

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
Dr. Betsy Ahlquist
Mr. Matt Campbell
Mr. Steven DeMaiolo

TREASURER PRO-TEMPORE

Dr. Betsy Ahlquist was appointed Treasurer Pro-Tempore.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/BOARD MEMBER INPUT

Mr. Atway presented proclamations recognizing school counselors and school resource officers in the district.

Mr. Knoll commented on the success of Military Appreciation Night.

Mr. Knoll shared the Kindness Club's Starbucks event.

Mr. Knoll shared end of winter season athletic highlights.

Mr. Knoll shared parent/teacher conference dates and times:

CVMS and CHS: 02/13/2025 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Elementary Schools: 02/13/2025 3:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Mr. Knoll shared midwinter break dates as 02/14/2025 – 02/17/2025.

Mr. Knoll shared information presented at the City of Canfield's community meeting on 02/03/2025 concerning the MSC Chemical Spill. Investigation, under the supervision of the EPA, is currently underway. Work is to include testing samples on district property as well as construction of a fence to prevent access to the creek. Mr. Knoll also indicated he will be contracting with an independent environmental consulting firm to provide expert advice to the district.

INTRODUCTION OF JANUARY ROTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The following January Rotary Students of the Month were introduced:

Mr. Flood presented Mia Restaino, Hilltop Grade 4

Mr. Lavery presented Mackenzie Christy, CHC Grade 4

Mr. Rubin presented DJ Fiorenza and Seva Knepper, Grade 8

Dr. Potts presented Matthew Logan, Senior

MINUTES

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, to waive the reading of the minutes of the January 8, 2025, Organizational/Regular Meeting and approve the minutes as presented.

On roll call members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

Mr. Knoll presented the treasurer's reports.

Dr. Ahlquist made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, to approve the check payment register for the months ending November 30, 2024 and December 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:

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

The President declared the motion carried.

COMMENTS

Jason Henry commented on the need for a plan to put the levy on the ballot in November. The levy committee wants to know as soon as possible so they can plan, raise money and get the word out. He questioned what type of plan would the voters support?

Mr. Atway discussed the need for an analysis of the previous defeats however, that requires outside funding. Mr. Atway did stress the continued need for new facilities.

RESIGNATIONS, CLASSIFIED HIRING, APPROVE CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES, HIRING PARAPROFESSIONAL, TRANSFER/REASSIGNMENT, EXTRACURRICULAR HIRING

Mr. Knoll made the following recommendations:

Resignations – Licensed:

Lisa Zetts

Hilltop Kindergarten Teacher
effective June 1, 2025

Jacquelyn Ehko

CHS Math Teacher
effective June 1, 2025

Resignations – Classified:

Gary Manzi	Bus Driver effective February 3, 2025
Jason Triveri	CHS Freshman Baseball Coach (.62 time) effective January 4, 2025

Hiring – Classified:

Jeffrey Gran	Special Services Secretary at \$19.52 per hour effective February 18, 2025
Cassandra Ripple	CHS Special Needs Aide at \$16.24 per hour for 3.75 hours per day effective February 3, 2025

Approve Classified Substitutes:

Touria Chayat
Christine Fowler
Sharlene Barb
Ronald Leone
Edward Arsena

Hiring Paraprofessional to be reimbursed by boosters:

Monica Ilko Meffan	Band Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
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Transfer/Reassignment:

Alexis Novotny	From Hilltop, Grade 3 Teacher to CVMS, Grade 5 Teacher effective 2025-2026 school year
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Hiring – Extracurricular for the 2024-25 School Year:

In District Licensed Extracurricular

CVMS Track Coach	Logan Franczkowski	\$	3,374
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Non-Licensed Extracurricular (Resolution #56-2025)

*Asst. Football Coach	Nate Fleming	\$	1,500
Freshman Baseball Coach (.62 time)	James Whippo		2,354
Asst. Boys Lacrosse Coach	Logan Brown		3,374
Volunteer Boys Lacrosse Coach	Adam Kemp		
Volunteer Boys Lacrosse Coach	Ryan Reed		
Spring Play Director	Lauren Moliterno		4,218
Spring Play Asst. Director	Rosie Bresson		2,531
Musical Productions – HS	Makenna Liller		1,687
*Diving Coach	Ron Navarra		1,000

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

Mr. DeMaiolo and Mr. Atway shared their appreciation of the many years of service of Lisa Zetts stating she will be truly missed.

On roll call members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mr. Knoll recommended the board adopt the school calendar for the 2025-2026 school year.

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ahlquist, to adopt the 2025-2026 school calendar as presented.

Mr. Knoll Presented highlights of the calendar.

Mr. Atway commented on the graduation date going back to May.

Mr. DeMaiolo questioned why we start school so early and Mr. Knoll explained that it's been that way for many years, many kids start CCP courses mid-August, and the 7 days before the fair break is academically beneficial.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Mr. Atway-yes Dr. Ahlquist-yes Mr. Campbell-yes Mr. DeMaiolo-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	dates to be determined
CVMS	June 3 – 26, 2025
CHS	June 2 – 26, 2025

Mr. DeMaiolo 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:

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

CVMS Grade 5 Students	Participate in an outdoor experience Camp Fitch North Springfield, Pennsylvania May 21 – 23, 2025 Provided lodging is covered by an outside source
CHS Varsity Wrestling Team	Participate in Sectional Tournament Kenston High School Chagrin Falls, Ohio February 21 – 22, 2025
CHS Varsity Wrestling Team	Participate in District Tournament Kenston High School Chagrin Falls, Ohio February 28, 2025 – March 1, 2025
CHS Varsity Wrestling Team	Participate in State Tournament Schottenstein Center Columbus, Ohio March 6 - 10, 2025

Mr. DeMaiolo 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:

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

The President declared the motion carried.

OHSAA MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, to adopt Resolution #57-2025 to approve membership in the OHSAA for the 2025-2026 school year.

On roll call members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried.

APPROVE SERVICE AGREEMENT

Dr. Ahlquist made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the Mahoning Valley Community School governing board service agreement.

On roll call members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT

Mr. DeMaiolo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to adopt Resolution #58-2025 to approve an agreement with Professional Service Industries, Inc. for environmental consulting services.

On roll call members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried.

TEMPORARY FENCE LICENSING AGREEMENT

Dr. Ahlquist made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, to adopt Resolution #59-2025 authorizing license agreement for the temporary fence at Canfield High School.

On roll call members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried.

AUGUST MACK ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. ACCESS AGREEMENT

Mr. DeMaiolo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to adopt Resolution #60-2025 authorizing the execution of an access agreement with August Mack Environmental, Inc.

On roll call members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried.

IMPRACTICAL TRANSPORTATION

Dr. Ahlquist made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, to adopt amended Resolution #2-2025 declaring transportation impractical for students as listed.

On roll call members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried.

REAL PROPERTY PARCEL 26-020-0-010.00-0 VALUATION COMPLAINT

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo to adopt Resolution #61-2025 authorizing the filing of an original complaint against the valuation of Real Property Parcel 26-020-0-010.00-0.

On roll call members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried.

REAL PROPERTY PARCEL 26-071-0-020.01-0 VALUATION COMPLAINT

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo to adopt Resolution #62-2025 authorizing the filing of an original complaint against the valuation of Real Property Parcel 26-071-0-020.01-0.

On roll call members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried.

DONATIONS

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

Box Tops for Education	\$ 38.70	CHC Principal's Fund
Mark D. Davis	200.00	Kate Farragher Memorial Trust
		Fund for the Arts
AccuForm Mfg, Inc.	500.00	Jets Club - Robotics
George & Athena Tsudis	600.00	CVMS D.C. Trip
OhioPyle Prints, Inc.	31.95	CHS Principal's Fund
Total Cash Donations	\$ 1,370.65	

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, to accept the above donations as presented.

On roll call members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 7:05 p.m., Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, 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.