

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

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Dr. Potts, Mr. Flood, and Mr. Lavery reported on the opening of school.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Knoll discussed safety drill requirements and reviewed our active shooter drill held in August.

Mr. Knoll shared the following:

- Canfield Fair
 - Cheerleaders Performance
 - Band Performance
 - Education Building Display
 - Student Abigail Riblet's Achievement
- September 5 – Community tailgate and football game honoring military and first responders
- All four schools are Purple Star schools.
- Champions Day, Thursday, September 18 – Game day experience for students with special abilities.
- School safety was reviewed. One of the activities under “Heartening” includes “Start with Hello Week” which is all about making connections.
- MSC Chemical Spill Update – Signage to be installed in lieu of fencing.
- Mold tests were done at all four buildings. Results did not identify the presence of elevated concentrations of airborne fungal spores – “Normal Fungal Ecology”.
- Fall Sports are off to a great start:
 - Volleyball is 9 – 1
 - Boys/Girls Golf both won the league championship
 - Cross Country, Tennis, and Soccer are looking great
 - Football vs Poland – Friday, September 12

- Rotary Student of the Month Program will resume in October

Mr. Knoll mentioned that this school year's theme is "The Cardinal Way"
Purpose Perseverance Pride Passion

MINUTES

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, to waive the reading of the minutes of the August 13, 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

Dr. Ahlquist made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the check payment register for the month ending July 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.

COMMENTS

Jason Henry inquired about the status of facilities planning and reminded the board of the upcoming deadlines for ballot issues for next year.

Mr. Atway commented that facilities are a time-sensitive priority.

VOLUNTARY RESIGNATIONS, TRANSFER/REASSIGNMENT, LICENSED RESIGNATION, CLASSIFIED RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS, CLASSIFIED HIRING, CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES, AND EXTRACURRICULAR HIRING

Mr. Knoll made the following recommendations:

Voluntary Resignations – Classified (Due to abandonment of position):

Nicole Guy CVMS Special Needs Aide

Alyssa Bowman CHC Special Needs Aide

Transfer/Reassignment:

Carol Scheckelhoff	from Hilltop Cafeteria Cashier/Truck Driver to Transportation Aide at \$17.08 per hour effective September 8, 2025
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Resignation – Licensed:

MacKenzie Thomas	Math Challenge 24 Hilltop Assistant Advisor effective August 22, 2025
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Resignation/Retirement – Classified:

Christine Hagman	Superintendent's Secretary effective January 1, 2026
Delaney Pallo	CVMS Musical Productions Coach, Drama Grades 5 & 6, Drama Grades 7 & 8 effective September 10, 2025

Hiring – Classified:

Christine Mullane	CHS Media Center Aide 8 hours per day, 9 months per year at \$19.55 per hour effective September 1, 2025
Krista Phillips	CVMS Special Needs Aide 5.5 hours per day at \$17.08 per hour effective September 11, 2025
Robyn Lockner	Hilltop Cafeteria Cashier/Driver 4 hours per day, 9 months per year at \$15.99 per hour Effective September 11, 2025

Approve Classified Substitutes:

Linda Ireland
Makenna Liller Dahman
Erica Hanuschak Newell
Fred Rosko
John Kabetso

Hiring – Extracurricular for the 2025-2026 School Year:

Licensed Extracurricular

JV Boys Basketball Coach (.5 time)	Dylan O'Hara	\$ 3,258
8 th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	Brady Clark	4,779
* Asst. Boys Golf Coach	Jared Turocy	500
* Asst. Cross Country Coach	Logan Franczkowski	800
Head Girls Basketball Coach	Matt Reel	10,860
JV Girls Basketball Coach	Pat Pavlansky	6,516
8 th Grade Girls Basketball Coach	Jim Harmon	4,779
7 th Grade Girls Basketball Coach	Mike Merritt	4,779
Saturday Girls Basketball Coordinator	Todd Muckleroy	1,738
Asst. Swimming Coach	Kristen Kuntzman	4,779
Math Challenge 24 CHC Asst. Advisor	Kristine Hofus	2,172
Math Challenge 24 Hilltop Asst. Advisor	Nikki Tuckeck	2,172

Out-of-District Licensed Extracurricular (Resolution #41-2026)

Head Boys Basketball Coach	Andy Vlajkovich	\$ 10,860
JV Boys Basketball Coach (.5 time)	Joe Carbon	3,258
Freshman Boys Basketball Coach	Scott Knox	4,344
7 th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	Vince Procopio	4,779
Saturday Boys Basketball Coordinator	Andy Vlajkovich	1,738
Volunteer Swimming Coach	Dave Mullane	

Non-Licensed Extracurricular (Resolution #42-2026)

* Asst. Boys Basketball Coach	Chris Brooks	\$ 4,779
Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach	Harmony Stanger	
Girls Bowling Coach	Lisa Devereaux	1,738
Head Hockey Coach	Josh Congelio	4,779
Asst. Hockey Coach	David Rankin	2,606
Head Swimming Coach	Stacy Sowers	7,385
JV Wrestling Coach	Stan Socha	5,213
Varsity Asst. Wrestling Coach	Caiden Hart	5,213
Wrestling Volunteer	Randy Langham	
MS Wrestling Coach	Shawn Williams	4,344
MS Wrestling Coach	Caleb Arnold	3,475

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.

*Support Organization Donated

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

PARENT/DISTRICT SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

Dr. Ahlquist made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the following list of Parent/District Support Organizations for the 2025-2026 school year as per Policy 9211, pending completion of forms by September 30, 2025:

Canfield Athletic Boosters
 Canfield Band Parents, Inc.
 Canfield Boys Basketball Boosters
 Canfield Lady Cards Basketball Boosters
 Canfield Bowling Boosters
 Canfield Choral Boosters, Inc.
 Canfield Schools Cross Country Booster Club
 Canfield Diamondbackers
 Canfield Football Alumni Club
 Canfield High School Boys Golf Boosters

Canfield Gridiron Club
Canfield Cardinals Hockey Boosters, Inc.
Canfield Lacrosse Boosters
Canfield PTA
Canfield Robotics Booster Club
Canfield High School Soccer Boosters
Canfield Softball Boosters
Canfield Speech and Debate Boosters
Canfield High School Swim & Dive Team Boosters, Inc.
Canfield Girls Tennis Boosters
Canfield High School Track Boosters Club
Canfield Volleyball Boosters, Inc.
Canfield Wrestling Boosters

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.

INCREASE IN DAILY SUBSTITUTE PAY

Mrs. DeCapua made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve an increase in the daily substitute pay from \$120 per day to \$125 per day effective August 14, 2025.

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.

IMPRACTICAL TRANSPORTATION

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

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.

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA EXEMPTION

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, to adopt Resolution #40-2026 approving a community reinvestment area exemption for certain real property improvements to benefit IES Holdings, LLC.

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.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

A special board meeting date was set for Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 12:00 noon to adopt appropriations.

DONATIONS

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

Robert Senn Studio		Employee ID Cards
KLM Controls, Inc.	\$ 2,000.00	Jet Club – Robotics
Jenifer R Powers Fruit Memorial Fund	620.00	Jet Club – Robotics
OHSAA	1,250.00	CHS Athletic Department
Total Cash Donations	\$ 3,870.00	

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

OLD BUSINESS

“Old Business” has been added to the agenda to discuss any issues that require follow-up from previous meetings. Nothing was brought forward.

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 matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statute.

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 7:18 p.m.

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.