts presented Camryn Hritz, Senior

Mr. Rubin presented Giuliana Sebastiani, Grade 8

Mr. Lavery presented Grace Carpenter, CHC Grade 4

MINUTES

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, to waive the reading of the minutes of the January 10, 2024, Organizational Meeting and the January 31, 2024, Special Meeting and approve the minutes as presented.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Dr. Ahlquist-yes Mr. Campbell-yes Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. DeMaiolo-yes Mr. Atway-yes

The President declared the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ahlquist, to approve the check payment register for the months ending October 31, 2023 and November 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:

Dr. Ahlquist-yes Mr. Campbell-yes Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. DeMaiolo-yes Mr. Atway-yes

The President declared the motion carried.

COMMENTS

Jason Henry commented on the Board’s impossible position they have been put in. The Canfield community elected the board to do what’s best for the school district and then told the board you can’t do it because of their unwillingness to support the funding. He recommends putting focus committees together to see why the bond issue failed.

Mr. Atway and Mrs. DeCapua sent prayers to Frank Micchia.

RESIGNATIONS, TRANSFER/REASSIGNMENT, APPROVE PARENTAL LEAVE, APPROVE CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES, EXTRACURRICULAR HIRING

Mr. Knoll made the following recommendations:

Resignations – Licensed:

Donald Crum CHS Education Technology Teacher
effective June 1, 2024

Morgan Urbania CHS English Teacher
effective June 1, 2024

Transfer/Reassignment - Licensed:

Cassandra Bekish from Intervention Tutor
to long term permanent substitute Intervention Specialist
at \$222.543 per day
effective approximately April 18, 2024

Approve Parental Leave:

Nicolina Baker CVMS Intervention Specialist
unpaid parental leave following use of six weeks sick leave
from approximately April 19, 2024
returning May 31, 2024

Approve Classified Substitutes:

Mary Rachel Moyer effective January 18, 2024
Carl Cramer Jr.
Stephen Sylak

Hiring – Extracurricular for the 2023-24 School Year:

Non-Licensed Extracurricular (Resolution #88-2024)

Head Boys Track Coach (.7 time)	Bethany Crouch	\$ 4,299
Head Boys Track Coach (.3 time)	Julia Crouch	2,211

Hiring – Extracurricular for the 2024-25 School Year:

Non-Licensed Extracurricular (Resolution #89-2024)

Head Boys Soccer Coach	Phil Simone	\$ 7,170
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Head Girls Soccer Coach

Phil Simone

7,170

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. DeMaiolo made a motion, seconded by Mrs. DeCapua, to approve the above recommendations as presented by the Superintendent.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Dr. Ahlquist-yes Mr. Campbell-yes Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. DeMaiolo-yes Mr. Atway-yes

The President declared the motion carried.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mr. Knoll recommended the board adopt the school calendar for the 2024-2025 school year.

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ahlquist, to adopt the 2024-2025 school calendar as presented.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Dr. Ahlquist-yes Mr. Campbell-yes Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. DeMaiolo-yes Mr. Atway-yes

The President declared the motion carried.

OHSSA MEMBERSHIP

Mr. DeMaiolo made a motion, seconded by Mrs. DeCapua, to adopt Resolution #90-2024 to approve membership in the OHSAA for the 2024-2025 school year.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Dr. Ahlquist-yes Mr. Campbell-yes Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. DeMaiolo-yes Mr. Atway-yes

The President declared the motion carried.

APPROVE FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, to approve the following exchange student for the second semester:

Simea Peter from Switzerland

On roll call members voted as follows:

Dr. Ahlquist-yes Mr. Campbell-yes Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. DeMaiolo-yes Mr. Atway-yes

The President declared the motion carried

SUMMER SCHOOL REQUESTS

Mr. Knoll presented the following requests for summer school:

C. H. Campbell and Hilltop Elementary	June 10 – 20, 2024
CVMS	June 3 – 28, 2024
CHS	June 3 – 28, 2024

Dr. Ahlquist made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the requests for summer school as recommended by the Superintendent.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Dr. Ahlquist-yes Mr. Campbell-yes Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. DeMaiolo-yes Mr. Atway-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:

CHS Baseball Team	Participate in the Mingo Bay Classic Tournament Myrtle Beach, South Carolina March 30 – April 6, 2024 Provided transportation and lodging are covered by an outside source
CH Campbell 1 st Grade Class	Participate in an Outdoor Education Experience Keystone Safari Grove City, Pennsylvania May 24, 2024
CHS Varsity Wrestling Team	Participate in Sectional Tournament Canal Fulton, Ohio February 23 – 24, 2024
JV & Varsity Volleyball Teams	Participate in a Tournament and Team Bonding Cedar Point Sandusky, Ohio July 14 – 16, 2024 Provided transportation and lodging are covered by an outside source

Mr. DeMaiolo made a motion, seconded by Mrs. DeCapua, to approve the above requests for out-of-state/overnight field trips as recommended by the Superintendent.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Dr. Ahlquist-yes Mr. Campbell-yes Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. DeMaiolo-yes Mr. Atway-yes

The President declared the motion carried.

DONATIONS

Mr. Atway presented the following donations and recommended they be accepted:

Canfield Rotary Association	\$ 1,000.00	CVMS Playground Beautification Project
Mr. Mark Davis	200.00	Kate Farragher Memorial Trust Fund for the Arts
Sam Boak	180.00	Interact Club
Francis & Marcia Turocy	589.00	Washington D.C. Trip
The Anthony J. Fox Family Foundation	5,000.00	CVMS Playground Beautification Project
Rebecca Heikkinen	500.00	CVMS Playground Beautification Project
Kerry & Jared Wires	200.00	CVMS Playground Beautification Project
Freed Land Co. LLC	500.00	CVMS Playground Beautification Project
Robert Senn Studio	1,153.00	Hilltop Principal's Fund
Robert Senn Studio	1,174.00	CH Campbell Principal's Fund
Robert Senn Studio	1,691.00	CVMS Principal's Fund
Robert Senn Studio		CH Campbell 4 th Grade Group Shot
 Total Cash Donations	 \$12,187.00	

Mrs. DeCapua made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ahlquist, to accept the above donations as presented.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Dr. Ahlquist-yes Mr. Campbell-yes Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. DeMaiolo-yes Mr. Atway-yes

The President declared the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 6:54 p.m., Mrs. DeCapua made a motion, seconded by Mr. Atway, to adjourn. The motion carried without dissent.

Mr. Nader G. Atway, 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.