

July 10, 2024

### **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. Steven DeMaiolo

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### **RECOGNITION OF RETIREES**

Mr. Knoll introduced the 2024 retirees. The following retirees were recognized:

Licensed:

Don Crum  
Michelle Tancer (not in attendance)  
Diane Tuchek

Classified:

Sherry Atherton (not in attendance)  
George Malich Sr. (not in attendance)  
Cindy Rawlings  
Nancy Sabol (not in attendance)  
Eileen Shultz (not in attendance)

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### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Knoll mentioned that the Cardinal Communique has been mailed to the community highlighting the accomplishments of the 2023-2024 school year.

Mr. Knoll recognized Miss Prince for receiving the State Auditors Award.

Mr. Knoll announced Final Forms as the new enrollment platform which went live June 1, 2024.

Mr. Knoll provided details on the Summer Renovation Projects which are primarily focusing on Safety and Security and are being funded by permanent improvement funds, carryover general fund monies and school improvement notes. These projects include:

Secure Vestibules at CH Campbell - \$72,877 and Hilltop - \$59,700  
High School Roof - \$507,500 + \$6,000 change orders  
High School Paving - \$435,971 + \$38,260 storm water drainage  
CH Campbell HVAC Upgrades - \$275,908  
Athletic Upgrades - Softball/Baseball Fields - \$129,000  
Tennis Courts Resurfacing - \$42,500

Mr. Knoll stated that Bids/Estimates came in under original estimates.

Mr. Knoll presented the Bond Issue Timeline, totaling \$64,190,000 for the November 5, 2024 election.

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### **MINUTES**

Mrs. DeCapua made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, to waive the reading of the minutes of the June 12, 2024, regular meeting and the June 28, 2024, special meeting and approve the minutes as presented.

On roll call members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried.

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### **TREASURER'S REPORTS**

Dr. Ahlquist made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, to approve the check payment register for the month ending May 31, 2024, 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   Mrs. DeCapua-yes   Mr. DeMaiolo-yes   Mr. Atway-yes

The President declared the motion carried.

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### **RESIGNATIONS, LICENSED HIRING, TRANSFER/REASSIGNMENTS, CLASSIFIED HIRING, SALARY CORRECTION, AND HIRING EXTRACURRICULAR**

Mr. Knoll made the following recommendations:

#### **Resignations:**

|               |                                                                |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Cheryl Beck   | CHS Health Aide<br>effective July 1, 2024                      |
| Kailyn Clark  | Hilltop Special Needs Aide<br>effective July 1, 2024           |
| Markie Ihnat  | CHS English Teacher<br>effective July 9, 2024                  |
| Kerrie Wiand  | Hilltop, Grade 3 Teacher<br>effective July 9, 2024             |
| Larry Kabetso | Coordinator of Transportation only<br>effective August 1, 2024 |
| Rick Prescott | CHS Assistant Principal<br>effective August 1, 2024            |

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**Hiring – Licensed:**

Jacob Reid

CHS English Teacher  
at \$66,638 per year  
effective 2024-2025 school year  
pending verification of transcripts

Amy Osborne

Hilltop, Grade 3 Teacher  
at \$63,264 per year  
effective 2024-2025 school year  
pending issuance of a valid Ohio Teaching License

**Transfer/Reassign:**

Lisa Rapp

from Tutor at CH Campbell  
to CH Campbell, Grade 1 Teacher  
at \$73,597 – 1 Year Limited Contract

Carla Hood

from CH Campbell Playground Aide  
to CH Campbell Cafeteria Aide

**Hiring – Classified:**

Jon Brewer

Sound and Lighting Technician  
at \$18.00 per hour, as needed

**Approve Correction to the Salary for CHS Instrumental Music Teacher:**

Anthony Bonamase

\$48,502

**Hiring – Extracurricular for the 2024-2025 School Year:**

**Non-Licensed Extracurricular (Resolution #1-2025)**

Freshman Volleyball Coach

Bailey Reardon

\$ 3,374

Contract is pending verification of BCI/FBI background check and completion of all required certifications and courses including but not limited to Pupil Activity Validation and CPR certification 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   Mrs. DeCapua-yes   Mr. DeMaiolo-yes   Mr. Atway-yes

The President declared the motion carried.

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**OSBA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING DELEGATES**

Mrs. DeCapua was appointed the delegate and Mr. DeMaiolo the alternate to the OSBA Annual Business Meeting to be held in November 2024.

### **GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS**

Mr. Knoll presented the following grant applications for FY25 and recommended they be approved:

|                      | <u>FY25</u>   |
|----------------------|---------------|
| IDEA                 | \$ 548,870.46 |
| Title I              | 200,197.14    |
| Title II-A           | 52,350.31     |
| Title IV-A           | 15,586.36     |
| IDEA Early Childhood | 13,959.34*    |

\*county consortium

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

On roll call members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried.

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### **BUS STOPS**

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

On roll call members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried.

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### **IMPRACTICAL TRANSPORTATION**

Mrs. DeCapua made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ahlquist to amend Resolution #168-2024 to Resolution #2-2025, declaring transportation impractical for listed students.

On roll call members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried.

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### **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BONDS**

Mrs. DeCapua made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ahlquist, to adopt Resolution #3-2025 determining to proceed with submitting the question of the issuance of school improvement bonds in the aggregate amount of \$64,190,000. Mr. Atway and Dr. Ahlquist expressed their excitement and the need to educate the community. Miss Prince indicated the millage is set at 3.7 mills.

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On roll call members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried.

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### **CHANGE TO POLICY 3411**

Dr. Ahlquist made a motion, seconded by Mrs. DeCapua, to approve change to Policy 3411, Placement on Salary Schedule. Mr. Vitto explained this will give the Superintendent the authority to grant experience for out of state public teaching experience if so desired.

On roll call members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried.

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### **APPROVE SALARY INCREASES**

Mrs. DeCapua made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ahlquist to approve salary increases as per document entitled Administrative, Director, Supervisor, and Non-Union Salary Proposals.

On roll call members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried.

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### **DONATION**

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

|                       |              |                                                   |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| The Cafaro Foundation | \$ 10,000.00 | CHS Athletic Fund in Honor of Girls Softball Team |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------|

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

On roll call members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried.

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### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. DeMaiolo made a motion at 6:34 p.m., seconded by Mrs. DeCapua, to adjourn to a confidential executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee.

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On roll call members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried.

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**RECONVENE**

The meeting reconvened at 8:16 p.m.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, at 8:17 p.m., Mr. DeMaiolo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ahlquist, to adjourn. The motion carried without dissent.

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Mr. Nader G. Atway, 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).*