

CANFIELD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES



Date: April 22, 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

Mr. DeMaiolo discussed that the purpose of the meeting was strictly financial in nature. Mr. Atway stated that the district knew that this period of deficit spending was coming. He stated that the district being fiscally responsible in the past has led to cash reserves that are able to weather the storm. Mrs. DeRamo spoke on the struggles that so many schools are experiencing with finances. Dr. Ahlquist spoke about the past bond issue failures and stressed that the district needs to continue to get the most out of every dollar it receives. Mrs. Elford spoke about the difference between permanent improvement levies and operating levies, and Mr. Marko added some thoughts to describe the differences.

After discussion, the Board agreed that operating money should be taking precedence over facilities at this time. There was also lengthy discussion as to the timing of the levy request. After weighing the pros and cons and also considering other levies that may be on the ballot in the next few years, the Board agreed that November 2026 was the best time to put up some type of operating levy.

Multiple community members spoke about the importance of funding schools and how sharing information is vital to effectively informing the community about school funding and property taxes.

The Board concluded the meeting with setting a time for a Community Forum on this issue. The plan was to meet on May 14, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the High School Media Center. Mr. DeMaiolo stated that the Board wanted to hear from the community about their thoughts and concerns about the district and its finances. The Board encouraged all in attendance to get the word out about the upcoming forum.

Adjournment

Adjourn the meeting at 7:24 PM.

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Motion: Mr. Atway

Second: Dr. Ahlquist

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

Motion carried 5-0

Board President

Treasurer