

# **CANFIELD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**



**Date: July 8, 2026**

**Time: 6:00 P.M.**

**Location: High School Auditorium**

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

## **Treasurer Pro Tem**

Mr. DeMaiolo appointed Mr. Atway to be Treasurer Pro Tempore for the meeting. Mr. Atway accepted the position.

WHEREAS, the Treasurer of the Canfield Local Schools Board of Education is unable to attend the Board meeting on July 8, 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.23, when the Treasurer is absent from a meeting of the Board, the members present shall choose one of their number to serve in the Treasurer's place pro tempore;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Nader Atway, a member of the Board of Education, is hereby chosen to serve as Treasurer Pro Tempore for the Board meeting held on July 8, 2026.

The Treasurer Pro Tempore shall perform the duties of the Treasurer for this meeting, including attesting to the proceedings of the meeting and performing such other duties as are necessary for the conduct of the meeting. This appointment shall expire upon adjournment of the meeting.

Roll Call: Mr. DeMaiolo, Mr. Atway, Dr. Ahlquist, Mrs. Elford  
Pledge of Allegiance

## **Board of Education Teacher of the Month, sponsored by Dairy Queen - Michael Fay**

### **Recognition of the 2026 Retirees**

Monica Coliadis, Terri Dance, Heidi Garwig, Michael Kerensky, Pattie Prince, Cheryl Tubic, Tammy Bayer, Linda Berlin, Lisa Calzo, Shirley Griffin, Christine Hagman, Stan Huddleston, Kimberly Madej, Barb Noll, Colleen Anderson, Michelle Head, Diane Pool

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### **Superintendent Presentation**

Mr. Knoll presented on the Cardinal Communique and the upcoming strategic planning. He also discussed the progress on the Hilltop wall project. He discussed the upcoming November levy and what the district has done in the past to reduce staffing by attrition. He also discussed the county commissioner's vote the previous week that would reduce funding to the district by about \$380,000 for calendar year 2027. He stated that Mr. Marko will be presenting the first forecast for the new fiscal year at the regular August meeting.

### **Minutes Approval**

Approve the minutes from:

June 10, 2026 - Regular Meeting

June 30, 2026 - Special Meeting

Motion: Mrs. Elford

Second: Dr. Ahlquist

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

Motion carried 4-0

### **Treasurer's Financial Report**

Approve the financial report from the Treasurer.

Motion: Dr. Ahlquist

Second: Mrs. Elford

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

Motion carried 4-0

### **Public Participation**

Dave Moore spoke about union representation and the upcoming levy. He talked about the need to keep academics the focus over athletics.

Jason Henry spoke about the organized levy support group. He invited help from the community in terms of fundraising and volunteering. He encouraged the community to understand what is at stake with the levy.

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### **Personnel**

- a. Hire - Classified
  - 1. Halley Wylie, CHS Special Needs Aide, 5.5 hour, for intensive needs classroom
- b. Retire / Resign - Classified
  - 1. Barbara Ferrando, CVMS Custodian Retiring effective August 1, 2026
- c. Retire / Resign - Licensed
  - 1. Terri Dance, CVMS Home Economics Teacher, retiring effective June 1, 2026
- d. Retire / Resign - Extracurricular
  - 1. Angelo Ciminero, CHS Assistant Varsity Football Coach, resigning effective immediately

Motion: Mrs. Elford

Second: Dr. Ahlquist

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

Motion carried 4-0

### **OAPSE Contract**

Approve the contract with the OAPSE Union #354.

Motion: Dr. Ahlquist

Second: Mr. Atway

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

Motion carried 4-0

### **Student Wellness and Success Plan**

Approve the CLSD Student Wellness and Success Fund Plan.

Motion: Mrs. Elford

Second: Dr. Ahlquist

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

Motion carried 4-0

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## **Virtual Education Plan**

Approve the Canfield Local School District Online/Virtual Education Plan.

Motion: Dr. Ahlquist

Second: Mrs. Elford

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

Motion carried 4-0

## **Cafeteria Vendor Recommendations**

Approve the attached Cafeteria Vendor Recommendations.

Motion: Mr. DeMaiolo

Second: Dr. Ahlquist

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

Motion carried 4-0

## **Bus Purchases from Myers**

Resolution approving the purchase of 3 school buses from Myers Equipment Corporation for \$427,947.

Motion: Mr. Atway

Second: Mrs. Elford

The board shared their thoughts on the needs for the buses along with the financial strain on the district. Mr. Knoll talked about the three buses that would be replaced and the approximate costs of repairs to pass inspection. He talked about repairs made districtwide to the buildings over the past few years, but not a lot of money has been invested in the bus fleet. The board hopes to revisit bus purchases after the levy.

Yes:

No: Dr. Ahlquist, Mr. Atway, Mrs. Elford, Mr. DeMaiolo

Motion failed 0-4

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**Agenda Amendment - Bus Purchase from Myers**

Resolution approving amending the agenda to the purchase of 1 school bus from Myers Equipment Corporation for \$142,649.

Motion: Dr. Ahlquist

Second: Mrs. Elford

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

Motion carried 4-0

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Motion: Mrs. Elford

Second: Dr. Ahlquist

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

Motion carried 4-0

**Bus Stops**

Approve the Bus Stops per attached.

Motion: Mrs. Elford

Second: Dr. Ahlquist

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

Motion carried 4-0

**Impractical Transportation (#1-2027)**

Declaring transportation impractical for students as listed.

**WHEREAS** the student(s) identified below have been determined to be residents of the school district, and eligible for transportation services; and

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**WHEREAS** after a careful evaluation of all available options, it has been determined that it is impractical to provide transportation for these student(s) to their selected school(s); and

**WHEREAS** the following factors as identified in Revised Code §3327.02 have been considered:

1. The time and distance required to provide the transportation
2. The number of pupils to be transported
3. The cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel, and administration
4. Whether similar or equivalent service is provided to other pupils eligible for transportation
5. Whether and to what extent the additional service unavoidably disrupts current transportation schedules
6. Whether other reimbursable types of transportation are available; and

**WHEREAS** the option of offering payment-in-lieu of transportation is provided in Ohio Revised Code. Therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that the Canfield Local Board of Education hereby approves the declaration that it is impractical to transport the students identified herein and offers the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the students, payment-in-lieu of transportation.

| <u>STUDENT(S) NAME/GRADE</u> | <u>LAST NAME</u> | <u>SCHOOL ATTENDING</u>    | <u>PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S)</u> |
|------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Jack Gr. 12 Jude Gr. 7       | Morgan           | Heartland Christian School | Ronnie Morgan                |
| Micaiah Gr. 11 Noelle Gr. 7  | Reigstad         | Heartland Christian School | Melinda Reigstad             |
| Micah Gr. 9 Tobiah Gr. 6     | Seutia           | Heartland Christian School | Andrea Seutia                |
| Benjamin Gr. 5               | Seutia           | Heartland Christian School | Andrea Seutia                |
| Sophia Gr. 4 Albert Gr. 8    | Tabus            | Heartland Christian School | Albert Tabus                 |
| Kaliopi Gr. 1                | Tabus            | Heartland Christian School | Albert Tabus                 |
| Ava Gr. 5                    | Weber            | Heartland Christian School | Maria Weber                  |
| Maria Gr. 10 Coleen Gr. 11   | Zagorianos       | Heartland Christian School | Geri Zagorianos              |
| Alexandra Gr. 5              | Zagorianos       | Heartland Christian School | Geri Zagorianos              |

Motion: Dr. Ahlquist

Second: Mr. Atway

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

Motion carried 4-0

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**Second Resolution 5.9 Mill Levy November 2026 (#2-2027)**

The Board of Education of Canfield Local School District, Ohio, met in regular session on July 8, 2026, commencing at 6:00 p.m., at the Canfield High School Auditorium, 100 Cardinal Drive, Canfield, Ohio, with the following members present:

Dr. Ahlquist, Mr. Atway, Mrs. Elford, Mr. DeMaiolo

The Treasurer advised the Board that the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

Mrs. Elford moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2-2027**

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT THE QUESTION OF AN ADDITIONAL 5.9-MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CURRENT EXPENSES, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.21 OF THE REVISED CODE.**

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2026, this Board adopted Resolution No. 189-2026 pursuant to Section 5705.03 of the Revised Code declaring it necessary to levy an additional 5.9-mill tax levy for the purpose of current expenses, for five years, and requesting the Mahoning County Auditor to certify the certifications set forth in Section 5705.03(B)(2), as applicable to the proposed additional 5.9-mill levy; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with that Resolution and Section 5705.03(B), on July 1, 2026, the Mahoning County Auditor certified (on DTE 140R) that (i) the property tax revenue that will be produced by the stated millage (5.9 mills), assuming the taxable value of the School District remains constant throughout the life of the levy, is calculated to be \$5,715,791, (ii) the total taxable value of the School District used in calculating the estimated property tax revenue is \$968,778,140, (iii) the millage for the requested levy is 5.9 mills per \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$207 for each \$100,000 of the County Auditor's market value, and (iv) the amount by which the carry-over balance in the School District's general operating budget from the

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preceding fiscal year exceeds the School District's general fund expenditures made in the preceding fiscal year is \$0, and 0% of those expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Canfield Local School District, County of Mahoning, Ohio, at least two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of all members elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. Declaration of Necessity of Tax Levy. This Board hereby finds, determines and declares that the amount of taxes which may be raised by this Board within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax list and duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the School District, and that it is necessary to levy, for five years, an additional 5.9-mill ad valorem property tax outside of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of current expenses.

Section 2. Submission of Question of Tax Levy to the Electors. The question of an additional 5.9-mill ad valorem property tax outside of the ten-mill limitation, for five years, for the purpose of current expenses, beginning with the tax list and duplicate for the year 2026, the proceeds of which additional levy first would be available to the School District in calendar year 2027, shall be submitted under the provisions of Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code to the electors of the School District at an election to be held therein on November 3, 2026, as authorized by law. That election shall be held at the regular places of voting in the School District as established by the Mahoning County Board of Elections, or otherwise, within the times provided by law and shall be conducted, canvassed and certified in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. Delivery of Materials to Board of Elections. The Treasurer be and is hereby directed to deliver or cause to be delivered (i) a certified copy of Resolution No. 189-2026 referred to in the first preamble to this Resolution, (ii) the certificate (on DTE 140R) of the Mahoning County Auditor referred to in the second preamble to this Resolution and (iii) a certified copy of this Resolution, to the Mahoning County Board of Elections before the close of business on Wednesday, August 5, 2026.

Section 4. Ballot Form and Notice of Election. The Treasurer of this Board is authorized and directed to cooperate with the Mahoning County Board of Elections, as requested, in the

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preparation of appropriate forms of ballot and notice of election, and the publication and other dissemination of the notice of election, as provided by law.

Section 5. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 6. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Resolution are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Dr. Ahlquist seconded the motion.

Upon roll call on the adoption of the Resolution, the vote was as follows:

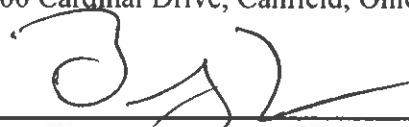
Yes: Dr. Ahlquist, Mr. Atway, Mrs. Elford, Mr. DeMaiolo

Motion carried 4-0

### TREASURER'S CERTIFICATION

The above is a true and correct extract from the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Canfield Local School District, Ohio, held on July 8, 2026, commencing at 6:00 p.m., at the Canfield High School Auditorium, 100 Cardinal Drive, Canfield, Ohio, showing the adoption of the Resolution set forth above.

Dated: July 8, 2026

  
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Treasurer, Board of Education  
Canfield Local School District, Ohio

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**Donations**

Approve the following donations:

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|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mark Davis               | \$200.00    | Kate Farragher Memorial Fund for Arts |
| Canfield PTA CH Campbell | \$14,820.59 | CH Campbell Playground                |
| Canfield PTA Hilltop     | \$580.00    | Principal's Fund                      |
| Porter Logistics         | \$3385.00   | Paint for 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Gym   |

Motion: Mrs. Elford

Second: Dr. Ahlquist

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

Motion carried 4-0

**Adjournment**

Adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Motion: Dr. Ahlquist

Second: Mrs. Elford

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

Motion carried 4-0

Board President

Treasurer