

The Regular meeting of the Canandaigua City School District Board of Education was held on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Operations Center, President Grimm presiding.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeanie Grimm, Amy Calabrese, Milton Johnson, Julianne Miller, Megan Personale, John Polimeni, Jen Schneider, Jenny Tessendorf, Beth Thomas

**LEADERSHIP TEAM PRESENT:** Jamie Farr, Matt Fitch, Brian Nolan, Matt Schrage

**BOARD DISTRICT CLERK:** Deborah Sundlov

**OTHERS PRESENT:** On file

***Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag***

Mrs. Grimm led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Public Comments***

Melanie Smith, Canandaigua  
Jennifer Frary, Canandaigua

***Board Meeting Minutes***

Upon a motion made by Ms. Tessendorf, seconded by Dr. Schneider, with all present voting yes, the Board of Education approved the August 25, 2025 meeting minutes.

**APPROVED: MINUTES**

***Board Student Representative- Gillian Vit***

The Board of Education introduced themselves to Board Student Representative, Gillian Vit. Gillian stated she is a senior in the IB program, on the tennis team, basketball team, and on track and field team. She is a member of the Student Government and National Honor Society and plays fiddle.

***Opening Day Reports***

Mrs. Emily Bonadonna, Primary School Principal, reported there are 64 students in universal prekindergarten, 220 in kindergarten, 197 in first grade, and 192 in second grade.

Mr. Brian Amesbury, Elementary School Principal, reported there are 204 students in third grade, 246 in fourth grade, and 251 in fifth grade.

Ms. Kris VanDuyne, Middle School Principal, reported there are 286 students in sixth grade, 226 in seventh grade, and 258 in eighth grade.

Mrs. Marissa Logue, Academy Principal, reported there are 232 students in ninth grade, 235 in tenth grade, 226 in eleventh, and 251 in twelfth grade.

Mrs. Rachael Schading, Canandaigua Academic and Career Center Principal, reported there are 10 students in eighth grade, 9 in ninth grade, 10 in tenth grade, 10 in eleventh grade, and 9 in twelfth grade.

Mr. Mike McClain, Director of Facilities and Operations, provided the board with a brief overview of what his department accomplished over the summer.

Mr. Seth Clearman, Transportation Supervisor, provided what a great start to the year, especially with the area road closures. Many families have signed up for the Stopfinder app.

## Consensus Agenda

Upon a motion made by Dr. Schneider, seconded by Mrs. Personale, with all present voting yes, the Board of Education approved/accepted the Consensus and Supplemental Agenda.

### **APPROVED: CONSENSUS AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA**

#### **Business**

##### **1. Donation**

of a donation from CASB for \$5,488 to cover the 25-26 coaching stipend for one Varsity Assistant Football coaches.

##### **2. Volunteer Coach**

the request of Mrs. Caroline Chapman, Athletic Director, for Donovan Lopez to be a volunteer in our football program.

##### **3. Updated School Lunch Prices**

the District participates in the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) which allows all students to receive a free breakfast and lunch. The prices of an adult lunch for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:

Adult breakfast - \$3.01 + tax

Adult lunch - \$5.20 + tax

##### **4. Agreement**

of the School Resource Officer (SRO) agreement for a three-year term (2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028)

##### **5. Field Trip- Initial**

the request of Mrs. Marissa Logue, Academy Principal, for initial approval of the below trip:

- Student Government- NYSCLSA, Syracuse, NY- October 3-5, 2025

##### **6. Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education**

recommendations of the Committee on Special Education meeting dates of May 28, June 23, July 24, August 5, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 21, and 22.

#### **Personnel**

##### **1. Non-Instructional Personnel**

###### **A. Removals**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Reason</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Mikala Steinmann	Teacher Aide	Resignation	9/17/2025

###### **B. Appointments**

*Pending Civil Service approval and NYSED fingerprint clearance where applicable:*



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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Carrie Bellis	Food Service Helper	9/2/2025	\$16.40/hr.
Margaret Outhouse	School Bus Monitor	9/2/2025	\$15.83/hr.
Margaret Campbell	Student Lifeguard	9/8/2025	\$15.50/hr.
Gina Wiktorski	Teacher Aide	9/2/2025	\$16.75/hr.
Valerie Forjone	Food Service Helper	9/8/2025	\$16.15/hr.
Caitlin Calkins	Teacher Aide	9/8/2025	\$16.75/hr.

2. Instructional Personnel

A. Resignation

- 1) Pilar Cespedes, Contract Substitute Teacher at the Primary School, has resigned from the District effective August 22, 2025.

B. Appointments

*The Board of Education of the Canandaigua City School District hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following instructional employees. Eligibility for tenure as a classroom teacher or building principal is contingent upon his/her successful completion of the probationary term and having received composite or overall APPR rating of either "Effective" or "Highly Effective" in at least three of the four preceding years and a rating higher than "Ineffective" in the final year of the probationary period.*

- 1) Scott Deuschle received his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Alfred University. He earned his Master's degree in Education from Nazareth College. Mr. Deuschle will be appointed to a 1.0 FTE 3-year probationary Business Teacher with a tenure area of Business effective September 1, 2025.
- 2) Tara Alegre received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from SUNY Geneseo. She earned her Master's degree in School Counseling from the University at Buffalo and her CAS in School Counseling from SUNY Brockport. She has 24 years of experience working in public schools. Ms. Alegre will be appointed to a 1.0 FTE 3-year probationary School Counselor with a tenure area of School Counselor effective October 6, 2025.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Step/Rate</u>	<u>Probationary Period</u>
Scott Deuschle	Business and Distributive Education; Coordinator of Cooperative Work-Study Program	9/1/2025	Step 25	3 years
Tara Alegre	School Counselor	10/6/2025	Step 25	3 years

3) Mentors

the following individuals to be Mentors for the 2025-2026 school year at rates in accordance with contract:

Mentor:

Sara Maser  
Brian Amesbury  
Tammy Wood  
Rachael Schading  
Jen Marafioti

Mentee:

Scott Deuschle  
Heidi Robb  
Catherine Coffee  
Ameigh Coates  
Justine Olszewski

4) RN Supervisory Stipend

the following School District Registered Nurses for the contractual stipend for overseeing the Licensed Practical Nurse as indicated:

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Explore – Enrich – Empower



RN

Lorraine Ryan  
Kelly Smith

LPN

Kelly LaBouf  
Cara Carr

5) Contract Substitute Teachers

the following individual to Contract Substitute Teacher positions for the 2025 – 2026 school year at the contractual rate:

Nicole Nearpass – Elementary School

6) Certified Substitute Teachers

the following individuals to Certified Substitute Teacher positions conditional upon criminal history clearance from the New York State Education Department where applicable.

Stephany Elmer-Scott – Preferred

Renee Hass

Thomas Reynolds

Jennifer Lyons

7) Non-Certified Substitute Teachers

the following individual to Non-Certified Substitute Teacher positions conditional upon criminal history clearance from the New York State Education Department and verification of one year of college where applicable:

Pam Araya

8) Co-Curricular & Stipend Positions 2025-2026 School Year

the following individuals to co-curricular and stipend positions at rates in accordance with contract:

CO-CURRICULAR	BLDG	Appointed	Group	Step
Youth Activation Club	MS	Lisa Cooke	AA	1
Robotics	MS	Dan Olmstead	A	4
OTHER STIPEND POSITIONS				
Snow Sports Coordinator	DW	Holly Wolf		Stipend

***End of Consensus Agenda***

***Upcoming Events***

- September 10- CIE Meeting
- September 11- Academy Open House
- September 17- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House
- September 17- Policy Committee meeting
- September 25- Visual and Performing Arts Hall of Fame Ceremony
- September 26- Audit Committee Meeting
- September 29- Board of Education Meeting
- September 30- Senior Parent Night
- October 1- School Tax Collection Begins
- October 9- Primary School Open House
- October 10- Early Release-Half day for all students
- October 13- Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day- No school
- October 20- Board of Education Meeting
- October 22- CA Jazz Concert
- October 23- Elementary Open House
- October 31- Last day to pay school taxes without penalty



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***Adjournment***

Upon a motion made by Ms. Tessendorf, seconded by Dr. Schneider, with all present voting yes, the Board of Education approved the adjournment of the Regular meeting at 7:09p.m. The next meeting will be on September 29, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Sundlov  
District Clerk