

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Mr. Knoll announced it is Autism Awareness Month. Parents and staff were thanked for their support.

Mr. Knoll congratulated CHS Robotics (Circuit Birds), for winning two out of three matches and placing 20th at the Cleveland State University competition.

Mr. Knoll presented information on the Canfield Education Innovation Fund Auction stating the online auction closes April 10th at 9:00 p.m. and all money goes back to our staff by providing grant opportunities.

Mr. Knoll announced that March was Music in Our Schools Month.

Mr. Knoll announced Grease is the Word Musical will be held Thursday April 10, 2025 through Sunday April 13, 2025 at the high school.

Mr. Knoll stated the art show will be May 14th and 15th in the CHS Auditorium.

Mr. Knoll introduced the Cell Phone Policy (Personal Communication Device):

- Off and Away
- Can use to monitor or address a health concern
- Can use while riding in school vehicles
- Begins 2025-26 school year

Mr. Knoll gave an update on the MCS Chemical Spill – stating that after sample testing there was no detection of elevated chemical levels at the high school.

Mr. Knoll mentioned that the State of Schools will be May 14, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Knoll announced Spring Break will be from April 18-25, 2025 with school resuming April 28, 2025.

INTRODUCTION OF APRIL ROTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Dr. Potts recognized Travis Mills, Senior (was not present, but his mother accepted his award on his behalf)

Mr. Judd recognized Ava Votaw, Grade 8

Mr. Lavery introduced Hailey Dickinson, CHC Grade 4

Mr. Flood introduced Reid Shaner, Hilltop Grade 4

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mrs. DeCapua presented Resolutions #95-2025 through #111-2025, #79-2025, #83-2025 and #85-2025 through #89-2025 honoring the following:

Canfield High School Wrestling Team

Nick Joseph

Tyler Scharrer

Joel Rogers

Quinn Gaca

Arius Gingerich

Tristan Miller

Gabe Miller

Joe Pannunzio

John Nagy

Cain Mlinarsik

Craig Shaw

Canfield Boys Basketball Team

Drew Shapiro

Ben Weaver

Bryce Roberts

Jake DeLisio

Mena Monroe

Mia Dingman

CHS Girls Basketball Team

Jenna Triveri

Carly Fleming

Marina Koenig

Sofia Castronova

MINUTES

Mrs. DeCapua made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to waive the reading of the minutes of the March 11, 2025 regular 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. DeMaiolo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ahlquist, to approve the check payment register for the month ending February 28, 2025, 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. Presented were the following Appropriation Amendments for approval:

ONENET Connectivity Grant – 451/9425	+	764.56
IDEA-B Special Education – 516/9425	-	256.15
Title I-A – Improving Basic Programs – 572/9425	+	3,348.70
Title IV-A – Student Support and Academic Enrichment – 584/9425	+	355.39
Title II-A – Supporting Effective Instruction – 590/9425	+	2,433.72

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

Kristen West commented on the fallen tree incident at Hilltop requesting better communication and transparency in the future.

Mr. Atway commented that the priority of the students will be considered first and as far as communication is concerned, protocol will be evaluated and if there are opportunities for improvement they will be considered moving forward.

Allison Kukura commented on the fallen tree incident at Hilltop. Ms. Kukura mentioned she is concerned with how the situation was handled, specifically commenting on her perceived lack of communication, transparency, supervision, trust and wellbeing of the students involved.

Mr. Atway commented that we are continuing to evaluate building projects; however, he feels it would probably be a difficult task to move forward with a levy this coming November.

LICENSED RESIGNATIONS, TRANSFERS/REASSIGNMENTS, LICENSED HIRING, SUMMER SCHOOL HIRING, APPROVE CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTE, HIRING EXTRACURRICULAR, ADMINISTRATIVE AND NON UNION CONTRACT RENEWALS, LICENSED CONTRACT RENEWALS AND CLASSIFIED CONTRACT RENEWALS/NON-RENEWALS

Mr. Knoll made the following recommendations:

Resignation - Licensed:

Lesley Holmes	CHS Science Teacher effective July 10, 2025
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Patrick Pavlansky	CHS Chemistry Teacher effective May 31, 2025
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Transfers/Reassignments - Licensed:

Dustin Socie from CVMS Tutor
to Grade 8 Social Studies Teacher
at \$67,482
effective 2025-2026 school year

Leah Newton from CVMS Intervention Tutor
to CHS Intervention Specialist
at \$77,393
effective 2025-2026 school year

Hiring - Licensed:

Christopher Morchak CVMS 8th Grade Intervention Tutor
at \$21.06 per hour, 7 hours per day
effective 2025-2026 school year

Amelia Dastoli Hilltop Kindergarten Teacher
at \$59,046
effective 2025-2026 school year

Hiring High School Summer School Teachers at \$35 per Hour:

Anthony Holben – MS/CHS Coordinator
Todd Muckleroy – Social Studies
Jacob Courtney – ELA
Jacob Reid – backup ELA
Dan DiGiacomo - Science
Tim Wensel – Math
Jeremy Hamilton – backup Math
Sara Dysert – CVMS
Jessica Archer - CVMS

Approve Classified Substitute:

Riley Merritt (pending background check)

Hiring – Extracurricular for the 2024-25 School Year:

Non-Licensed Extracurricular (Resolution #112-2025)

*Asst. Girls Lacrosse Volunteer (correction) Steve Tyson

*Contract is pending verification of BCI/FBI background check and completion of all required certifications and courses including but not limited to Pupil Activity Validations and CPR certifications for those supervising vigorous activities.

Administrative and Non Union Contract Renewals:

As per document entitled Administrator, Director, Supervisor and Non Union contract renewals and salary proposals dated April 9, 2025.

Contract Renewals – Licensed:

Teacher Continuing Contracts:

Raeann DelFratte

Cecilia Franklin
Ashley Gibbs
Marissa Rousher

Teacher One-Year Limited Contracts:

Alyson Bain
Nicolina Baker
Lorelei Barna
Marissa Betts
Patricia Blythe
Anthony Bonamase
Katin Brady
Brady Clark
Jacob Courtney
Stephanie Dougherty
David Evans
Amanda Fitzgerald
Heidi Garwig
Kristine Hofus
Karly Hogan
Lauren Kerensky
Ashley Lydic
Stacy Madison (Retire/Rehire)
Linda Magyar
Megan Mullins
Krista Nesbitt
Amy Osborne
Teal Palmer
Lisa Rapp
Jacob Reid
Christina Rivera
Bethany Scholl-Lavery
Craig Shaw
Rebecca Shoemaker
Joyce Stoffer (Retire/Rehire)
Jennifer Trimble
Meghan Valerio
Tricia Viets
Jim Volenik (Retire/Rehire)
Joe Wilaj
Suzen Woolley

Tutors One-Year Limited Contracts:

Joe Caruso
Holly Fay
Corie Hoselton
Catherine Huston
Britney Jonda
Aleia Kelly
Dylan O'Hara
Melissa Seckler
Nikki Tucheck

Contract Renewals – Classified:

Two-Year Limited Contracts:

Robyn Triveri	Attendance Secretary
Donna Davis	Bus Driver
James Fusco	Bus Driver
Jennifer Hahn	Bus Driver
Marjorie Hosey	Bus Driver
Evelyn Banos De Pappalardo	Cafeteria Worker
Juanita Coggins	Cafeteria Worker
Lillian Delmont	Cafeteria Worker
Dawn Goclano	Cafeteria Worker
Tiffany Mengor	Cafeteria Worker
Colleen Warnock	Cafeteria Worker
Pat Logan	Custodian
Melissa Moon	Custodian
Venessa Holben	Guidance Secretary
Kim Fyock	Healthcare Aide
Linda Conklin	Lunchroom Aide
Kerry Beeson	Mechanic
Susan Harrison	Playground Aide
Jill Mayfield	Playground Aide
Rebecca Wendt	Playground Aide
Amy Fields	Special Needs Aide
Nicole Guy	Special Needs Aide
Dale Kabetso	Special Needs Aide
Rose Kupec	Special Needs Aide
Gretchen Merritt	Special Needs Aide
Tracy Patton	Special Needs Aide
Krista Phillips	Special Needs Aide
Tiffany Renforth	Special Needs Aide
Jeff Gran	Special Needs Secretary

Non-Renewing Limited Contracts (Resolutions #113-2025 through #130-2025):

Tom Brucoli	Band Paraprofessional – Resolution 113-2025
Al Colella	Band Paraprofessional – Resolution 114-2025
Tim Elder	Choral Paraprofessional – Resolution 115-2025
Dylan Kollat	Band Paraprofessional – Resolution 116-2025
Courtney Larson	Choral Paraprofessional – Resolution 117-2025
Sherry Larson	Band Paraprofessional – Resolution 118-2025
Nick Mattiussi	Band Paraprofessional – Resolution 119-2025
Monica Meffan	Band Paraprofessional – Resolution 120-2025
Michelle Oostdyk	Custodian – Resolution 121-2025
Cassandra Ripple	Special Needs Aide – Resolution 122-2025
Bob Rollo	Band Paraprofessional – Resolution 123-2025
Jim Scanga	Band Paraprofessional – Resolution 124-2025
Halle Schneider	Permanent Substitute Special Needs Aide – Resolution 125-2025
Kelly Scurich	Choral Paraprofessional – Resolution 126-2025
Tom Scurich	Choral Paraprofessional – Resolution 127-2025
John Venesky	Band Paraprofessional – Resolution 128-2025
Laura Volenik	Band Paraprofessional – Resolution 129-2025

Ken Young

Band Paraprofessional – Resolution 130-2025

Dr. Ahlquist 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.

FIRST READING OF POLICIES

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

0131.1	Technical Corrections
0171	Review of Policy - Rescind
1422.01	Drug-Free Workplace
2260.02	Single Gender Classes and Activities
2271	College Credit Plus Program
2340	Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips
2430.02	Participation of Community/STEM School Students in Extra-Curricular Activities
2431	Interscholastic Athletics
2460	Special Education
2460	ODE - Rescind
5113	Inter-District Open Enrollment
5120	Assignment within District
5131	Student Transfers
5136	Personal Communication Devices
5136.01	Electronic Equipment
5223	Released Time for Religious Instruction During the School Day
5330	Use of Medications
5350	Student Health, Well-Being, and Suicide Prevention
5460	Graduation Requirements
5610	Removal, Suspension, Expulsion, and Permanent Exclusion of Students
5751	Parental Status of Students
5780.01	Parents' Bill of Rights
6151	Insufficient Funds Checks
6460	Vendor Relations
7421	Restrooms, Locker Rooms, Shower Rooms and Changing Rooms
7440.01	Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring
8142	Criminal History Record Check for Contracted School Services
8452	Automated External Defibrillators (AED) and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
8470	Sex Offender Notification
8500	Food Services

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:

CHS Boys Soccer Team	Participate in Preseason Team Camp Mercyhurst University Erie, Pennsylvania July 24-27, 2025 Providing travel and lodging is covered by an outside source
CHS Girls Soccer Team	Participate in Preseason Team Camp Mercyhurst University Erie, Pennsylvania July 28-31, 2025 Providing travel and lodging is covered by an outside source
Mrs. Bain's HS Special Needs Class	Participate in an Educational Experience Kraynak's Hermitage, Pennsylvania April 14, 2025
Varsity Football Team	Participate in a Football Camp Walsh University North Canton, Ohio July 20-22, 2025

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

SUCCESS BY SIX

Mr. DeMaiolo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ahlquist, to approve the Success by Six Program being funded by the United Way – dates are to be determined.

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.

LEASE/PURCHASE FINANCING FOR SCOREBOARD

Mrs. DeCapua made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, to adopt Resolution #131-2025 approving the lease/purchase financing for scoreboard improvements with Huntington Bank.

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.

AGREEMENT WITH BSN SPORTS FOR NEW STADIUM SCOREBOARD

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ahlquist, to adopt Resolution #132-2025 approving the agreement with BSN Sports for the new Stadium Scoreboard Project.

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.

AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT MONETARY FUNDS FROM BOOSTER CLUB FOR SCOREBOARD

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, to adopt Resolution #133-2025 agreeing to accept monetary funds from the booster club for the new stadium scoreboard.

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.

INTRA-DISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT

Mr. Knoll announced that intra-district open enrollment applications are being accepted between Hilltop and CH Campbell elementary schools.

DONATIONS

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

Michael Guerrieri	\$	250.00	Challenge 24
717 Credit Union		250.00	Challenge 24
Mark D Davis		200.00	Kate Farragher Memorial Trust Fund for the Arts
The Impact Group		250.00	Canfield Innovation Fund
Bradley & Amy Kinkade		515.00	Washington D.C.
Canfield PTA Hilltop		267.40	Book Fair
Anonymous		200.00	Jets Club - Robotics
Lisa Henry		3.00	Food Service Fund
Tifinie Lacombe		38.50	Food Service Fund

The Vineyards at Pine Lake, Inc.	250.00	Show Sponsorship - Canfield Players
Sara & David Kovass	250.00	Show Sponsorship - Canfield Players
Youngstown Tube Company	1,000.00	Show Sponsorship - Canfield Players
Edward & Vicki Fredericks	100.00	Show Sponsorship - Canfield Players
The Canfield Golf Program	20.00	CHS Art Show
The Conley Family	20.00	CHS Art Show
Shermeen Farukhi, M.D. & Asif I. Khan, M.D.	100.00	CHS Art Show
Renita S. Huff-Gordon	25.00	CHS Art Show
Kara & Richard Burnett	25.00	CHS Art Show
Nadeem & Aisha Bajwa	50.00	CHS Art Show
Nicolinni's Chophouse	100.00	CHS Art Show
Leiter Family	25.00	CHS Art Show
Gabriella Orr	10.00	CHS Art Show
The Lorelli Family	20.00	CHS Art Show
Kimberly A. Merlin	10.00	CHS Art Show
TCR Real Estate Holdings LLC	100.00	CHS Art Show
Jeffrey & Gail Poor	50.00	CHS Art Show
James Jude Marshall	50.00	CHS Art Show
Vincent Calabrette	50.00	CHS Art Show
Brandalynn S Hilgert	50.00	CHS Art Show
Faisal & Catherine Bajwa	100.00	CHS Art Show
Lee R. Hughes	100.00	CHS Art Show
Steph's Staging, LLC	100.00	CHS Art Show
Melissa Mullane Padgett DDS, LLC	100.00	CHS Art Show
Nicholas & Anissa Modarelli	500.00	Show Sponsorship - Canfield Players
Allyson or Michael Zoccali	800.00	Show Sponsorship - Canfield Players
Beso Del Sol LLC	1,000.00	Show Sponsorship - Canfield Players
Heather Logan	100.00	Show Sponsorship - Canfield Players
Christine & Thomas Sawicki	200.00	Show Sponsorship - Canfield Players
Miracle Productions LLC	250.00	Show Sponsorship - Canfield Players
John & Kathleen Vogrin	100.00	Show Sponsorship - Canfield Players
Shannon & Jason Vodhanel	100.00	Show Sponsorship - Canfield Players
Anthony J Guy & Colleen T Desiato	100.00	Show Sponsorship - Canfield Players
224 Properties Inc	50.00	Show Sponsorship - Canfield Players
Linda & William Rogers	50.00	Show Sponsorship - Canfield Players
Robert & Joann Weber	100.00	Show Sponsorship - Canfield Players
Kyle & Shana-Lynn Neuhaus	100.00	Show Sponsorship - Canfield Players
Total Cash Donations	\$ 8,128.90	

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

Mr. DeMaiolo made a motion at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Dr. Ahlquist to adjourn to a confidential executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee, and preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees.

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 7:29 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 7:30 p.m., Mr. DeMaiolo made a motion, seconded by Mrs. DeCapua, to adjourn.

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. 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.