

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
Mr. Matt Campbell
Mr. Steven DeMaiolo

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Knoll reported on the following beginning of school year activities:

- The District theme for 2025-2026 is “The Cardinal Way” – consisting of four prongs: Purpose-Perseverance-Pride-Passion.
- Elementary first day of school is Wednesday, August 20. Individual assessments are on Monday and Tuesday, August 18 and 19.
- CVMS first day of school for grades 6, 7, and 8 is Monday, August 18. First day for fifth grade students is A-L, Monday, August 18 and M-Z, Tuesday, August 19.
- CHS first day of school for all students in grades 9-12 is Monday, August 18.
- Canfield Fair recess is Wednesday, August 27 through Monday, September 1. All students return to class on Tuesday, September 2.

Mr. Knoll discussed two silos of school safety – Hardening (deter-detect-defend) vs. Heartening (making connections).

Mr. Knoll announced the new elementary SRO is Stacy Karis. He thanked the City and Township for their financial support with regard to SRO's.

Mr. Knoll shared the new ZeroEyes Gun Detection technology which is coming to Canfield.

Mr. Knoll shared completion of the following summer projects:

- Phase 2 of CHS parking lot resurfacing
- Roofing at CVMS (over choir room and book room)
- CHS Stadium Scoreboard - Thanks was given to Josh Cohol for his fundraising efforts.

Mr. Knoll presented the cost for athletic tickets. There is no increase from last year.

Mr. Knoll reminded parents to sign off on FinalForms.

Mr. Knoll announced the Community Tailgate will be Friday, September 5, Cardinals vs Cardinals. Military Appreciation Night will also be held on September 5.

Mr. Knoll announced Champions Day will be held Thursday, September 18 at CHS Bob Dove Field from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Knoll gave an update on the MSC chemical spill and stated fences are no longer going to be put up. Signage will be put in place of the fences.

Mr. Knoll discussed the new cellphone policy in place. Basically, off and away moving forward.

MINUTES

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, to waive the reading of the minutes of the July 9, 2025, regular meeting and approve the minutes as presented.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Mr. Campbell-yes Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. DeMaiolo-yes Mr. Atway-yes

The President declared the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

Mrs. DeCapua made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the check payment register for the month ending June 30, 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:

Mr. Campbell-yes Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. DeMaiolo-yes Mr. Atway-yes

The President declared the motion carried.

COMMENTS

Josh Congelio, CHS Hockey Coach, discussed new legislation which allows hockey players from outside districts to participate. Mr. Congelio indicated he is in favor of this opportunity to strengthen the program.

RESIGNATIONS, LICENSED HIRING, SUBSTITUTE HIRING, CLASSIFIED HIRING, EXTRACURRICULAR HIRING, PARAPROFESSIONALS HIRING, TRANSFERS

Mr. Knoll made the following recommendations:

Resignations - Licensed:

Britney Jonda Craycraft	Hilltop Intervention Tutor effective July 29, 2025
Jason Morell	CHS Daily Substitute effective 2025-2026 school year

Resignations – Classified:

Wendy Andello	CHC Playground Aide effective July 21, 2025
Megan Coburn	Hilltop Special Needs Aide effective 2025-2026 school year
Amy Fields	CVMS Special Needs Aide effective July 31, 2025
Robyn Triveri	CHS Attendance Secretary effective August 6, 2025
James Rousher	Transportation Aide effective August 10, 2025

Hiring – Licensed:

Greta Graffius	CHC Title I Tutor 184 days per year, 7 hours per day at \$21.69 per hour effective 2025-2026 school year
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Approve CHS Daily Substitutes at \$120.00 per day:

Greg Cooper
Bill Sinclair

Hiring – Classified:

Laila Ali	CHS Special Needs Aide 5.5 hours per day at \$16.73 per hour effective 2025-2026 school year
Brianne Black	CHC Special Needs Aide 5.5 hours per day at \$16.73 per hour effective 2025-2026 school year
Cailin Chumita	Hilltop Special Needs Aide 5.5 hours per day at \$16.73 per hour effective 2025-2026 school year
Holly McMahon	CHC Special Needs Aide 5.5 hours per day at \$16.73 per hour effective 2025-2026 school year
Mara Reinhart	CHS Special Needs Aide 5.5 hours per day at \$16.73 per hour effective 2025-2026 school year
Sara Reyes	CHC Playground Aide 2.5 hours per day at \$16.73 per hour effective 2025-2026 school year

Elizabeth Testa

Hilltop Playground Aide
2.5 hours per day at \$16.73 per hour
effective 2025-2026 school year

Hiring – Extracurricular for the 2025-2026 School Year:

Licensed Extracurricular

MS Football Coach	Dustin Socie	\$ 4,779
CHC Library Coordinator	Patti Hockensmith	2,606
Hilltop Library Coordinator	Stephanie Palumbo	2,606
Mentor (Logan Franczkowski)	Julie Webb	869
Mentor (Aleia Kelly)	Melynda Guerrieri	869
Mentor (Chris Morchak)	Jarod Turocy	869
Mentor (Bonnie Missos)	Shari Munno	869
Mentor (Greta Graffius)	Shari Munno	869

Non-Licensed Extracurricular (Resolution #39-2026)

Girls Tennis Volunteer	Andrea Dixon
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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.

Hiring – Paraprofessionals to be reimbursed by Boosters:

Tom Brucoli	Band Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
Al Colella	Band Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
Tim Elder	Choral Music Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
Dylan Kollat	Band Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
Courtney Larson	Choral Music Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
Nick Mattiussi	Band Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
Monica Ilko Meffan	Band Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
Jim Scanga	Band Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
Ken Young	Band Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour

Transfer/Reassignment:

April Habeger	approve the mutually agreed upon transfer to position of Secretary to Treasurer/Accounts Payable Clerk pursuant to the August 1, 2025 contract addendum
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Approve the transfer and salary increase as per document entitled Non-Union Contract Transfer and Salary Proposal effective August 1, 2025

Lisa Helmick	from CHS Library Aide to CHS Attendance Secretary 9 months per year, 8 hours per day at \$20.21 per hour effective 2025-2026 school year
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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:

Mr. Campbell-yes	Mrs. DeCapua-yes	Mr. DeMaiolo-yes	Mr. Atway-yes
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The President declared the motion carried.

HIRING CLASSIFIED

Mr. Knoll recommended the board hire Matt Bratcher as CHC Head Custodian, 8 hrs. per day at \$21.00 per hour effective August 1, 2025.

Mrs. DeCapua made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve hiring Matt Bratcher as recommended by the Superintendent.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Mr. Campbell-yes Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. DeMaiolo-no Mr. Atway-yes

The President declared the motion carried.

IMPRACTICAL TRANSPORTATION

Mr. DeMaiolo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to amend Resolution #1-2026 declaring transportation impractical for students as listed.

On roll call members voted as follows:

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:

Girls Varsity Golf Team

Oaktree Golf Club
West Middlesex, PA
Participate in a Golf Match
August 21, 2025

Girls Golf Team

Downing Golf Course
Erie, PA
Participate in a Golf Tournament
September 13 – 14, 2025
Provided travel and lodging are paid by an outside source

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. DeCapua, to approve the above requests for overnight field trips as recommended by the Superintendent.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Mr. Campbell-yes Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. DeMaiolo-yes Mr. Atway-yes

The President declared the motion carried.

**RATIFY CONTRACT BETWEEN CANFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION AND
TEAMSTERS UNION LOCAL #377**

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, to ratify the contract between the Canfield Board of Education and Canfield Teamsters Union Local #377 effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Mr. Campbell-yes Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. DeMaiolo-yes Mr. Atway-yes

The President declared the motion carried.

**RATIFY CONTRACT BETWEEN CANFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION AND
CANFIELD SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS ASSOCIATION OEA/NEA**

Mrs. DeCapua made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to ratify the contract between the Canfield Board of Education and the Canfield School Bus Drivers Association OEA/NEA effective September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2028.

On roll call members voted as follows:

Mr. Campbell-yes Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. DeMaiolo-yes Mr. Atway-yes

The President declared the motion carried.

GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS FOR FY26

IDEA	\$ 540,794.72
Title I-A	\$ 204,847.74
Title II-A	\$ 55,074.53
Title IV-A	\$ 15,548.94
Title III	\$ 2,624.98 *
IDEA Early Childhood	\$ 13,631.56 *
(*county consortium)	

Mr. DeMaiolo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the Grant Program Applications for FY26 as listed.

On roll call members voted as follows:

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 PTA	\$ 8,033.70	Hilltop Poster Printer
Mr. & Mrs. Faisal Bajwa	10,000.00	CHS Principal's Fund
Artsonia	114.23	CHS Art Fund
Ohiopyle Prints	67.49	CHS Principal's Fund
Total Cash Donations	\$ 18,215.42	

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

On roll call members voted as follows:

Mr. Campbell-yes Mrs. DeCapua-yes Mr. DeMaiolo-yes Mr. Atway-yes

The President declared the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Atway announced this new agenda item to allow for follow-up from previous meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mrs. DeCapua made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, 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.