

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

INTRODUCTION OF NOVEMBER ROTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The following November Rotary Students of the Month were introduced:

Dr. Potts presented Luke Staebler, Senior

Mr. Maroni presented Callie Kester, Grade 8

Mr. Lavery presented Gino Herdman, CHC Grade 4

Mr. Flood presented Jocelyn Stellato (October Rotary Student of the Month), Hilltop Grade 4

Mr. Flood presented Scarlett Theisler, Hilltop Grade 4

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mrs. DeCapua presented Resolutions #23-2025 through #50-2025 honoring the following individuals/teams:

Canfield High School Girls Golf Team
Miya Cohol
Natalie Sawicki
Aubree Philibin
Alex Conley
The Canfield Boys Soccer Team
Drew Snyder
Ryan Dangol
Adam Ghossain
Brady Casey
Alec Dace
Sean Harrington
Collin Casey
Canfield High School Girls Soccer Team
Lexi Toporcer
Ava Paris
Lena Wahib
Halle Toporcer
Gianna Marino

Carlyn McCormick
Gabby Orr
Marissa Marino
Canfield High School Girls Cross Country Team
Anna Venetti
Lillian Klimas
Mia Gaffney
Sabrina Baskett
Alex Taranto

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD OF EDUCATION BOND ISSUE DISCUSSION

Mr. Knoll mentioned there are time sensitive deadlines if we are moving forward in May, and asked the board's input.

Mr. Atway indicated that more time was needed to plan and educate if we are going to be thoughtful and intentional in our next steps. We will have discussions beginning in January to plan those next steps, but the earliest we would be back on the ballot would be November and not May.

Dr. Ahlquist agreed and stressed the importance of the levy committee having time to raise funds.

Mrs. DeCapua reinforced that the work does not stop even if we aren't going to be on the May ballot.

Mr. Atway also stressed that not knowing about the bond issue is not a valid excuse.

MINUTES

Mr. DeMaiolo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ahlquist, to waive the reading of the minutes of the November 13, 2024, regular meeting and the November 26, 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

Mrs. DeCapua made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the check payment register for the month ending September 30, 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.

Miss Prince commented on the recently approved five year forecast to clarify misinformation that was presented in recent media communications. She stated in each year of

the five year forecast, expenditures are projected to exceed revenue. However, the large beginning carryover cash balance is projected to carry the district through all five years and the district will not be in a deficit position at the conclusion of the forecast. She also stressed that it is important to note that the state funding formula does not provide increases in base funding for districts like Canfield with higher than state average property valuation per pupil and higher than state average median income per pupil. Hence, this puts an added responsibility at the local level to support the schools and for this we are grateful to the community for their past support. Miss Prince emphasized that this is just a forecast and the board and the administration will work hard in the future to balance the budget.

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.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jason Henry spoke on facilities. He commented that as we go into the new year we need to gather data and recommended the school board be proactive in gathering this information in compliance with the law and if not permitted under law, he recommended the board join together to protest the current legal structure. That way the board can be more active in promoting this levy.

Mr. Knoll stated the restrictions as dictated by the auditor's office and reiterated our hands are tied.

LICENSED RESIGNATION, CLASSIFIED RESIGNATION, HIRING PARAPROFESSIONAL AND EXTRACURRICULAR HIRING

Mr. Knoll made the following recommendations:

Resignation – Licensed:

Cheryl Tubic	CVMS Grade 6 Teacher effective June 1, 2025 requesting Retire/Rehire
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Resignation – Classified:

Becky Howell	Hilltop Special Needs Aide effective December 4, 2024
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Hiring – Paraprofessional:

(To be reimbursed by Boosters)
Sherry Larson Band Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour

Hiring – Extracurricular for the 2024-25 School Year:

In-District Licensed Extracurricular

MS Track Coach	Todd Muckleroy	\$ 4,218
MS Track Coach	Dan DiGiacomo	4,218

Out-of-District Licensed Extracurricular (Resolution #51-2025)

Head Boys Track Coach	Chris Morchak	\$6,326
MS Track Coach	Andrew Morchak	4,218

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.

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:

College-bound Juniors at CHS	Attend National College Fair Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania January 28, 2025
Jets Robotics Club	Compete in the Rocket City Regional Competition Huntsville, Alabama March 12-16, 2025 Providing lodging and transportation are paid by an outside source
Jets Robotics Club	Compete in the Greater Pittsburgh Regional Competition Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania March 20-22, 2025 Providing lodging is paid by an outside source
Jets Robotics Club	Compete in the Buckeye Regional Competition Cleveland, Ohio April 3-8, 2025 Providing lodging is paid by an outside source
Varsity Softball Team	Participate in games Myrtle Beach, South Carolina April 19-26, 2025 Providing lodging and transportation are paid by an outside source
CHS Choir and Band	Choir and Band Performance

	Orlando, Florida April 3 – 10, 2026 Providing lodging and transportation are paid by an outside source
CHS Baseball Teams	Compete in a tournament Pigeon Forge, Tennessee April 16-20, 2025 Providing lodging and transportation are paid by an outside source
CHS Seniors	Participate in the 2025 Senior Trip New York City, New York December 13-15, 2024 Providing lodging and transportation are paid by an outside source
Eighth Grade Students	To visit the Nation’s Capital Washington, D.C. May 14-16, 2025 Providing lodging and transportation are paid by an outside source

Dr. Ahlquist made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, 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.

CALENDAR PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Knoll announced that the school calendar is currently being worked on.

FIRST READING OF POLICIES

Mrs. DeCapua made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ahlquist, to approve the first reading of the following policies:

0100	Definitions
0142.1	Oath
0151	Organizational Meeting
0152	Officers
0155	Presiding Officer
0163	Presiding Officer
0164	Notice of Meetings
0165	Board Meetings
0165.1	Regular Meetings

0165.2	Special Meetings
0166	Agendas
0167.2	Executive Session
0167.7	Use of Personal Communication Devices
0173	Board Officers
2260.01	Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability
2460.03	Independent Educational Evaluations
4120.08	Employment of Personnel of Co-Curricular Activities/Extracurricular Activities
4121	Criminal History Record Check
5131	Student Transfers
5136.01	Electronic Equipment
5200	Attendance
5500	Student Conduct
5780	Student/Parent Rights
6108	Authorization to Make Electronic Fund Transfers
6220	Budget Preparation
6460	Vendor Relations
75301.01 V2	Board-Owned Technology Resources Used for Communication
7530.02	Staff Use of Personal Communication Devices
7540.03	Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
7540.04	Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
7540.09	Artificial Intelligence ("AI")
8310	Public Records
9160	Public Attendance at School Events
1130/3113/4113	Conflict of Interest
6110	Grant Funds
6111	Internal Controls
6112	Cash Management for Grants
6114	Cost Principles- Spending Federal Funds
6325	Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds
6550	Travel Payment Reimbursement/Relocation Costs
7310	Disposition of Surplus Property
7450	Property Inventory

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.

POLICY #2265

Mrs. DeCapua made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to adopt Policy #2265 – Protection of Individual Beliefs, Affiliations, Ideals or Principles of Political Movements and Ideology. Mr. Vitto stated this is part of HB214 requiring a policy be adopted by January 2025 that prohibits the requirement for employees, applicants or students to endorse a specific political belief.

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.

OHIO FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ahlquist, to adopt Resolution #52-2025, Intent to Participate in the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission.

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.

OHIO EDCHOICE VOUCHERS

Mr. DeMaiolo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to adopt Resolution 53-2025, addressing Ohio EdChoice Vouchers. Mr. Atway indicated this Resolution challenges the EdChoice Voucher Program. He stated he does not oppose private education but opposes taking funding from public education to support private education. Discussion was held concerning reaching out to legislators to state our position and find out where they stand.

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.

OSBA MEMBERSHIP

Mrs. DeCapua made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, to approve membership in OSBA for 2025 for \$7,823 plus subscriptions for School Management News.

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.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING DATE

The date of the organizational meeting was set for Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. with the regular board of education meeting to follow.

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM

Mrs. DeCapua was appointed as President Pro-Tem for the organizational meeting.

DONATIONS

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

Robert Senn Studio	\$	Sticker Pages, Yearbook CD, DASL Upload
Linda Kilpatrick-Lee	100.00	CHS Craft Show
Michael and Missi Pompoco	100.00	CHS Craft Show
Lenora L Finsen	50.00	CHS Craft Show
Canfield Rotary Association	2,000.00	Jets Club – Robotics
Mark Davis	200.00	Kate Farragher Memorial Trust Fund for the Arts
True North Energy, LLC	546.58	Canfield School District
Beso Del Sol LLC	2,000.00	Jets Club – Robotics
Mark and Corrie Nelson	25.00	CHS Craft Show
Michele and Mark Weller	50.00	CHS Craft Show
Francis and Marcia Turocy	615.00	Washington DC Trip
Turning Point Residential Inc.	3,000.00	Jets Club – Robotics
Mr. & Mrs. C. Reid Schmutz and		
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Maughan	1,000.00	CVMS Craft Club
George B & Virginia W. Pugh Foundation	1,000.00	Jets Club – Robotics
Battelle Foundation Fund	5,000.00	Hilltop STEM Classroom
Boy Scout Troop 8115		
(Sophia Kadilak Eagle Project)	163.00	Cardinal's Nest
Total Cash Donations	\$ 15,849.58	

Dr. Ahlquist made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. DeCapua made a motion at 6:48 p.m., seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, to adjourn to a confidential executive session for the purpose of considering an investigation of a complaint against a public employee and/or a regulated individual and to consider matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes.

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.

RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened at 6:59 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 7:00 p.m., Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. DeCapua, 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.