

TREASURER PRO TEMPORE

Mrs. DeCapua was appointed Treasurer *pro tempore*.

ROLL CALL

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Knoll reminded the Board of the 2025-26 District theme:
"The Cardinal Way" – *Purpose Perseverance Pride Passion*

Mr. Knoll announced Principal Appreciation Month and stated that this year's start of school was the smoothest ever. He thanked the Principals.

Mr. Knoll shared the following:

- School Safety's Heartening activity – "Start With Hello Week."
- Champions Day Video – over 200 kids and 65 peer leaders participated.
- Kindness Clubs – another activity to make connections.

Mr. Knoll gave an update on Fall sports and expressed it was an awesome season for all sports.

Mr. Knoll announced the Report Card rankings:

Overall	4.5
CVMS	5
CHC	5
Hilltop	5
CHS	4.5

Mr. Knoll reported the dates of the Veterans Day Programs for each building:

High School – Friday, November 7
Hilltop – Monday, November 10
CHC and CVMS – Tuesday, November 11

Mr. Knoll announced Conferences are scheduled for October 9 for all schools.

INTRODUCTION OF SEPTEMBER ROTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The following September Rotary Students of the Month were introduced:

Dr. Potts presented Olivia Weber, Senior
Mr. Rubin presented Peyton McCune, Grade 8
Mr. Lavery presented Leightyn Nelson, CHC Grade 4
Mr. Flood presented Sadie Zavadil, Hilltop Grade 4

MINUTES

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, to waive the reading of the minutes of the September 10, 2025, regular meeting and the September 30, 2025, special 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

Mr. Knoll presented the Treasurer reports for August.

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

PARENTAL LEAVE, RESIGNATIONS, PARAPROFESSIONAL HIRING, APPROVE CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES, EXTRACURRICULAR HIRING

Mr. Knoll made the following recommendations:

Parental Leave

Marissa Betts	Hilltop Grade 2 Teacher Leave beginning approximately November 7, 2025, returning January 5, 2026
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Resignation – Licensed:

Monica Coliadis	CVMS Intervention Specialist effective June 1, 2026 for the purpose of retirement
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Resignations – Classified:

Ed Arsena	CVMS Lunchroom Aide effective October 31, 2025
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Shirley Griffin CHS Head Custodian
effective January 1, 2026

Scott Knox Freshman Boys Basketball Coach
effective 2025-26 school year

Hiring – Paraprofessional (to be reimbursed by Boosters):

Rae Anne Baruffa Band Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour

Approve Classified Substitute:

Josie Homsey

Hiring – Extracurricular for the 2025-2026 School Year:

Licensed Extracurricular

K-12 District Academic Chair – ELA	Jacob Courtney	\$ 3,041
K-12 District Academic Chair – Math and Computer Science	Jeremy Hamilton	3,041
K-12 District Academic Chair – Science	Tom Slaven	3,041
K-12 District Academic Chair – Social Studies	Anna Martin	3,041
K-12 District Academic Chair – World Languages	Carmel Vivacqua	3,041
K-12 District Academic Chair – Special Education	Bethany Scholl-Lavery	3,041
K-12 District Academic Chair – Guidance and Fine and Applied Arts	Kate Antal	3,041
Head Wrestling Coach	Craig Shaw	7,819
Musical Productions – MS	Kristine Caporale	2,606
Drama – 5 th /6 th	Kristine Caporale	1,303
Drama – 7 th /8 th	Kristine Caporale	1,303

Out-of-District Licensed Extracurricular (Resolution #44-2026)

Freshman Girls Basketball Coach	Annastacia Ray	\$ 5,213
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Non-Licensed Extracurricular (Resolution #45-2026)

Assistant Wrestling	Adontis Watson	\$ 1,500
Boys Bowling Coach	Carl Cramer	2,172

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

The President declared the motion carried.

AMEND POLICY 2460 'SPECIAL EDUCATION'

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, to amend Policy 2460 'Special Education' to satisfy the requirement of the Operating Standards for Ohio Educational Agencies Serving Children with Disabilities.

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:

Varsity Wrestling Team	Participate in the North Canton tournament Hoover High School North Canton, OH December 19-20, 2025 Providing lodging is paid by an outside source
Varsity Wrestling Team	Participate in the Wheeling Park Dual Tournament Highland Sports Complex Triadelphia, WV December 26-28, 2025 Providing transportation and lodging are paid by an outside source
Varsity Wrestling Team	Participate in the District Wrestling Tournament Kenston High School Chagrin Falls, OH March 6-7, 2026 Providing lodging is paid by an outside source
Varsity Wrestling Team	Participate in the State Wrestling Tournament The Ohio State University Columbus, OH March 12-16, 2026
CHS Chemistry Classes	Participate in a Chemistry Presentation Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall Pittsburgh, PA November 5, 2025

Mr. Campbell 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.

FIRST READING OF POLICIES

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

2266	Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities
2430.02	Participation of Community/Stem School/Home-Educated Students in Extracurricular Activities
2431	Interscholastic Athletics
3130	Assignment and Transfer
5130	Withdrawal from School
5136	Personal Communication Devices
5200	Attendance
5223	Released Time for Religious Instruction
5410	Promotion, Academic Acceleration, Placement, and Retention
6109	Acceptance of Payment by Credit Card
6152	Student Fees, Fines, and Charges
6830	Audit
7540.02	Digital Content and Accessibility
7541	Electronic Data Disaster Recovery Plan
8300	Continuity of Organizational Operations Plan
8305	Information Security
8400	School Safety
8462	Student Abuse and Neglect
8640	Transportation for Non-Routine Trips
9270	Equivalent Education Outside the Schools & Participation in Extracurricular Activities for Students Not Enrolled in the District

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.

FINANCIAL FORECAST

Mr. Knoll recommended the adoption of the Financial Forecast.

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, to adopt the Financial Forecast as recommended. Mrs. DeCapua and Mr. DeMaiolo attended the finance committee meeting to review the Forecast in depth. Mrs. DeCapua shared key takeaways. Mr. DeMaiolo feels it is important for the community to be educated on complex school funding concepts and their impact on Canfield Schools. Current legislation could have a significant impact on funding. Mrs. DeCapua encouraged all to ask questions of the Central Office, specifically of the Treasurer.

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.

PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL MEDIA AND VIDEO GAME ADDICTION LITIGATION

Dr. Ahlquist made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to adopt Resolution #46-2026 authorizing participation in Social Media and Video Game Addiction litigation.

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.

DONATIONS

Mr. DeMaiolo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to accept the following donations:

Junior Women's League of Canfield, Inc.	\$ 1,000.00	Champions Day
Jennifer L. Manning & Steven J. Robbins	250.00	Speech & Debate Team Sponsor
Kathryn A. Geisler	500.00	Speech & Debate Team Sponsor
Afreen Moonda	100.00	Speech & Debate Team Sponsor
Louise M. and Colin E. Campbell	100.00	Speech & Debate Team Sponsor
Swati N. Sethi and Rahul Sethi	100.00	Speech & Debate Team Sponsor
Kimberly L. and James L. Gilbert	250.00	Speech & Debate Team Sponsor
Courtney and Tanner Larson	250.00	Speech & Debate Team Sponsor
Nicolinni's Chophouse	500.00	Speech & Debate Team Sponsor
Tri State Lung & Sleep Associates, Inc.	100.00	Speech & Debate Team Sponsor
Barbara J. and Basem N. Doss	250.00	Speech & Debate Team Sponsor
Aisha N. and Nadeem S. Bajwa	250.00	Speech & Debate Team Sponsor
Danielle L. and Daniel J. Procopio	100.00	Speech & Debate Team Sponsor
Judith and Ahmad A. Mashqbeh	100.00	Speech & Debate Team Sponsor
Asheesh A. Pai Dhungat	250.00	Speech & Debate Team Sponsor
Shermeen Farukhi, M.D. & Asif I. Khan M.D.	500.00	Speech & Debate Team Sponsor
Rahul and Swati N. Sethi	30.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
Joe Khoury - Radon Raiders LLC	100.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
The 220 Group, Ltd. DBA Great Clips	100.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
Kasey and Christopher Bland	100.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
Tri-County Physical Therapy Institute LLC	100.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament

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Cheryl and George Pinte	100.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
Austintown Podiatry Assoc., Inc.	100.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
DPH Architecture LLC	100.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
Jale, LLC DBA Handel's of Niles	100.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
Brian T. Weibling DDS LLC	150.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
Johnson & Johnson Attorneys At Law	150.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
Donna M. and Samuel G. Boak	200.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
Ahlquist Eye Care Professionals	250.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
Heather and Robert J. Moser	250.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
York Mahoning Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	250.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
Diamond Tank Equipment, LLC	250.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
Baird Brothers Sawmill, Inc.	250.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
Akeso Home Health Care	250.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
Baxter Associates, LLC	250.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
Coventry Lighting, Inc	250.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
Ohio Sports and Spine Institute	250.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
Nicolinni's Chophouse	250.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
Phoenix Rehabilitation and Health Services, Inc.	250.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
Fairway Ford	250.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
Compco Industries	500.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
Haus Auto Group	500.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
898 Marketing	1,000.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
Canfield Athletic Boosters	57,658.00	Scoreboard
Mark D. Davis	200.00	Kate Farragher Memorial Trust Fund for the Arts
Canfield PTA Hilltop	1,679.46	STEM Week Supplies
Canfield PTA CH Campbell	1,679.46	STEM Week Supplies
Total Cash Donations	\$ 72,146.92	

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

Facilities are still a priority but are delayed due to funding issues and board of education change over.

Mr. Knoll requested the Boards' thoughts concerning hockey legislation (HB96). The legislation allows any student attending a school within 20 miles that does not have hockey the ability to play in Canfield if both Superintendents sign off. Dr. Ahlquist does support this new legislation. Mr. Atway and Mrs. DeCapua are concerned about this setting precedent. Mr. Campbell supports Mr. Beam's recommendation not to permit outside students to participate. Mr. DeMaiolo is against long term consequences of permitting this. Mr. Knoll does not support the process of putting this in the budget bill. He believes this is an OHSAA bylaw issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Campbell made a motion at 7:04 p.m., seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, to adjourn to a confidential executive session to consider the employment 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.

RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened at 9:38 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. DeMaiolo made a motion at 9:39 p.m., seconded by Mrs. DeCapua, 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.