

**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

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**SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE/BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Knoll presented highlights of the following events:

- Annual Tailgate, prior to Poland football game, sponsored by the PTA and included Military First Responders Appreciation Night and Purple Star recognition
- Start with Hello Week
- Champion’s Day

Mr. Knoll shared the schools 5 star report card for 2023-24 and noted Canfield Schools is the only district who received this rating in all of Mahoning County.

Mr. Knoll announced National Principal Appreciation Month and thanked the district principals.

Mr. Knoll announced the Veteran’s Day Program to be held on November 8 at the High School at 8:00 a.m. and requested military pictures be sent in prior to the event.

Mr. Knoll highlighted the November bond issue:

- New 2-story Middle School
- 3.7 mills
- renovations to Canfield High School, Hilltop, and CH Campbell
- \$64,190,000 would cost \$10.79 per month, per \$100,000 property value

Mr. Knoll gave an overview of the summer projects:

- Secure vestibules at CH Campbell and Hilltop
- CHS Parking Lot Resurfacing
- CHS Roof Repair
- Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Baseball and Softball Fields Drainage
- CHC HVAC upgrade

Mr. Atway congratulated the district for its five star rating.

Mr. Atway commented that the new building will provide an enhanced learning environment and encouraged the community to ask questions. He also thanked the principals and recognized them for their dedication to the position.

**INTRODUCTION OF SEPTEMBER ROTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

The following September Rotary Students of the Month were introduced:

Dr. Potts presented Tarik Mashqbeh, CHS, Senior

Mr. Rubin presented Noelle Sahil, CVMS, Grade 8

Mr. Lavery presented Sadie Zone, CHC, Grade 4

Mr. Flood presented Riley Kester, Hilltop, Grade 4

**MINUTES**

Mrs. DeCapua made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, to waive the reading of the minutes of the September 11, 2024, regular meeting and the September 30, 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**

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

The President declared the motion carried.

**RESIGNATION, HIRING LICENSED, HIRING CLASSIFIED, APPROVE CLASSIFIED  
SUBSTITUTES, EXTRACURRICULAR HIRING**

Mr. Knoll made the following recommendations:

**Resignation**

Cassondra Bekish

CVMS Intervention Tutor  
effective immediately

**Hiring - Licensed**

Leah Newton

CVMS Intervention Tutor  
at \$28.71 per hour, 7 hours per day  
effective October 10, 2024

Jason Schafer CVMS Daily Substitute  
at \$120 per day for the 2024-25 school year  
effective October 1, 2024

**Hiring – Classified**

Nicole Guy CVMS Special Needs Aide  
at \$16.24 per hour for 3.75 hours per day

**Approve Classified Substitutes:**

Kristen Palm

Callie Nemeth

**Hiring – Extracurricular for the 2024-25 School Year:**

**In-District Licensed Extracurricular**

Saturday Girls Basketball Coordinator	Todd Muckleroy	\$ 1,687
Freshman Girls Basketball	Jason Morell	4,218

**Non-Licensed Extracurricular (Resolution #8-2025)**

* Assistant Cross Country Coach	Ron Sinkovich	\$ 1,000
MS Cheerleading Advisor (BK)	Katie Yasher	2,109
* Assistant Boys Basketball Coach	Chris Brooks	4,639
Girls Basketball Coach Volunteer	Harmony Stanger	
Varsity Assistant Wrestling Coach	Stan Socha	5,061
JV Wrestling Coach (.5 time)	Adontis Watson	2,531
JV Wrestling Coach (.5 time)	Jim Hideg	2,531
Freshman Wrestling Coach (.125 time)	Adontis Watson	580
Freshman Wrestling Coach (.125 time)	Jim Hideg	580
Freshman Wrestling Coach (.375 time)	Ty Stricko	1,424
Freshman Wrestling Coach (.375 time)	Caleb Arnold	1,424
MS Wrestling Coach (.5 time)	Ty Stricko	1,687
MS Wrestling Coach (.5 time)	Caleb Arnold	1,687
MS Wrestling Coach	Shawn Williams	4,218
* Assistant Wrestling Coach	Randy Langham	1,000
Wrestling Coach Volunteer	Marco Parry	
Wrestling Coach Volunteer	Steve DeMaiolo	
Wrestling Coach Volunteer	Brian Mlinarsik	
Swimming Coach Volunteer	AJ Grohovsky	
Hockey Coach Volunteer	Tyler Christie	

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

Mrs. DeCapua made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, 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.

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

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

Varsity Wrestling Team To participate in a wrestling tournament  
North Canton, Ohio  
December 20-21, 2024  
Provided lodging and transportation are paid for by an outside source

Varsity Wrestling Team To participate in a wrestling tournament  
Triadelphia, West Virginia  
December 26-28, 2024  
Provided lodging and transportation are paid for by an outside source

Mr. DeMaiolo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ahlquist, to approve the above out-of-state/overnight field trips 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.

**IMPRACTICAL TRANSPORTATION**

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. DeCapua, to approve amending Resolution #2-2025 declaring transportation impractical for students as listed.

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:

Junior Women’s League of Canfield, Inc.	\$ 1,000.00	Champion’s Day
Robert Senn		Retired Teacher Portrait (Moldovan)
Asif Khan & Shermeen Farukhi	250.00	Speech and Debate Fund
Hanade Suleiman	250.00	Speech and Debate Fund

Steven Robbins & Jennifer Manning	250.00	Speech and Debate Fund
Kathryn & Mark Geisler	250.00	Speech and Debate Fund
Tri State Lung & Sleep Associates, Inc.	100.00	Speech and Debate Fund
James & Kimberly Gilbert	250.00	Speech and Debate Fund
Nadeem & Aisha Bajwa	250.00	Speech and Debate Fund
Kedar & Varada Bhide	250.00	Speech and Debate Fund
Daniel & Danielle Procopio	100.00	Speech and Debate Fund
Zachary & Laura VanBrocklin	100.00	Speech and Debate Fund
Nicolinni's Chophouse	500.00	Speech and Debate Fund
Total Cash Donations	\$ 3,550.00	

Mr. DeMaiolo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, 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.

Mr. Atway commented that discussion could be held on voucher litigation at the next meeting or two.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, at 6:45 p.m., Mr. DeMaiolo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to adjourn. The motion carried without dissent.

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Mr. Nader G. Atway, President

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Mrs. 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).*