

CANFIELD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES



Date: January 14, 2026

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: High School Auditorium

The Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:05 PM by Mr. Atway, Board President Pro-Tem.

Oaths of Office

The oaths were administered by Judge Robert Rusu.

I, Nader Atway, do hereby swear or affirm that I will uphold the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Ohio, and the policies and practices of the Canfield Board of Education as they relate to my position as a Canfield Board of Education Member and that I will faithfully serve to the best of my skill and ability. So help me, God.

I, Jill DeRamo, do hereby swear or affirm that I will uphold the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Ohio, and the policies and practices of the Canfield Board of Education as they relate to my position as a Canfield Board of Education Member and that I will faithfully serve to the best of my skill and ability. So help me, God.

I, Katie Elford, do hereby swear or affirm that I will uphold the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Ohio, and the policies and practices of the Canfield Board of Education as they relate to my position as a Canfield Board of Education Member and that I will faithfully serve to the best of my skill and ability. So help me, God.

Roll Call: Dr. Ahlquist, Mr. Atway, Mrs. Elford, Mrs. DeRamo, Mr. DeMaiolo

Election of Board President

Mr. Atway nominated Mr. DeMaiolo as President. Dr. Ahlquist seconded. Mr. DeMaiolo accepted the nomination.

Roll Call:

Yes: Dr. Ahlquist, Mr. Atway, Mrs. DeRamo, Mrs. Elford, Mr. DeMaiolo

Motion carried 5-0

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Election of Board Vice President

Mr. DeMaiolo nominated Mr. Atway as Vice President. Mrs. DeRamo seconded. Mr. Atway accepted the nomination.

Roll Call:

Yes: Dr. Ahlquist, Mr. Atway, Mrs. DeRamo, Mrs. Elford, Mr. DeMaiolo

Motion carried 5-0

Superintendent's Update

Mr. Knoll updated the Board on multiple topics. He also recognized the Board as it is School Board Recognition Month.

Principals' Introduction of Rotary Student of the Month

- 12th Grade – Sean Bolling
- 8th Grade – Klara Edenfield
- 8th Grade – Chase Senn – absent from the Dec. meeting
- CHC 4th Grade – Breanna Zielinski
- Htp 4th Grade – Scarlett Fiffick

Student Resolutions #102-113

WHEREAS, the Canfield Varsity Football Team finished being the #1 Seed in Region 9 Division III and completed their Season as Regional Semi-Finalists.

WHEREAS, Coach Joe Ignazio was named All Inland District Northeast Coach of the Year, OHSFCA Region 8 Coach of the Year, and Vindicator Mahoning County Coach of the Year.

WHEREAS, Enzo Cocca, Team Captain, was named 1st Team All Mahoning County, 1st Team All AAC, 1st Team All Inland District Northeast, and 2nd Team All State Quarterback in Football.

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WHEREAS, Landon Shina, Team Captain, was named 1st Team All Mahoning County, 1st Team All AAC, 1st Team All Inland District Northeast, 2nd Team All State, WKBN Player of the Game Week 3 vs Mooney, and WYTV Student Athlete of the week, Defensive Line in Football.

WHEREAS, Joey Pannunzio was named 1st Team All Mahoning County, 1st Team All AAC, 1st Team All Inland District Northeast, WKBN Player of the Game Week 6 vs Hickory, and All State Honorable Mention Defensive Back in Football.

WHEREAS, Luke Goodrich was named 1st Team All Mahoning County, 1st Team All AAC, 1st Team All Inland District Northeast, and All State Honorable Mention Kicker in Football.

WHEREAS, D.J. Erickson was named 1st Team All Mahoning County, 1st Team All AAC, 1st Team All Inland District Northeast, and 1st Team All State Offensive Line in Football.

WHEREAS, Bryce Roberts was named 1st Team All AAC, 2nd Team All Inland District Northeast Defensive Back in Football.

WHEREAS, Luke Hash was named 1st Team All Mahoning County, 1st Team All AAC, 1st Team All Inland District Northeast, and 3rd Team All State Linebacker in Football.

WHEREAS, Daniel Seaman was named 1st Team All Mahoning County, 2nd Team All AAC and 2nd Team All Inland District Northeast, Offensive Line in Football.

WHEREAS, Gabe Miller was named 2nd Team All AAC and 2nd Team All Inland District Northeast, Linebacker in Football.

#115-2026

Consent Agenda Items

Approve the following consent agenda items:

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1. To give authority to the Superintendent to carry out policies as adopted by the Board of Education.
2. To establish the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. for regular meetings of the Board of Education in the Canfield High School Auditorium, 100 Cardinal Drive
3. To set the Board of Education Service Fund at \$5,000
(ORC 3315.15 shall not exceed \$20,000)
4. To designate *The Vindicator* as the district's official newspaper
5. To adopt Policy 2460 'Special Education' to satisfy the requirement of the Operating Standards for Ohio Educational Agencies Serving Children with Disabilities, the Board adopts the model policies and procedures promulgated by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (DEW).
6. To waive the reading of the record of proceedings of each meeting
7. To use *Robert's Rules of Order* in the absence of Board Policy
8. To authorize the Treasurer to pay bills within the adopted appropriations

Motion: Mr. Atway

Second: Mrs. DeRamo

Yes: Dr. Ahlquist, Mr. Atway, Mrs. DeRamo, Mrs. Elford, Mr. DeMaiolo

Motion carried 5-0

Liaisons for 2026

Mr. DeMaiolo appointed Mrs. Elford as Legislative Liaison and Mrs. DeRamo as the Student Achievement Liaison.

Committee Members for 2026

Mr. DeMaiolo appointed the following committees:

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Finance: Mr. Atway and Mr. DeMaiolo
Curriculum: Mrs. DeRamo and Mrs. Elford
Building/Grounds: Mrs. Elford and Mr. DeMaiolo
Policy: Dr. Ahlquist and Mrs. DeRamo
Extra-Curricular: Dr. Ahlquist and Mr. Atway

Minutes Approval

Approve the minutes from the Regular December 10, 2025, meeting.

Motion: Dr. Ahlquist

Second: Mrs. Elford

Yes: Dr. Ahlquist, Mr. Atway, Mrs. DeRamo, Mrs. Elford, Mr. DeMaiolo

Motion carried 5-0

Treasurer's Financial Report

Approve the financial report from the Treasurer.

Motion: Mrs. DeRamo

Second: Mr. Atway

Yes: Dr. Ahlquist, Mr. Atway, Mrs. DeRamo, Mrs. Elford, Mr. DeMaiolo

Motion carried 5-0

Public Participation

There were no public comments.

Personnel Hiring

1. Personnel
 - a. Hiring – Classified

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1. Brianne Black - CHC Special Needs Aide, 5.5 hr daily rate of \$16.73 per hour, effective January 15, 2026 (Exhibit # 1)
2. Katie Dick – Bus Aide, approximately 3.75 hours per day at \$16.73 per hour, effective immediately upon cleared background checks (Exhibit # 2)
3. Michael Kennedy - CVMS Afternoon Custodian, \$18.99 per hour, effective Immediately upon cleared background checks (Exhibit #3)
- b. Resignation – Licensed
 1. Michael Kerensky, CVMS 7th grade teacher, effective March 1, 2026, for the purpose of retirement (Exhibit # 4)
- c. Accept Resignation Classified
 1. Carol Scheckelhoff - Transportation Aide, effective January 19, 2026 (Exhibit # 5)
- d. Hiring Extracurricular as per attached Resolutions #114-2026 and #115-2026 (Exhibit #6)

Boys Tennis Volunteer Coach	Pat Pavlkansky	
Boys Track Head Coach	Chris Morchak	\$6516
Track Middle School Coach	Todd Muckleroy	\$4344
Track Middle School Coach	Dan DiGiacomo	\$4344
Track Middle School Coach	Logan Franczkowski	\$3475

Whereas the Board of Education of the Canfield Local School District (“the Board”) desires to hire the individuals listed on the attached Exhibit B to direct, supervise or coach the pupil activity programs listed on the attached Exhibit B during the 2025-2026 academic school year in the areas of music, language, arts, speech, government, athletics, or other areas directly related to the curriculum, and

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Whereas the individual listed on the attached Exhibit B currently holds a valid educator license, but is not employed as a teacher in the District and holds valid pupil activity program permits issued by the Ohio Department of Education, and

Whereas it is incumbent upon the Board to make the determinations listed in Section 3313.53 (D) of the Ohio Revised Code prior to formalizing an offer of employment to a licensed individual who is not employed by the Board for purposes of directing, supervising or coaching pupil activity programs;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board hereby determines that:

1.) the position listed on the attached Exhibit B has been offered to those employees of the district who are licensed individuals and no such employee qualified to fill the position has accepted any of the positions;

2.) the positions were then advertised to any licensed individual who is qualified to fill any of the positions and who is not employed by the Board, and the licensed individual listed on the attached Exhibit B has applied for and accepted the position;

Resolved Further, that the Board hereby directs the Treasurer, upon the submission by the licensed individual listed on the attached Exhibit B of a valid pupil activity program permit, to enter into a written contract with each individual listed on the attached Exhibit B for a term not to exceed one year, wherein shall be specified the compensation and other terms of employment relative to such pupil activity program position, including an admonition that the employment contract may be suspended or terminated by the Board in the event that the licensed individual listed on the attached Exhibit B has his or her pupil activity program permit suspended or revoked by the Ohio State Board of Education.

Exhibit B

Baseball Head Coach	Matt Weymer	\$7819
Baseball Varsity Assistant (0.8)	Scott Knox	\$4170
Baseball Varsity Assistant (0.2)	Eric Barone	\$1043

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Baseball JV Coach (0.4)	Eric Barone	\$2085
Girls Track Head Coach	Lesley Holmes	\$7819
Track Assistant	Michael Rudloff	\$5213
Track Middle School Coach	Andrew Morchak	\$4344
Softball Varsity Assistant	Bernard Bolha	\$5213

Whereas the Board of Education of the Canfield Local School District (“the Board”) desires to hire the individuals listed on the attached Exhibit A to direct, supervise or coach the pupil activity programs listed on the attached Exhibit A during the 2025-2026 academic school year in the areas of music, language, arts, speech, government, athletics, or other areas directly related to the curriculum, and

Whereas the individuals listed on the attached Exhibit A do not currently hold a valid educator license (“nonlicensed individuals”), but are required to hold valid pupil activity program permits issued by the Ohio Department of Education, and

Whereas it is incumbent upon the Board to make the determinations listed in Section 3313.53 (D) of the Ohio Revised Code prior to formalizing an offer of employment to nonlicensed individuals for purposes of directing, supervising or coaching pupil activity programs;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board hereby determines that:

1.) the positions listed on the attached Exhibit A have been offered to those employees of the district who are licensed individuals and no such employee qualified to fill the position has accepted any of the positions;

2.) the positions were then advertised to any licensed individual who is qualified to fill any of the positions and who is not employed by the Board, and no such person has applied for and accepted the position;

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3.) in situations in which a licensed employee applied for a position as a pupil activity program director, supervisor or coach and the Board concluded to offer the position to a nonlicensed individual, a determination was first made by the Board in executive session that, based upon all relevant factors, such licensed employee was not qualified for the position.

Resolved Further, that the Board hereby directs the Treasurer, upon the submission by the nonlicensed individuals listed on the attached Exhibit A of a valid pupil activity program permit, to enter into a written contract with each individual listed on the attached Exhibit A for a term not to exceed one year, wherein shall be specified the compensation and other terms of employment relative to such pupil activity program position, including an admonition that the employment contract may be suspended or terminated by the Board in the event that the nonlicensed individual listed on the attached Exhibit A has his or her pupil activity program permit suspended or revoked by the Ohio State Board of Education.

Exhibit A

Baseball JV Coach (0.45)	Jason Morell	\$2346
Baseball JV Coach (0.15)	Nate Fleming	\$782
Baseball Freshman Coach (.38)	Nate Fleming	\$1816
Baseball Freshman Coach (.62)	Jimmy Whippo	\$2424
Softball JV Coach	Joe Mazerik	\$5213
Softball Freshman Coach	Kali Roberts	\$4779
Boys Lacrosse Head Coach	Dylan Ciolino	\$5647
Girls Lacrosse Head Coach	Megan Tyson	\$4779
Boys Head Tennis Coach	George Prosser	\$5647
Track Assistant	Eric O'Brien	\$5213
Track Assistant (0.5)	Ellyse Beshara	\$2172

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Indoor Track	Ellyse Beshara	\$750
Hockey Assistant Coach	Joe Villano	\$1700

Motion: Mr. Atway

Second: Dr. Ahlquist

Yes: Dr. Ahlquist, Mr. Atway, Mrs. DeRamo, Mrs. Elford, Mr. DeMaiolo

Motion carried 5-0

OSBA Legal Assistance Fund

Approve participation in OSBA Legal Assistance Fund for \$250.

Motion: Mrs. DeRamo

Second: Mr. Atway

Yes: Dr. Ahlquist, Mr. Atway, Mrs. DeRamo, Mrs. Elford, Mr. DeMaiolo

Motion carried 5-0

SRO Agreement

Adopt SRO agreement with City of Canfield (Exhibit #7).

Motion: Dr. Ahlquist

Second: Mr. Atway

Yes: Dr. Ahlquist, Mr. Atway, Mrs. DeRamo, Mrs. Elford, Mr. DeMaiolo

Motion carried 5-0

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CRA Agreement

Adopt Resolution #116-2026 Approving a Community Reinvestment Area Exemption.

Motion: Mr. Atway

Second: Dr. Ahlquist

Yes: Dr. Ahlquist, Mr. Atway, Mrs. DeRamo, Mrs. Elford, Mr. DeMaiolo

Motion carried 5-0

Out of State Trips

Approve the following out of state trips:

a. CHS Model UN Conference, Mr. Racz class travels to Pittsburgh, PA, to visit Duquesne University on February 6, 2026. (Exhibit # 9a)

b. CHS Model UN Conference, Mr. Racz class travels to New Willington, PA, to visit Westminster College on April 14, 2026. (Exhibit # 9b)

Motion: Mrs. DeRamo

Second: Mrs. Elford

Yes: Dr. Ahlquist, Mr. Atway, Mrs. DeRamo, Mrs. Elford, Mr. DeMaiolo

Motion carried 5-0

Donations

Approve the following donations:

True North Energy, LLC	\$437.34	"The Giving Pump"
Bajco Restaurant Holdings, LLC	\$10,000.00	CVMS Principal's Fund
Canfield Rotary Association	\$460.31	CHS Interact Club
Christopher & Elizabeth Testa	\$80.00	CHS Craft Show
Joanne & Arthur Hiscox in Memory of Richard A. Gary	\$250.00	Canfield Local Schools

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IES Systems, Inc.	\$1,000.00	Jets Club – Robotics
Junior Women's League of Canfield,	\$500.00	CHS Band
Youngstown Area Jewish Foundation		
(Sabrina & Sam Shapiro)	\$450.00	Washington D.C. Trip
Schmutz Family Foundation	\$1,000.00	CVMS Craft Club
Giant Eagle of Canfield	Five Dozen Donuts	Canfield Speech & Debate
Mark Davis	\$200.00	Kate Farragher Memorial Trust Fund for the Arts

Motion: Dr. Ahlquist

Second: Mrs. DeRamo

Yes: Dr. Ahlquist, Mr. Atway, Mrs. DeRamo, Mrs. Elford, Mr. DeMaiolo

Motion carried 5-0

Then-and-Now

Approve the following Then-and-Now purchase order in compliance with ORD 5705.41(D):

Vendor: Tri-Area Electric
Department: Maintenance
PO Date: 1/13/26
PO Number: 127324
Invoice Date: 7/11/25
Amount: \$3,895.00

Motion: Mr. Atway

Second: Mrs. Elford

Yes: Dr. Ahlquist, Mr. Atway, Mrs. DeRamo, Mrs. Elford, Mr. DeMaiolo

Motion carried 5-0

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Old Business

Mr. DeMaiolo proposed a work session on facilities. The date of Wednesday, February 18, 2026, seemed suitable to the Board. He also stated that starting with the February Meeting there will be two board members in the cafeteria starting at 5:30 PM to answer questions from the community.

Adjournment

Adjourn the meeting at 6:56 PM

Yes: Dr. Ahlquist, Mr. Atway, Mrs. DeRamo, Mrs. Elford, Mr. DeMaiolo
Motion carried 5-0

Board President

Treasurer