

### **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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### **RE-EMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES**

Mr. Knoll noted that in compliance with section 3307.353 of the Revised Code, the Canfield Local Board of Education is seeking input at this public meeting on the issue of re-employment of John Vitto as Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum Director and Cheryl Tubic as CVMS grade 6 teacher.

No comments were made.

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### **INTRODUCTION OF MAY ROTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

Mr. Potts introduced Ellie Poor, Senior

Mr. Lavery introduced Sloane Keish, CHC Grade 4

Mr. Flood introduced Mason Syvanych, Hilltop Grade 4

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### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Mrs. DeCapua presented Resolutions #134-2025 through #156-2025 honoring the following students:

Joe Blumetti  
Ethan Brown  
Kevin Dangol  
Michael Everett  
Evan Gerst  
Nina Locketti  
Ben Lu  
Moses Mashqbeh  
Michael Mickley  
Avi Pai Dhungat  
Noelle Sahli  
Chaselyn Slifka  
Gabe West  
Breanna Hemming  
Addison Allen  
Catherine Simko

Grant Seachrist  
Fallon Amedia  
Anna Burnett  
Lily Weaver  
Ashtyn Hanousek  
Selina Dong  
Inaya Khan

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### **MINUTES**

Mr. DeMaiolo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ahlquist, to waive the reading of the minutes of the April 9, 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.

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### **TREASURER'S REPORTS**

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. DeCapua, to approve the cash summary report and check payment register for the month ending March 31, 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.

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.

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### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Jason Henry discussed facility planning and feels the board needs to work on public image; focusing on better communication and community involvement to enhance relationships.

Mr. Atway admitted community engagement is important and the board welcomes the public to connect with them.

Heather Margiotta discussed the Hilltop tree incident. She felt there was a lack of communication, accountability and leadership. Ms. Margiotta did state appreciation of the teachers, nurse and secretary.

Mr. Atway commented that feedback is being considered and evaluated to prevent this from being duplicated.

**LICENSED RESIGNATION, CLASSIFIED RESIGNATIONS, LICENSED REASSIGNMENTS, LICENSED HIRING, CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENTS, SUMMER SCHOOL HIRING, APPROVE PARENTAL LEAVE, HIRING EXTENDED TIME, CONTRACT RENEWALS/NON-RENEWALS, CLASSIFIED HIRING**

Mr. Knoll made the following recommendations:

**Resignation - Licensed:**

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| Karley Hogan | CH Campbell Intervention Specialist<br>effective April 28, 2025 |
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**Resignations – Classified:**

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| Melissa Syvanych | Hilltop Lunchroom Aide<br>effective June 1, 2025 |
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| Krista Phillips | Special Needs Aide<br>effective June 1, 2025 |
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| Lisa Boring | Hilltop Lunchroom Aide<br>effective June 1, 2025 |
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| Janice Welch | Transportation Aide<br>effective June 1, 2025 |
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| Shari Francis | Hilltop Recess Aide<br>effective June 1, 2025 |
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| Edward Sallustio | Sound/Light Technician<br>effective April 7, 2025 |
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| Danielle Jenkins | CVMS Special Needs Aide<br>effective May 1, 2025 |
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| Kobe Faire | CH Campbell Special Needs Aide<br>effective May 30, 2025 |
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**Reassignments - Licensed:**

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| Cathy Huston | from CH Campbell Intervention Tutor<br>to CH Campbell Title Tutor<br>effective 2025-2026 school year |
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| Aleia Kelly | from CVMS Tutor<br>to CVMS Intervention Specialist<br>effective 2025-2026 school year |
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**Hiring - Licensed:**

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| Bonnie Missos | Hilltop Grade 3 Teacher<br>at \$42,176 per year<br>effective 2025-2026 school year |
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**Transfers/Reassignments - Classified:**

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| Meaghan Ball | from Transportation Aide |
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Linda Conklin                      to Special Needs Aide  
effective 2025-2026 school year

                                         from CVMS Lunchroom Aide  
to Hilltop Lunchroom Aide  
effective 2025-26 school year

**Hiring 2025 Elementary Summer School Teachers at \$35 per Hour:**

Meghan Valerio – Reading Supervisor  
Holly Fay – Reading Teacher  
Cathy Huston – Math Supervisor  
Amy Osborne – Math Teacher  
Lorelei Barna – Success by 6 Teacher  
Kobe Faire – Success by 6 Aide

**Approve Parental Leave:**

Ashley Gibbs                      CHS Science Teacher  
unpaid parental leave, following use of paid sick leave  
beginning May 5-16, 2025

**Hiring – Extended Time:**

|                       |                     |         |
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| Stephanie Ruark       | Guidance Counselor  | 10 Days |
| Candace Reed          | Guidance Counselor  | 10 Days |
| Tara Kalina           | Guidance Counselor  | 10 Days |
| Angela Lamping        | Guidance Counselor  | 10 Days |
| Tamara Butler         | School Psychologist | 10 Days |
| Kristine Hofus        | School Psychologist | 10 Days |
| Bethany Scholl-Lavery | School Psychologist | 5 Days  |
| Anthony Bonamase      | Band                | 23 Days |
| Jim Volenik           | Band                | 20 Days |
| Michael Fay           | Band                | 15 Days |
| Julie Webb            | Mentor              | 5 Days  |

**Supervisors and Non Union Contract Renewals/Non-Renewals:**

As per document entitled Administrator, Director,  
Supervisor and Non Union contract renewals/non-renewals  
and Salary Proposals dated May 14, 2025.

**Hiring – Classified:**

Jason Vuksanovich                      Sound and Lighting Technician  
at \$18 per hour, as needed

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

**CLASS OF 2025**

Dr. Ahlquist made a motion, seconded by Mrs. DeCapua, to approve the list of seniors for the Class of 2025 for graduation pending completion of course requirements.

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.

**CLASS FEES FOR 2025-2026**

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. DeCapua, to approve the following list of class fees for the 2025-2026 school year:

**Elementary School:**

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| KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 4 | \$ | 20.00 |
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**Middle School:**

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| GRADES 5-8                       |  | 30.00 |
| BAND INSTRUMENT FEE              |  | 60.00 |
| BAND INSTRUMENT FEE – PERCUSSION |  | 35.00 |

**High School:**

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| ACCOUNTING                 | 25.00 |
| ACCOUNTING 2               | 25.00 |
| ADVANCED ART               | 15.00 |
| ADVANCED BIOLOGY 2 (CCP)   | 12.00 |
| ADVANCED CHEMISTRY 2       | 12.00 |
| ADVANCED CHEMISTRY 2 (CCP) | 12.00 |
| ADVANCED CHEMISTRY 3       | 12.00 |
| ADVANCED PAINTING          | 20.00 |
| ANATOMY / PHYSIOLOGY       | 12.00 |
| ANIMATION AND FILM         | 15.00 |
| AP ART: 2D DESIGN          | 15.00 |
| AP ART: DRAWING            | 15.00 |
| AP BIOLOGY A               | 20.00 |
| AP CHEMISTRY               | 12.00 |
| AP CHEMISTRY (CCP)         | 12.00 |
| AP MUSIC THEORY            | 15.00 |
| AP PHYSICS                 | 12.00 |
| ART 1                      | 10.00 |
| ART 2                      | 10.00 |
| BAND INSTRUMENT FEE        | 60.00 |
| BIOLOGY                    | 12.00 |
| BIOLOGY CP                 | 12.00 |
| CERAMICS                   | 15.00 |
| CERAMICS 2                 | 15.00 |
| CHEMICAL DEMONSTRATIONS    | 10.00 |
| CHEMISTRY 1                | 12.00 |
| CHILD DEVELOPMENT          | 8.00  |

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| COMPUTER GRAPHICS                  | \$ | 15.00 |
| CRAFTS & 3-D, 1                    |    | 15.00 |
| CRAFTS & 3-D, 2                    |    | 15.00 |
| CULINARY FUNDAMENTALS & BAKING     |    | 40.00 |
| ENGINEERING GRAPHICS 1             |    | 20.00 |
| ENGINEERING GRAPHICS 2             |    | 20.00 |
| ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY         |    | 10.00 |
| FARM TO TABLE & NUTRITION WELLNESS |    | 45.00 |
| FORENSICS                          |    | 12.00 |
| FOUNDATION of DRAWING              |    | 15.00 |
| FOUNDATION of DRAWING CCP          |    | 15.00 |
| FUNDAMENTALS of 2-D DESIGN         |    | 15.00 |
| FUNDAMENTALS of 2-D DESIGN CCP     |    | 15.00 |
| FUNDAMENTALS OF SCIENCE            |    | 8.00  |
| HEALTH                             |    | 12.00 |
| INDEPENDENT RESEARCH               |    | 12.00 |
| INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC (GUITAR)        |    | 15.00 |
| INTRODUCTION to SPORTS MEDICINE    |    | 20.00 |
| LAB PHYSICS                        |    | 12.00 |
| MEDICAL CAREERS 1                  |    | 10.00 |
| MEDICAL CAREERS 2                  |    | 10.00 |
| MICROBIOLOGY                       |    | 10.00 |
| MUSIC THEORY                       |    | 15.00 |
| ORGANIC CHEMISTRY                  |    | 12.00 |
| PARKING                            |    | 20.00 |
| PHYSICAL SCIENCE                   |    | 16.00 |
| SAT / ACT                          |    | 30.00 |
| SCENE & PROP DESIGN                |    | 25.00 |
| SPORTS MEDICINE 2                  |    | 25.00 |
| STEM                               |    | 12.00 |
| TECHNOLOGY FEE (ALL STUDENTS)      |    | 20.00 |
| WOOD TECH 1                        |    | 25.00 |
| WOOD TECH 2                        |    | 25.00 |
| WOOD TECH 3                        |    | 25.00 |
| ZOOLOGY                            |    | 10.00 |
| CHARGE FOR RETURNED CHECKS         |    | 10.00 |
| CHROMEBOOK DEVICE FEE              |    | 30.00 |

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 Girls Basketball Team

Participate in Midwest Live Exposure Event

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|                            | Cedar Point Sports Center<br>Sandusky, Ohio<br>June 13 – 14, 2025<br>Providing lodging is covered by an outside source                                   |
| CHS Girls Basketball Team  | Team Camp<br>Sherrodsville, Ohio<br>June 18 - 20, 2025<br>Providing lodging is covered by an outside source                                              |
| CVMS Girls Basketball Team | Team Camp<br>Sherrodsville, Ohio<br>June 22 - 24, 2025<br>Providing lodging is covered by an outside source                                              |
| Varsity Volleyball Team    | Team Camp<br>Penn State University<br>State College, Pennsylvania<br>June 18 – 20, 2025<br>Providing travel and lodging are covered by an outside source |
| Varsity Football Team      | Participate in a Football Camp<br>Walsh University<br>North Canton, Ohio<br>July 20-22, 2025<br>Providing lodging is covered by an outside source        |

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

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#### **APPROVE CONTRACT BETWEEN MCBDD AND CLSD**

Mrs. DeCapua made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell to approve the contract between the Mahoning County Board of Developmental Disabilities and Canfield Local Schools.

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.

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#### **AMEND BOARD POLICY #2111 PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**

Mrs. DeCapua made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ahlquist to amend Board Policy #2111 (Parent and Family Engagement) to include the following statement:

“The district shall ensure that any particular attention paid to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background does not result in any disfavoring of other families who are not part of these groups.”

This line is meant only to ensure the engagement is appropriate for all families; for example, a person with limited English proficiency might require a translator.

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.

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## SECOND READING OF POLICIES

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

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| 0131.1  | Technical Corrections                                                          |
| 0171    | Review of Policy - <b>Rescind</b>                                              |
| 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 - <b>Rescind</b>                                                           |
| 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.

**IN LIEU OF TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION #157-2025**

Dr. Ahlquist made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, to adopt Resolution #157-2025 for payment in lieu of transportation for the 2025-2026 school year.

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.

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**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

A special board meeting was set for Friday, May 30, 2025, at noon in the board meeting room.

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**DONATIONS**

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

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| Linda Kilpatrick-Lee             | \$ 200.00    | CHS Art Show                                         |
| Jon & Pearl Price                | 100.00       | CHS Art Show                                         |
| Mary & Thomas Simko              | 50.00        | CHS Art Show                                         |
| Joshua & Jami Toot               | 25.00        | CHS Art Show                                         |
| Centofanti Charitable Foundation | 10,000.00    | High School Scholarships                             |
| Mark Davis                       | 200.00       | Kate Farragher Memorial Trust Fund                   |
| Alcova Mortgage                  | 250.00       | Show Sponsorship – Canfield Players                  |
| David & Angela Smith             | 25.00        | CHS Art Show                                         |
| Kristen & Thomas Joseph          | 50.00        | CHS Art Show                                         |
| Afreen Moonda                    | 40.00        | CHS Art Show                                         |
| Gregory Kerr                     | 1,500.00     | Nicole Judy Kerr Memorial Scholarship<br>for Nursing |
| David & Jennifer Everett         | 5,995.00     | Baritone Saxophone                                   |
| Box Tops for Education           | 25.30        | CH Campbell Principal's Fund                         |
| Ohiopyle Prints                  | 6.64         | CHS Principal's Fund                                 |
| Canfield PTA                     | 1,320.00     | Hilltop Bowling Field Trip                           |
| Canfield PTA                     | 1,362.00     | CH Campbell Bowling Field Trip                       |
| Total Cash Donations             | \$ 21,148.94 |                                                      |

Mr. Campbell 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.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. DeCapua made a motion at 6:40 p.m., seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, to adjourn to a confidential executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, or compensation of a public employee.

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.

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**RECONVENE**

The meeting reconvened at 7:51 p.m.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, at 7:52 p.m., Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. DeCapua to adjourn. The motion carried without dissent.

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Mr. Nader G. Atway, President

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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](http://www.youtube.com/canfieldschools).*