

CANFIELD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



Date: August 12, 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.

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

Board of Education Teacher of the Month, sponsored by Dairy Queen - Mrs. Jenny Beil

Student Resolutions #191-2026 through #228-2026

WHEREAS, Dominic DeLucia was named All-AAC 2nd Team in Boys Tennis; and
WHEREAS, Faheem Moonda was named All-AAC 1st Team and District Qualifier in Boys Tennis; and
WHEREAS, Michael Pantelaki was named All-AAC 1st Team and District Qualifier in Boys Tennis; and
WHEREAS, Dru Lunger was named All-AAC 2nd Team in Boys Tennis; and
WHEREAS, Colton Strong was named All-AAC 1st Team in Boys Tennis; and
WHEREAS, Ben Lu was named All-AAC 1st Team and District Qualifier in Boys Tennis; and
WHEREAS, Avi Pai Dunghat was named All-AAC 1st Team and District Qualifier in Boys Tennis; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Boris was named 2nd Team All-Region in Boys Lacrosse; and

WHEREAS, Kayleigh Carney was named Attack 2nd Team All-Region in Girls Lacrosse; and
WHEREAS, Olivia Hash was named Midfielder 2nd Team All-Region in Girls Lacrosse; and
WHEREAS, Lainie Moderelli was named All-Region Honorable Mention in Girls Lacrosse; and
WHEREAS, Sophia Spatar was named All-Region Honorable Mention in Girls Lacrosse; and
WHEREAS, Annalise Noble was named Academic All-Region in Girls Lacrosse; and

WHEREAS, Jenna Triveri was named All-AAC 1st Team – Outfielder, 100 Career Hits and 100 Career Runs in Softball; and

WHEREAS, Caylee Ortiz was named All-AAC 1st Team – Pitcher and 100 Career K's in Softball; and

WHEREAS, Leah Figueroa was named All-AAC 1st Team – Catcher and 100 Career RBI in Softball; and

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WHEREAS, Makayla Brown was named All-AAC 2nd Team – Outfielder in Softball; and
WHEREAS, Sophia Payne was named All-AAC 2nd Team – Outfielder in Softball; and

WHEREAS, Logan Patelis was named All-AAC 2nd Team – INF/P in Baseball; and
WHEREAS, Jackson Johnson was named All-AAC 2nd Team – OF/P in Baseball; and
WHEREAS, A.J. Economus was named All-AAC 2nd Team – C in Baseball; and
WHEREAS, Jake Dovich was named All-AAC 1st Team – OF in Baseball; and
WHEREAS, Ryan Weibling was named All-AAC 1st Team – INF/OF, All District N.E. 1st Team, and All State 1st Team - P in Baseball; and
WHEREAS, Joey Gabriel was named All-AAC 1st Team – INF and All-District N.E. 1st Team in Baseball; and
WHEREAS, Anthony Groner was named Player of the Year, All-AAC 1st Team – P/INF/OF, All-District N.E. 1st Team, and All-State 2nd Team – OF in Baseball; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Bixel was named Regional Qualifier – 100m Hurdles and 4x400m Relay in Girls' Track; and
WHEREAS, Gianna Gamberale was named Regional Qualifier – 4x400m Relay and 4x800m Relay in Girls' Track; and
WHEREAS, Carissa Hill was named Regional Qualifier – 4x400m Relay in Girls' Track; and
WHEREAS, Alyssa Ilgenfritz was named Regional Qualifier – 4x800m Relay in Girls' Track; and
WHEREAS, Alex Conley was named Regional Qualifier – 4x400m Relay and 4x800m Relay in Girls' Track; and
WHEREAS, Sabrina Baskett was named Regional Qualifier – 4x800m Relay in Girls' Track; and

WHEREAS, Sami Hout was named Regional Qualifier – 4x100m Relay and School Record – 4x100m Relay in Boys' Track; and
WHEREAS, Dexter Masters was named Regional Qualifier – 4x100m Relay and School Record – 4x100m Relay in Boys' Track; and
WHEREAS, Sean Bolling was named Regional Qualifier – 4x100m Relay and School Record – 4x100m Relay in Boys' Track; and
WHEREAS, Alex Hammar was named Regional Qualifier in Boys' Track; and
WHEREAS, Alex Taranto was named Regional Qualifier in Boys' Track; and
WHEREAS, Kellen Halcomb was named District Champion- Discus, District Champion – Shot Put, Regional Qualifier – Discus, and Regional Qualifier – Shot Put, and State in Boys' Track; and

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WHEREAS, Donnie Ferko was named District Champion- 100m, District Champion – 200m, Regional Qualifier – 100m, 200m, 4x100m, and School Records: 100m, 200m, 4x100m, in Boys' Track; and

Whereas, these accomplishments have brought honor to the students themselves, their families, and their school;

Therefore, be it resolved that these students be formally commended for their outstanding achievements, and that this resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Canfield Board of Education; and

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be presented to each student as a lasting recognition of their excellence.

Superintendent's Report - Start of School

Mr. Knoll discussed the opening of school in August. He also discussed some of the major spring events like the Alumni Party and the Military Appreciation Night. He briefly addressed school finances and the upcoming levy in November.

Treasurer's Report - August Forecast Presentation

Mr. Marko presented the August forecast. He focused on the financial contrast between the November levy passing and failing.

August Forecast

Approve the August Forecast as presented.

Motion: Dr. Ahlquist

Second: Mrs. Elford

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

Motion carried 5-0

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Minutes

Approve the minutes from the July 8, 2026, Regular Meeting.

Motion: Mr. Atway

Second: Mrs. DeRamo

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

Motion carried 5-0

Treasurer's Report

Approve the Treasurer's report for July 2026.

Motion: Mrs. DeRamo

Second: Mrs. Elford

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

Motion carried 5-0

Public Comments

Mr. Jason Henry started by thanking the Alumni Association. He encouraged the community to visit the levy committee's FAQ page to be more informed about the November levy. He stated that the district needs to put an end to the deficit spending to stabilize its finances.

Personnel

1. Personnel

a. Hiring - Classified

1. Emily Rodenbeck, CHS Special Needs Aide, 5.5 hours day, @ \$17.23 per hour, Step 0

2. Jonathan McQueen, CHS Special Needs Aide, 5.5 hr per day, @ \$19.24 per hr, Step 5

3. Shannon Richards, CHS Nurse @ \$24.80 per hour, Step 5

4. Carol Scheckelhoff - Bus Driver, effective 2026/2027 school year at @ \$23.96 per hour. Step 0.

5. John Kabetso - Bus Driver, effective 2026/2027 school year at @ \$23.96 per hour. Step 0.

6. Kearstin Silvia, CVMS Custodian from 6 hr per day to 8 hr per day

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7. Kimberly Cook, CVMS Special Needs Aide, 5.5 hours a day @ \$17.23 per hour, Step 0
8. Christian Craig, CH Special Needs Aide, 5.5 hours a day @ \$17.23 per hour, Step 0
9. Kimberly Wem, HT Special Needs Aide, 5.5 hours a day @ \$17.23 per hour, Step 0
- b. Transfers
 1. Christina Mullane, from Media Center to Attendance Secretary at CHS @ \$20.71 per hour. Step 5
- c. Hiring - Licensed
 1. Sonia Alfeld, CVMS Home Economics Teacher, \$44,744, B.S. Step 0
- e. Hiring Daily Substitutes
 1. Bill Sinclair – CHS, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays at \$125 per day
 2. Dale Morkel - CHS Thursdays and Fridays at \$125 per day
 3. Jason Schafer - CVMS \$125 per day
 4. Amy Hensdill - CH \$125 per day
 4. Laura Bryer - HT \$125 per day
- f. Hiring – Paraprofessionals to be reimbursed by Boosters
 1. Tom Brucoli – Band Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
 2. Al Colella – Band Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
 3. Tim Elder – Choral Music Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
 4. Dylan Kollat – Band Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
 5. Courtney Larson – Choral Music Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
 6. Nick Mattiussi – Band Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
 7. Monica Ilko Meffan – Band paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
 8. Jim Scanga – Band Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
 9. Ken Young – Band Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
 10. Rae Ann Baruffa - Band Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
- g. Hiring Extracurricular

**RESOLUTION #3-2027
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE CANFIELD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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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 2026-2027 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;

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.

Assistant Football Coach (Revised)	Andrew Morchak	\$6712.00
Assistant Football Coach (Revised)	Jason Morell	\$6712.00
Assistant Speech and Debate Coach	Daniel Pappalardo	\$3475.00

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**RESOLUTION #4-2027
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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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 2026-2027 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 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 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;
- 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 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

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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 has his or her pupil activity program permit suspended or revoked by the Ohio State Board of Education.

Assistant Freshman Football Coach (Revised)	Matthew Zielinski	\$4474.00
Assistant Football Coach (Revised)	Anthony Mazzella	\$2000.00
Assistant Football Coach	Santino Cocca	\$1500.00
Assistant Speech and Debate Coach	Alexis Heldreth	\$3475.00

h. Retire / Resign - Classified

1. Willow Coggins, CVMS Special Needs Aide, resigned effective immediately
2. Laila Ali, CHS Special Needs Aide, resigned effective August 14, 2026
3. Halley Wylie, CHS Special Needs Aide, resigned effective immediately
4. Robert Gresko, CH Special Needs Aide, resigned effective immediately

i. Retire / Resign - Licensed

1. Regina Reynolds, CHS Nurse, resigned effective immediately

j. Resign - Extracurricular

1. Nathan Fleming, Assistant Football Coach, Fall 2026 season
2. Sha'Thomas Hewlett, Assistant 8th Grade Football Coach, Fall 2026 season

2. Amended to show hourly rate: Summer Teacher/Tutor for Success by 6 program @ \$40 per hour

1. Liz Testa, Summer Tutor
2. Tori Augustine, Teacher

Motion: Mr. Atway

Second: Dr. Ahlquist

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

Motion carried 5-0

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Impractical Transportation

Amend Resolution #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

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
Stella Gr. 3 Annalise Gr. 5	Corll	Heartland Christian School	Monica Corll
Christian Gr. 7	Corll	Heartland Christian School	Monica Corll

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Joella Gr. 2	Froelich	Heartland Christian School	Scott Froelich
Paisley Gr. 6 Emmerson Gr. 9	Prus	Heartland Christian School	Mackenzie Sanchez
Reese Gr. 9	Walker	Heartland Christian School	J.P. Walker

Motion: Mrs. DeRamo

Second: Mrs. Elford

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

Motion carried 5-0

Revised School Calendar

Approve the revised 2026-2027 School Calendar.

Motion: Mrs. DeRamo

Second: Mr. Atway

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

Motion carried 5-0

Federal Grant Applications

Approve Grant Program Applications for FY27. (Amounts may change slightly during the year)

IDEA-B	\$541,434.02
Title III	\$2,791.09 *
Title I-A	\$203,945.51
Title IV-A	\$16,034.47
IDEA Early Childhood	\$14,195.82 *
Title II-A	\$52,507.41

Consortium based program with Eastern Ohio ESC *

Motion: Mrs. Elford

Second: Dr. Ahlquist

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

Motion carried 5-0

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Contract with Mahoning Valley Community School (Resolution #5-2027)

Approve the contract with Mahoning Valley Community School for the 26/27 school year.

Motion: Mr. Atway

Second: Mrs. DeRamo

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

Motion carried 5-0

Donations

Approve the following donations.

Ohiopyle Prints	\$4.79	High School Donation
Mark Davis	\$200.00	Kate Farrager Memorial Funds-Arts

Motion: Dr. Ahlquist

Second: Mrs. DeRamo

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

Motion carried 5-0

Fundraisers

Approve the following fundraisers.

Organization	Description	Sale items (if applicable)
MS Yearbook	Yearbook sales	\$30.00 plus tax \$27.00 plus tax (sale) \$19.00 plus tax (staff)
Interact Club	Selling mums	\$12.00 per pot
HS Band	Instrument Fees	\$85.00 Woodwind and brass \$50.00 percussion
Marie Rupert (Classroom)	Clear the List	
Loralei Barna (Classroom)	Clear the List	

Motion: Mrs. Elford

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Second: Mr. Atway

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

Motion carried 5-0

Old Business

OSBA Capital Conference - The Board shared thoughts on attending Capital Conference with the concerns of the cost. While the Board wants to keep expenditures low, they also found solid value in attending the Capital Conference, especially the new members. The Board will revisit this topic at a later date.

Finance Committee Meeting - The community was reminded of the committee meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 4:00 PM, in the Board Office.

Strategic Planning Meeting - Mrs. Elford discussed the first meeting that occurred during the week. She encouraged the community to complete the survey to be able to share their input.

Safety Day - Mr. DeMaiolo thanked the PTA and everyone involved with Safety Day.

Executive Session

At 7:35 PM, enter into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee.

Motion: Mr. Atway

Second: Dr. Ahlquist

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

Motion carried 5-0

At 9:11 PM, Mr. DeMaiolo declared the Executive Session complete. All Board members were present at the return to the regular meeting.

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Adjourn Meeting

At 9:14 PM, adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Mr. Atway

Second: Mrs. Elford

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

Motion carried 5-0

Board President

Treasurer