

CANFIELD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



Date: March 11, 2026

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: High School Auditorium

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mr. DeMaiolo, Board President.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Superintendent's Update

Mr. Knoll updated the board on the recent successes in athletics and the arts districtwide.

Principals' Introduction of February Rotary Student of the Month

- 12th Grade – Claire Hrina
- 8th Grade – Caroline Morse
- CHC 4th Grade – Nora Koenig
- Hilltop 4th Grade – Amelia Rodesky

Student Resolutions #120-2026 through #130-2026, #133-2026

WHEREAS, Gianna Gamberale was named NEAC All Star, All AAC, District Qualifier, and State Qualifier in Girls Swimming; and

WHEREAS, Emmy Korom was named NEAC All Star, All AAC, and District Qualifier in Girls Swimming; and

WHEREAS, Lyla Gray was named NEAC All Star, All AAC, All Ohio, District Qualifier, and State Qualifier in Girls Swimming; and

WHEREAS, Josie Protain was named NEAC All Star, All AAC, District Qualifier, and State Qualifier in Girls Swimming; and

WHEREAS, Mena Monroe was named NEAC All Star, All AAC, District Qualifier, and State Alternate in Girls Swimming; and

WHEREAS, Matea Ronyak was named NEAC All Star, All AAC, All Ohio, District Qualifier, and State Qualifier in Girls Swimming; and

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WHEREAS, Madelynn Gray was named NEAC All Star, All AAC, District Qualifier, and State Alternate in Girls Swimming; and

WHEREAS, Carina Gamberale was named District Qualifier and State Qualifier in Girls Swimming; and

WHEREAS, Alivia Crawford was named District Qualifier in Girls Swimming; and

WHEREAS, Madilynn Mikolich was named District Qualifier in Girls Swimming; and

WHEREAS, Vanessa Kelley was named District Qualifier in Girls Swimming; and

WHEREAS, Ben Melendez was named District Qualifier for Boys Bowling;

Minutes Approval

Approve the minutes from the following meetings:

February 11, 2026 – Regular Meeting

February 18, 2026 – Special Meeting

February 26, 2026 – Special Meeting

Motion: Mrs. Elford

Second: Mr. Atway

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: Dr. Ahlquist

Second: Mrs. DeRamo

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

Motion carried 5-0

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Transfer

Approve a transfer from 001-0000 (General Fund) to 300-900A (Administration of Athletics) in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Motion: Mr. Atway

Second: Dr. Ahlquist

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

Motion carried 5-0

Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Original Complaint Against the Valuation of Real Property (#131-2026)

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5715.19 permits a board of education to file an Original Complaint Against the Valuation of Real Property based upon the sale of the property in an arm's length transaction occurring during the last two years preceding the tax lien date for the tax year for which the complaint is to be filed as evidenced by a conveyance fee statement where the sale price exceeds the true value of the property by both ten (10) percent and \$567,000; and

WHEREAS, the sale of the following real property meets the statutory criteria:

Street Address:	61 Railroad St., Canfield, OH 44406
Permanent Parcel Number:	28-004-0-044.00-0, 28-004-0-045.00-0 & 28-004-0-046.00-0
Record Owner(s):	61 Railroad LLC
Basis for Complaint:	Recent arm's-length transaction on Oct. 9, 2024
Sale Price:	\$875,000
County Fair Market (True) Value:	\$273,950
Tax Year of Filing of Complaint:	2025

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Canfield Local School District hereby authorizes the filing of an Original Complaint for the property identified herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board, through its counsel, has provided prior notice to the record owner(s) of the parcel(s) identified herein as required by law.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes Peters, Kalail & Markakis Co., L.P.A. to file an Original Complaint and to participate in the Board of Revision proceedings and any further appeal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all its deliberations and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Ohio Revised Code §121.22.

Motion: Mr. Atway

Second: Dr. Ahlquist

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

Motion carried 5-0

Fund 022-0001

Approve the creation of fund 022-0001 for the purpose of holding, compiling, and dispensing district unclaimed funds.

Motion: Mrs. DeRamo

Second: Mrs. Elford

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

Motion carried 5-0

Bus Fleet Replenishment Plan

Approve Phase Bus Fleet Replenishment Plan for the 070 Capital Projects Fund.

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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Appropriations Revision

Approve the Revised FY26 Appropriations.

Motion: Mrs. DeRamo

Second: Mrs. Elford

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

Motion carried 5-0

Public Participation

There was no public participation

Personnel

- a. Resignations – Licensed
 - 1. Michelle Head, CVMS 5th grade Science and Social Studies, retirement effective June 1, 2026
 - 2. Andrea Reilly - HT Licensed Permanent Sub, resigning effective March 20, 2026
- b. Resignation - Classified
 - 1. Michelle Silvestri - Bus Driver, resigning effective February 23, 2026
 - 2. Kimberly Madej - HT Special Needs Aide, resigning due to retirement, effective June 1, 2026
 - 3. Lisa Calzo - CHS Special Needs Aide, resigning due to retirement, effective June 1, 2026
- c. Approve Classified Substitutes
 - 1. Michael Burke (employee)- Custodian
 - 2. Katie Dick (employee) - Special Needs Aide
 - 3. Michelle Silvestri - Bus Driver
- d. Approved Licensed
 - 1. Corie Hoselton - CVMS 6th grade ELA teacher, effective 2026-2027 school year at \$55,930
- e. Hired - Classified

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1. Lori Payne - Director of Food Services, at \$64,000, effective March 9, 2026
 2. Michael Kennedy - transfer from CVMS Afternoon Custodian to CHS Head Custodian at \$21.43 per hour, effective March 2, 2026
 3. Richard Donadee - CVMS Afternoon Custodian, at \$18.99 per hour, effective March 12, 2026, or immediately after with clean background check
 4. Stacey Mills - From Assistant Cook at CVMS to CVMS Head Cook, at \$21.59 per hour, effective March 9, 2026
- f. Involuntary Transfers (for the 2026-2027 school year)
1. Jessica Archer from 7th grade ELA to 6th grade ELA
 2. Melissa Meese from 8th grade ELA to 5th grade Science/Social Studies
 3. Sara Dysert from 6th grade ELA to 6th grade Science/Social Studies
 4. Brady Clark from 6th grade ELA to 7th grade Social Studies
 5. Pete Graff from High School Art Teacher to Middle School Art Teacher
- g. Hiring – Classified Summer Help
1. Kathy Palumbo* - Hilltop Summer Secretary \$13.00 per hour, 5 hours per day
 2. Angela Bourque* – CH Summer Secretary \$13.00 per hour, 5 hours per day
- * Held the same position last year
- h. Hiring extracurricular (Resolution #132-2026)

Whereas the Board of Education of the Canfield Local School District (“the Board”) desires to hire the individuals listed on the attached Exhibit to direct, supervise or coach the pupil activity programs listed on the attached Exhibit 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 individual listed on the attached Exhibit 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;

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

1.) the position listed on the attached Exhibit 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 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 of a valid pupil activity program permit, to enter into a written contract with each individual listed on the attached Exhibit 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 has his or her pupil activity program permit suspended or revoked by the Ohio State Board of Education.

HS Assistant Track Coach (0.5) Riley Merritt \$2172

Motion: Mr. Atway

Second: Mrs. Elford

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

Motion carried 5-0

Field Trips

Approve Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trips

- a. CHS Varsity Football Team to travel to Walsh University on July 19-July 21, 2026. for Football Camp
- b. CHS AP Seminar Classes, to attend the National College Fair in Pittsburgh, PA, March 25, 2026 (was previously set for 1/28/26 but rescheduled Due to snow calamity day)
- c. Hilltop 1st grade classes to attend Living Treasurers in New Castle, PA for the study of animals on May 26, 2026.

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- d. CHS Varsity Volleyball to travel to Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio, July 17-July 19, 2026, for Volleyball Camp

Motion: Mrs. DeRamo

Second: Dr. Ahlquist

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

Motion carried 5-0

Summer School

Approve requests for Summer School

- a. C.H. Campbell and Hilltop Elementary: June 8-19, 2026
- b. CVMS: June 1-30, 2026
- c. CHS: June 1-26, 2026

Motion: Mrs. Elford

Second: Dr. Ahlquist

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

Motion carried 5-0

Success by Six

Approve the Success by Six Summer Program at Hilltop Elementary School, July - August 2026, funded by United Way.

Motion: Mrs. DeRamo

Second: Mrs. Elford

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

Motion carried 5-0

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Agreement from March 5, 2026

Approve the Agreement signed on March 5, 2026, as previously presented to the Board and filed in the Treasurer's office.

Motion: Mr. Atway

Second: Dr. Ahlquist

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

Motion carried 5-0

Eastern Ohio ESC Contracts

Approve the Service Agreement and the Additional Service Agreement between the ESC of Eastern Ohio and Canfield Local Schools for FY27.

Motion: Dr. Ahlquist

Second: Mrs. DeRamo

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

Motion carried 5-0

ACCESS Contract

Approve the Application Services contract with ACCESS for FY27.

Motion: Mr. Atway

Second: Dr. Ahlquist

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

Motion carried 5-0

OFCC Intent to Participate

Adopt the Resolution of Intent to Participate in the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission Expedited Local Partnership Program.

Motion: Mr. Atway

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Second: Dr. Ahlquist

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

Motion carried 5-0

OSC Bus Bidding

Adopt the resolution to allow the Ohio Schools Council to advertise and receive school bus bids for Canfield Local Schools.

WHEREAS, the Canfield Local Schools Board of Education wishes to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of two - 72 passenger school bus chassis and bodies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Canfield Local Schools Board of Education wishes to participate and authorizes the Ohio Schools Council to advertise and receive bids on behalf of said Board as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of two - 72 passenger school bus chassis and bodies.

Motion: Mrs. DeRamo

Second: Mrs. Elford

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

Motion carried 5-0

Facility Use Contract

Approve the updated Facility Use Contract.

Motion: Mr. Atway

Second: Dr. Ahlquist

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

Motion carried 5-0

Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy

Approve the payment of \$4,804.00 to the Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding for the 2025-2026 school year.

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Motion: Mrs. DeRamo

Second: Mr. Atway

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

Motion carried 5-0

HPC Contract

Approve the three year contract with HPC for medicaid billing services

Motion: Dr. Ahlquist

Second: Mrs. Elford

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

Motion carried 5-0

Mahoning County Board of Developmental Disabilities Contract

Approve the contract with the Mahoning County Board of Developmental Disabilities for the 25-26 school year

Motion: Dr. Ahlquist

Second: Mrs. DeRamo

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

Motion carried 5-0

Donations

Approve the following donations:

Canfield PTA Hilltop	\$580.00	Hilltop Elementary Pizza Party
Canfield Youth Basketball	\$1,000.00	CVMS Principal's Fund
Datex Inc.	\$250.00	Speech & Debate
Komara Jewelers Cornersburg, Inc.	\$250.00	Speech & Debate
Varun Kalra, D.D.S., M.S., Inc.	\$100.00	Speech & Debate
Youngstown Tile & Terrazzo Co.	\$150.00	Speech & Debate
Kinnick Funeral Home Inc.	\$100.00	Speech & Debate

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Paul & Mary Witkowski	\$100.00	Speech & Debate
Community Behavior Consulting	\$500.00	Speech & Debate
Shermeen Farukhi, M.D.	\$1000.00	Speech & Debate
El Carrito in Geneva on the Lake	\$100.00	Speech & Debate
Mark and Kathy Scheel	\$250.00	Speech & Debate
Steven Robbins & Jennifer Manning	\$250.00	Speech & Debate
Kathryn & Mark Geisler	\$250.00	Speech & Debate
Four Pizza Boys Management, Inc	\$100.00	Speech & Debate
Nicolinni's Chophouse	\$2000.00	Speech & Debate
Canfield Rotary Association	\$2000.00	Speech & Debate
Farmers National Bank	\$250.00	Speech & Debate
Farmers National Bank	\$74.58	Canfield Players
Families for Adrian Biviano	\$500.00	Canfield Players
Gene Haas Foundation	\$3000.00	Canfield Players
American Pacific Mortgage Corp.	\$250.00	Canfield Players
Kyle Neuhaus & Shana-Lynn Neuhaus	\$50.00	Players Club Sponsorship
Sally Pagano & Shana-Lynn Neuhaus	\$50.00	Players Club Sponsorship
John Turek & Sally Turek	\$100.00	Players Club Sponsorship
Anthony Guy & Colleen Desiato	\$100.00	Players Club Sponsorship
George Lawson & Eileen Lawson	\$100.00	Players Club Sponsorship
Salem Community Theatre	\$100.00	Players Club Sponsorship
Edward Fredericks & Vicki Fredericks	\$100.00	Players Club Sponsorship
Linda Evans	\$100.00	Players Club Sponsorship
Rick Blackson & Mary Jo Maluso	\$100.00	Players Club Sponsorship
Christine Sawicki & Thomas Sawicki	\$250.00	Players Club Sponsorship
Sara Kovass & David Kovass	\$250.00	Players Club Sponsorship
Jennifer Poultney	\$500.00	Players Club Sponsorship
Tanner Larson & Courtney Larson	\$1000.00	Players Club Sponsorship
Allyson & Michael Zoccali	\$1000.00	Players Club Sponsorship
Fairway Ford	\$100.00	Players Club Sponsorship
Miracle Productions LLC	\$250.00	Players Club Sponsorship
Haus Auto Group	\$250.00	Players Club Sponsorship
Youngstown Tube Company	\$1000.00	Players Club Sponsorship
Melissa Mullane Padgett DDS	\$250.00	Players Club Sponsorship
MarMarita Middle Eastern Restaurant	\$250.00	Players Club Sponsorship
Canfield Inner Circle, LLC	\$1000.00	Players Club Sponsorship
Beso Del Sol LLC	\$1000.00	Players Club Sponsorship

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The Vineyards at Pine Lake	\$250.00	Players Club Sponsorship
Paul & Mary Witkowski	\$150.00	Robotics Donation
Robert Senn Studio, Inc.	\$1257.00	Hilltop Elementary School
Robert Senn Studio, Inc.	\$1256.00	CH Campbell Elementary School
Robert Senn Studio, Inc.	\$2000.00	High School Principal's Fund
Ohiopyle Prints	\$45.84	High School Principal's Fund

Motion: Mrs. Elford

Second: Mrs. DeRamo

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

Motion carried 5-0

Old Business

Mr. DeMaiolo gave a brief update on the committee meetings. Mr. Knoll and the Board discussed the possibility of adding walls and doors to the open area of Hilltop. Mr. Knoll said he would begin the process of getting quotes. The Board discussed the possibility of holding a community meeting to discuss district finances and building needs. It was also finalized that the April Board Meeting date would be changed to April 15, 2026, due to the spring break holiday falling on the previously scheduled date.

Executive Session

At 7:09 PM, enter into Executive Session to discuss matters that are required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or by state statutes.

Motion: Mr. Atway

Second: Dr. Ahlquist

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

Motion carried 5-0

At 7:47 PM, Mr. DeMaiolo concluded the Executive Session. Upon return to the Regular Session, all members were present.

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Adjournment

Adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Motion: Mr. Atway

Second: Mrs. Elford

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

Motion carried 5-0

Board President

Treasurer