

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:

Mrs. Traci DeCapua, Vice President
Dr. Betsy Ahlquist
Mr. Matt Campbell
Mr. Steven DeMaiolo

RECOGNITION OF RETIREES

Mr. Knoll introduced the 2025 retirees. The following retirees were recognized:

Licensed:

Ruthanne Altiero
JoAnne Smotrilla
Lisa Zetts

Classified:

Josie Homsey
Janice Welch

Absent:

Valerie Weingart
Shari Francis
Terrie Konik
Kim Wilson
Denise Carkido

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mrs. DeCapua presented Resolutions #2-2026 through #36-2026 honoring the following students:

Marina Koenig
Sydney Lutz
Jenna Triveri
Alexis Johnson
Caylee Ortiz
Leah Figueroa
Drew Shapiro
Carson Arfaras
Nick Lavanty
Faheem Moonda
Dom DeLucia
Dru Lunger
Canfield High School Boys Tennis Team
Charlie Boris
Charlotte Bixel
Claire Hrina
Gianna Gamberale
Mia Gaffney
Carissa Hill
Alyssa Ilgenfritz
Alex Conley
Sabrina Basket
Donnie Ferko

Kellen Halcomb
Amir Ali
Nate Skripac
Aiden O'Brien
Nick Marciniak
Alex Taranto
Alex Hammar
Canfield High School Baseball Team
Zain Jadallah
Dylan Mancini
Anthony Groner
Joey Gabriel

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Knoll stated that the Cardinal Communique should have arrived in mailboxes the week of July 1.

Mr. Knoll shared the revised 2025-26 Calendar which added two professional development days:

December 1
March 6

Mr. Knoll announced that the Administrative Team participated in a Community Service Project which consisted of sprucing up the Athletic Facilities at the high school.

Mr. Knoll stated Mr. Atway, Dr. Ahlquist, Miss Prince and Mr. Knoll represented the school board in the 4th of July parade.

Mr. Knoll suggested everyone should share their summer vacation plans by sending in details and/or pictures.

Mr. Knoll spoke about Final Forms and asked everyone to please complete and sign forms for the new school year.

Mr. Knoll announced that a Financial Update will be given by the Treasurer, August 13th at 5:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium as part of the strategic plan

Mr. Knoll announced the Summer Renovation Projects, which include:

- Scoreboard at the High School
- New entrance at the High School stadium
- CVMS Roof (Choir Room and Book Room)
- High School Paving – Phase III

Mr. Knoll informed about Budget Bill – HB96:

- Governor signed bill but vetoed 67 line items
- Governor emphasized need for comprehensive property tax reform and announced plans to convene a working group
- Cell Phone Policy required (cell phones off and away with some exceptions)

- Funding Formula has no significant loss to Canfield, as the guarantee remains in place. It also includes additional funding based on performance and progress measures per the state report card.

Mr. Knoll shared that Vetoes included:

- partisan school board elections
- budget commission authority
- 40% cash carryover limit
- 20 mill floor calculation change
- property tax restrictions (fixed sum levy elimination)

Mr. Knoll announced the House meeting will be held July 21 to consider veto overrides.

Mr. Knoll requested you contact your legislators.

Mr. Knoll suggested to keep an eye on HB 335, proposing to eliminate inside millage, cap carryover at 30% and eliminate emergency & substitute levies.

MINUTES

Mr. DeMaiolo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to waive the reading of the minutes of the June 11, 2025, regular meeting and the June 30, 2025, special meeting and approve the minutes as presented.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Dr. Ahlquist-yes Mr. Campbell-yes Mr. DeMaiolo-yes Mrs. DeCapua-yes

The Vice President declared the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

Dr. Ahlquist made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the check payment register for the month ending May 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 Mr. DeMaiolo-yes Mrs. DeCapua-yes

The Vice President declared the motion carried.

LICENSED RESIGNATION, LICENSED HIRING, CLASSIFIED RESIGNATION, CLASSIFIED HIRING, TRANSFER/REASSIGNMENT, APPROVE NON-UNION SALARY PROPOSAL, HIRING PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST AND HIRING EXTRACURRICULAR

Mr. Knoll made the following recommendations:

Resignation - Licensed:

Melissa Seckler	CHC Title I Tutor effective July 10, 2025
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Hiring – Licensed:

Kristen Kuntzman	Intervention Specialist at \$73,850 per year effective 2025-2026 school year
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Resignation – Classified:

Melissa Oostdyk	CHS Afternoon Custodian effective June 6, 2025
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Hiring – Classified:

Carl Cramer	Bus Driver at \$22.76 per hour effective 2025-2026 school year
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Michelle Gardner	Bus Driver at \$22.76 per hour effective 2025-2026 school year
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Michelle Silvestri	Bus Driver at \$22.76 per hour effective 2025-2026 school year
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Lisa Filp	Special Needs Aide 5.5 hours per day at \$16.73 per hour effective 2025-2026 school year
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Jim Rousher	Transportation Aide up to 3.75 hours per day at \$16.73 per hour effective 2025-2026 school year
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Transfer/Reassignment:

Korine Rach	from CHC Head Custodian to CHS Afternoon Custodian at \$23.58 per hour effective August 1, 2025
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Approve Non-Union Salary Proposal:

As per document entitled Salary Proposal dated July 9, 2025.

Hiring – Public Relations and Communications Specialist:

Lisa Reicosky	3 Year Contract from August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2028 at \$65,000
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Hiring – Extracurricular for the 2025-2026 School Year:

Out-of-District Licensed Extracurricular (Resolution #37-2026)

Varsity Asst. Football Coach	Nick Roberts	\$	6,516
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Non-Licensed Extracurricular (Resolution #38-2026)

8 th Grade Volleyball Coach	Holly Rolla-Lamping	\$	3,910
Asst. Speech and Debate	Alexis Heldreth		3,475
Asst. Speech and Debate	Emily Mashqbeh		2,606

Contracts are pending verification of BCI/FBI background checks and completion of all required certifications and courses including but not limited to Pupil Activity Validation and CPR certifications for those supervising vigorous activities.

Mr. DeMaiolo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ahlquist, to approve the above recommendations as presented by the superintendent.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Dr. Ahlquist-yes Mr. Campbell-yes Mr. DeMaiolo-yes Mrs. DeCapua-yes

The Vice President declared the motion carried.

OSBA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING DELEGATES

Mr. DeMaiolo was appointed the delegate and Dr. Ahlquist the alternate to the OSBA Annual Business Meeting to be held November 16-18, 2025.

GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

Mr. Knoll presented the following grant applications for FY26 and recommended they be approved:

FY26

IDEA	\$ 540,794.72
Title I	207,324.12

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ahlquist, to approve the applications for participation in the above programs as recommended by the Superintendent.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Dr. Ahlquist-yes Mr. Campbell-yes Mr. DeMaiolo-yes Mrs. DeCapua-yes

The Vice President declared the motion carried.

BUS STOPS

Mr. DeMaiolo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ahlquist, to approve bus stops as presented, which is subject to change.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Dr. Ahlquist-yes Mr. Campbell-yes Mr. DeMaiolo-yes Mrs. DeCapua-yes

The Vice President declared the motion carried.

IMPRACTICAL TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo to amend Resolution #157-2025 and update the resolution number to Resolution #1-2026, declaring transportation impractical for listed students.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Dr. Ahlquist-yes Mr. Campbell-yes Mr. DeMaiolo-yes Mrs. DeCapua-yes

The Vice President declared the motion carried.

OUT OF STATE/OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUEST

Mr. Knoll presented the following request for an out of state/overnight field trip and recommended it be approved:

Canfield Speech and Debate Team	Upper St. Clair
	Three Rivers Tournament
	Bridgeville, Pennsylvania
	February 13-14, 2026
	Provided lodging is paid for by an outside source

Dr. Ahlquist made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, to approve the above requests for overnight field trips as recommended by the Superintendent.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Dr. Ahlquist-yes Mr. Campbell-yes Mr. DeMaiolo-yes Mrs. DeCapua-yes

The Vice President declared the motion carried.

DONATIONS

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

American Red Cross	\$ 1,000.00	CHS Scholarship Fund
Ami & Ike Omran	8.05	CHS Food Service Fund
Robin & Ted Suzelis	7.50	CHS Food Service Fund
Mark D Davis	400.00	Kate Farragher Memorial Trust
		Fund for the Arts
The Community Foundation of the		
Mahoning Valley	45,000.00	Canfield Education Innovation Fund
Canfield PTA	833.68	1 st and 3 rd Grade Students at Hilltop
Total Cash Donations	\$ 47,249.23	

July 9, 2025

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

On roll call members voted as follows:

Dr. Ahlquist-yes Mr. Campbell-yes Mr. DeMaiolo-yes Mrs. DeCapua-yes

The Vice President declared the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 6:50 p.m., Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ahlquist, 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.