

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

ROTARY PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AWARD

Dave Wilkeson, President of Canfield Rotary and former Board Member, presented the Paul Harris Fellow Award to Pattie Prince in recognition of her exemplary service as Treasurer for Canfield Local Schools.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Soccer Coach Phil Simone was recognized for his 450 career wins.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Knoll introduced new Treasurer Ben Marko.

Mr. Knoll presented a video of highlights from Veterans Day.

INTRODUCTION OF OCTOBER ROTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The following October Rotary Students of the Month were introduced:

Dr. Potts presented Michael Pantelakis, Senior
Mr. Rubin presented Addie Dill, Grade 8
Mr. Lavery presented Teddy Ward, CHC Grade 4
Mr. Flood presented Zane Schneider, Hilltop Grade 4

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mrs. DeCapua presented Student Resolutions #48-2026 through #53-2026 honoring the following individuals/team:

Marina Epp
Sisi Nalluri
Simran Sethi
Lainie Modarelli
Canfield High Girls Tennis Team
Hadley Moser

MINUTES

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, to waive the reading of the minutes of the October 8, 2025, regular meeting, the October 27, 2025, special meeting, and the October 31, 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

Mrs. DeCapua made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ahlquist, to approve the check payment register for the month ending September 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:

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

The President declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jason Henry asked the Board for continued diligence on facilities and thanked retiring board members for their service.

Mr. DeMaiolo congratulated Jill DeRamo and Katie Elford, newly elected board members.

LICENSED RESIGNATIONS, PARENTAL LEAVE, CLASSIFIED RESIGNATIONS, CLASSIFIED HIRING, APPROVE CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES, EXTRACURRICULAR HIRING, TRANSFER/REASSIGNMENT

Mr. Knoll made the following recommendations:

Resignations – Licensed:

Michelle Head	CVMS 5 th Grade Science and Social Studies Teacher effective June 1, 2026 requesting retire/rehire
Bob Tinkey	CVMS Physical Education Teacher effective June 1, 2026 requesting retire/rehire
Heidi Garwig	CVMS Art Teacher effective June 1, 2026 for the purpose of retirement

Parental Leave

Krista Nesbitt

CVMS Math Teacher
following six weeks of paid sick leave beginning
approximately November 18 through December 3, 2025

Resignations – Classified:

Colleen Anderson

CVMS Custodian
effective February 1, 2026
for the purpose of retirement

Brianne Black

CHC Special Needs Aide
effective October 24, 2025

Matt Bratcher

CHC Head Custodian
effective October 31, 2025

Ed Arsena

CVMS Lunchroom Aide
amend effective date from October 31, 2025, to October
17, 2025

April Habeger

Central Office Accounts Payable
effective December 1, 2025

Ron Leone

Substitute Bus Driver
effective November 12, 2025

Hiring – Classified:

Touria Chayat

CVMS Lunchroom Aide
2.5 hours per day at \$16.73 per hour
effective October 20, 2025

Makenna Liller

CHC Special Needs Aide
5.5 hours per day at \$16.73 per hour
effective November 13, 2025

Sergio Carano

CHS Custodian
8 hours per day at \$17.90 per hour
pending background checks

Approve Classified Substitutes:

Brittany Strawinski

Emily Novotny

Brianne Black

Tamara Doppelhauer

Jenna Fagert

Melissa Syvanych (effective 10/22/25)

Pam Kavali

Victoria Calder

Hiring – Extracurricular for the 2025-2026 School Year:

Non-Licensed Extracurricular (Resolution #54-2026)

Boys Basketball Volunteer	Rob Donahue	
Head Softball Coach	Kerry Durkin	\$ 6,516
Assistant Swim Coach Volunteer	Adele Colonna	

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

Transfer/Reassign:

Korine Rach	from CHS custodian to CHC Head Custodian effective November 3, 2025
Jeff Stewart	from CHS night custodian to CHS afternoon custodian effective November 3, 2025

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

SECOND READING OF POLICIES

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. DeCapua, to approve the second 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
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.

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:

CHS Special Needs Classes	Visit Kraynaks and have lunch Hermitage, PA December 5, 2025
CHS AP Classes	Attend National College Fair David H. Lawrence Convention Center Pittsburgh, PA January 28, 2026
CHS Varsity Softball Team	Participate in a Softball Tournament North Myrtle Beach, SC April 5-10, 2026 Providing transportation and lodging are paid by an outside source
Boys and Girls Bowling Teams	Participate in a Bowling Tournament Hermitage, PA December 29, 2025

Dr. Ahlquist made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMaiolo, 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.

DONATIONS

Mrs. DeCapua presented the following donations:

Michelle Navarro	\$	100.00	Speech & Debate Team Sponsor
Rudra Uppal		100.00	Speech & Debate Team Sponsor
Donald Belosic		250.00	Speech & Debate Team Sponsor
Wilson Lane Farm		100.00	Speech & Debate Team Sponsor
Sisters Cupboard and Closet, LLC		250.00	Speech & Debate Team Sponsor

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James and Jennifer Hallos	250.00	Speech & Debate Team Sponsor
Merrill A Bank of America Company	500.00	Speech & Debate Team Sponsor
Animal Medical Care Center	250.00	Speech & Debate Team Sponsor
Sherman Creative Promotions, Inc.	1,100.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
CareVet Missouri LLC	250.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
Canfield Rotary Association	500.00	Interact Club Pickleball Tournament
Canfield PTA CH Campbell	799.00	Staff Refrigerator
Edward and Vicki Fredericks	100.00	Canfield Players Show Sponsor
Cockeye Creamery Canfield LLC	50.00	Canfield Players Show Sponsor
Families for Adrian Biviano	500.00	Canfield Players Show Sponsor
Sean and Elizabeth Sich	50.00	Canfield Players Show Sponsor
Sally Pagano and Shana-Lynn Neuhaus	50.00	Canfield Players Show Sponsor
Kyle and Shana-Lynn Neuhaus	50.00	Canfield Players Show Sponsor
Tanner and Courtney Larson	250.00	Canfield Players Show Sponsor
David and Sara Kovass	300.00	Canfield Players Show Sponsor
John and Kathleen Vogrin	50.00	Canfield Players Show Sponsor
Joseph and Anna Rossetti	50.00	Canfield Players Show Sponsor
Michael and Allyson Zoccali	500.00	Canfield Players Show Sponsor
Youngstown Mirror & Glass Co.	100.00	Canfield Players Show Sponsor
Beso Del Sol LLC	1,000.00	Canfield Players Show Sponsor
Melissa Mullane Padgett DDS LLC	100.00	Senior Class Craft Show
Ohiopyle Prints	6.06	CHS Principal's Fund
Sharon and Joe Buttura		Exploration Table for CHC

Total Cash Donations \$ 7,605.06

Mr. DeMaiolo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ahlquist, 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.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Campbell made a motion at 6:43 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.