

CALL TO ORDER

The annual organizational meeting of the Board of Education of the Canfield Local School District, Mahoning County, Ohio was called to order on the above date at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present:

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

ELECTION OF OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

Dr. Ahlquist nominated Mr. Atway as President for the 2025 year. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. Following no further nominations, on roll call members voted as follows:

Dr. Ahlquist-yes Mr. Atway-yes Mr. Campbell-yes Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. DeMaiolo-yes
Mr. Atway was declared the President for the 2025 year.

ELECTION OF OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Campbell nominated Mrs. DeCapua as Vice President for the 2025 year. Mr. Atway seconded the motion. Following no further nominations, on roll call members voted as follows:

Dr. Ahlquist-yes Mr. Campbell-yes Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. DeMaiolo-yes Mr. Atway-yes
Mrs. DeCapua was declared the Vice President for the 2025 year.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – TURNING POINT RESIDENTIAL

Kathy and John Phillips presented a \$25,000 donation check to the Robotics Program.

SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE/SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

Mr. Knoll announced that January is School Board Recognition Month and that OSBA’s theme in recognition of board members is “Superheroes”.

Mr. Knoll and Mr. Vitto presented gifts and certificates of appreciation to all board members for their dedication to the school district.

Mr. Knoll announced the Cardinal Communique is in the mail.

Mr. Knoll announced the start time of the boys basketball game has been rescheduled to 4:30 p.m. on Friday and will include Military Appreciation Night and cheering from Cardinal Sparkle Cheerleaders.

INTRODUCTION OF DECEMBER ROTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The following December Rotary Students of the Month were introduced:

Dr. Potts presented Lauren Smallwood, Senior

Mr. Flood presented Addison Campbell, Hilltop Grade 4

ANNUAL BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTIONS

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

1. Give authority to the Superintendent to carry out policies as adopted by the Board of Education.
2. Establish the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. for regular board meetings of the Board of Education in the Canfield High School Auditorium, 100 Cardinal Drive
3. Set Board of Education Service Fund at \$5,000
4. Designate the *The Vindicator* as the district's official newspaper.
5. Waive the reading of the record of proceedings of each meeting.
6. Use *Robert's Rules of Order* in the absence of Board Policy.
7. Authorize the Treasurer to pay bills within the adopted appropriations.

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.

LIAISON AND COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTEES

Mr. Atway appointed the following liaisons for 2025:

Legislative Liaison: Dr. Ahlquist

Student Achievement Liaison: Mr. DeMaiolo

Mr. Atway appointed the following committee members for 2025:

Finance: Mrs. DeCapua/Mr. Atway

Curriculum: Mr. Campbell/Mr. DeMaiolo

Building/Grounds: Dr. Ahlquist/Mr. Atway
Policy: Mrs. DeCapua/Dr. Ahlquist
Extracurricular: Mr. DeMaiolo/Mr. Campbell

MINUTES

Mrs. DeCapua made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ahlquist, to waive the reading of the minutes of the December 11, 2024, regular meeting and the December 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 Mr. DeMaiolo, to approve the cash summary report and check payment register for the month ending October 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.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Brad Kinkade presented an update and historical perspective on MSC (Material Sciences Corporation) spill. He believes there is a threat present and we need to take control of the situation.

Bruce Neff thanked Brad Kinkade and all others bringing information on the spill to the forefront. He believes public government has a responsibility for the safety of its citizens. He announced a Public Town Hall Meeting on February 3 in CHS Auditorium to get information out to the public.

Mr. Knoll indicated he has been in contact with key players on the situation.

LICENSED HIRING, CLASSIFIED HIRING, APPROVE CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES, RESIGNATION OF DAILY SUBSTITUTE, HIRING OF DAILY SUBSTITUTE AND HIRING EXTRACURRICULAR

Mr. Knoll made the following recommendations:

Hiring – Licensed:

Britney Jonda

Hilltop Intervention Tutor

effective January 6, 2025
at \$21.06 per hour – 7 hours per day

Hiring – Classified:

Tiffany Mengor

CHS Head Cook
effective January 13, 2025
at \$19.31 per hour – 7 hours per day

Approving Classified Substitutes:

Andrew Pahanish

Cassandra Ripple

Resignation – Licensed Substitute:

Alexis Crowgey

Hilltop Daily Substitute
effective January 8, 2025

Hiring – Licensed Substitute:

Brianna Valentini

Hilltop Daily Substitute
effective January 9, 2025
at \$120 per day

Hiring – Extracurricular for the 2024-25 School Year:

Non-Licensed Extracurricular (Resolution #54-2025)

Asst. Track Coach (.5 time)	Julia Crouch	\$ 2,531
Asst. Track Coach (.5 time)	Ellyse Beshara	2,109
Fall Play Assistant Director	Lauren Moliterno	2,531

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.

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.

OSBA LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ahlquist, to adopt Resolution #55-2025 to approve participation in the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund.

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.

SECOND READING OF POLICIES

Dr. Ahlquist made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the second 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 /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
7530.01 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 of 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.

DONATIONS

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

Canfield Rotary Association	\$ 230.00	Interact Club
David Bisignani	20.00	CHS Craft Show
Reggie Reynolds	40.00	CHS Craft Show
Mark D Davis	500.00	Kate Farragher Memorial Trust Fund for the Arts
Patricia DeRosa	1,000.00	Cardinal's Nest
Canfield PTA	319.96	Life Vac Units at Hilltop
Johnson & Johnson Attorneys at Law	250.00	Jets Club - Robotics
IES Systems, Inc.	1,000.00	Jets Club - Robotics
Brian and Taylor Cowles	50.00	Maintenance
Turning Point Residential Inc.	25,000.00	Jets Club - Robotics
Total Cash Donations	\$ 28,409.96	

Mr. DeMaiolo 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.

ROTARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Mr. Lavery introduced 4th grader, Macsen Sahli, as CH Campbell's Rotary Student of the Month.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 5:48 p.m., Mrs. DeCapua made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, to adjourn. The motion carried without dissent.

January 8, 2025

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.