

CANFIELD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



Date: September 9, 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 - Mr. Greg Kerr

Principal's Introduction of the Rotary Student of the Month

- 12th Grade – Evangeline Nelson
- 8th Grade – Aviana Berardino
- CH 4th Grade - Addison Teneyck
- HTP 4th Grade – Jaime West

Superintendent Report

Mr. Knoll spoke on the district's finances and the upcoming levy.

Minutes

Approve the minutes from the August 12, 2026, Regular Meeting.

Motion: Mr. Atway

Second: Dr. Ahlquist

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

Motion carried 5-0

Roof and Paving Plan for 070 Fund

Approve Phase Major Roof and Paving Plan for the 070 Capital Projects Fund.

Motion: Mrs. Elford

Second: Mrs. DeRamo

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

Motion carried 5-0

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Statement of Facts November 3, 2026, Levy

Approve the Statement of Facts for the November 3, 2026, Current Expense Levy.

Motion: Mr. Atway

Second: Dr. Ahlquist

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

Motion carried 5-0

Then-and-Now Purchase Order

Approve the Then-and-Now Purchase Order pursuant to ORC 5705.41 (D)

Vendor: Thornton and Sons

Department: Maintenance

PO Date: 9/3/26

PO Number: 130564

Invoice Date: 8/17/26

Amount: \$3,332.50

Motion: Dr. Ahlquist

Second: Mr. Atway

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

Motion carried 5-0

Public Comments

Andres Gispert - Spoke about the financial difficulties of neighboring districts when levies do not pass. He spoke about the STEM room at Hilltop and the desire to preserve what the district has. He expressed concern about what will happen if the levy fails.

Hannah Morrison - Asked the question, what is at risk if the levy fails? Further, what are the state minimum requirements for schools and could those come into play at Canfield?

Ashley Kanotz - Stated that she couldn't help thinking about the students who won Student of the Month. She mentioned many of the extra activities Canfield has that could be in danger of being cut if the levy doesn't pass.

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Jason Henry - Encouraged the community to ask questions if they have them. He encouraged those who have facts to be willing to share them when able. He stated that he doesn't want the district to lose what it has built.

Personnel

New Business

1. Personnel

- a. Hiring – Classified
 - 1. Fred Rosko, Bus Driver, at \$23.96/hr, Step 0.
 - 2. Marianne Cominsky, CVMS Cafe Aide, 2.5 hours per day, at \$17.23/hour, Step 0
 - 3. Justin Gulling, CVMS Special Needs Aide, 5.5 hours per day, at \$17.59/hr, Step 1
- b. Approve Classified Substitutes
 - 1. David Willison, Sub Bus Driver
 - 2. Thomas Koontz, Sub Bus Driver
 - 3. Linda Berlin, Sub Cafe
 - 4. Tammy Bayer, Sub Cafe
- c. Hiring – Paraprofessionals to be reimbursed by Boosters
 - 1. Michael Barkett – Band Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
 - 2. Cathy Ogram – Band Paraprofessional at \$15 per hour
- d. Transfer - Classified
 - 1. Rose Kupec, transferred from HT Special Needs Aide to CHS Media Center Aide
- e. Resign / Retire Classified
 - 1. Kimberly Wem, HT Special Needs Aide, resigned August 17, 2026
 - 2. Cheryl DeSellem, Bus Driver, retiring effective August 18, 2026
 - 3. Brianna Parisi, CH Special Needs Aide, abandonment of her aide position, as of August 20, 2026
 - 4. Christan Craig, CH Special Needs Aide, resigned as of September 1, 2026

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f. Resign / Extracurricular

1. MacKenzie Thomas, Math 24 Advisor for Hilltop, effective 8/24/26
2. Kate Bowman, CVMS Cheer Coach, resigned effective August 18, 2026

g. Extracurricular (Resolutions #6-2027 and #7-2027)

Math 24 Advisor for Hilltop	Nikki Tuchek	\$2,237.00
District Academic Chair - Foreign Language	Carmel Vivacqua	\$3,132.00
Mentor (x2)	Shari Munno	\$1,790.00
Mentor	Jared Turocy	\$895.00
Mentor	Alexis Novotny	\$895.00
Mentor	Emily Sipe	\$895.00

**RESOLUTION #6-2027
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE CANFIELD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

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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 Speech and Debate Coach

Daniel Pappalardo

\$3,580.00

**RESOLUTION #7-2027
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE CANFIELD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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:

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- 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 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 Speech and Debate Coach	Jessica Robbins	\$2,685.00
7th/8th Grade Winter Cheerleading Coach	Stephanie Cichanski	\$2,237.00
Assistant Speech and Debate Coach (Revised Pay)	Alexis Heldreth	\$3,580.00

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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Support Organizations

Approve the list of Parent/District Support Organizations for 2026-2027 per Policy 9211 pending completion of forms by September 30, 2026.

Canfield Athletic Boosters
Canfield Band Parents, Inc.
Canfield Boys Basketball Boosters
Canfield Lady Cards Basketball Boosters
Canfield Bowling Boosters
Canfield Choral Boosters, Inc.
Canfield Schools Cross Country Booster Club
Canfield Diamondbackers
Canfield Football Alumni Club
Canfield High School Boys Golf Boosters
Canfield Gridiron Club
Canfield Cardinals Hockey Boosters, Inc.
Canfield Lacrosse Boosters
Canfield PTA
Canfield Robotics Booster Club
Canfield High School Soccer Boosters
Canfield Softball Boosters
Canfield Speech and Debate Boosters
Canfield High School Swim & Dive Team Boosters, Inc.
Canfield Girls Tennis Boosters
Canfield High School Track Booster Club
Canfield Volleyball Boosters, Inc.
Canfield Wrestling Boosters

Motion: Mrs. DeRamo

Second: Mr. Atway

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

Motion carried 5-0

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Field Trips

Approve Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trips

- a. CVMS 8th Grade Students to Washington, DC, May 12-14, 2026, for an educational experience, provided transportation & lodging are paid by an outside source.
- b. CHS 12th Grade Students to New York City, December 20-22, 2026, for their Senior Class Trip, provided transportation & lodging are paid by an outside source.

Motion: Dr. Ahlquist

Second: Mrs. Elford

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

Motion carried 5-0

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

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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	Corli	Heartland Christian School	Monica Corli
Christian Gr. 7	Corli	Heartland Christian School	Monica Corli
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
Caydence Gr. 2 Charisma Gr. 4	Austin	Valley Christian School	Candace Austin
Simon Gr. 2 James Gr. 3	Gleussner	Montessori of Mahoning Valley	Adam Gleussner
Grace Gr. 4 Charlotte Gr. 3	Giambroni	Heartland Christian School	Megan Giambroni
Carsten Gr. 5 Noelle Gr. 7	Gatzke	Heartland Christian School	Amy Gatzke
Alexa Gr. 9	Gatzke	Heartland Christian School	Amy Gatzke
Larcena Gr. 7	Alshoubaki	The Islamic Academy	Ziad Alshoubaki

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.

Ohio High School Athletic Association	\$1,250.00	High School Athletics
Mark Davis	\$200.00	Kate Farrager Memorial Funds-Arts
Canfield Choral Boosters	\$993.00	Canfield Players Lighting
Quick Med Urgent Care, LLC	\$1,500.00	Canfield Middle School Paint
Robert Senn Studio	\$333.00	District ID Cards
Canfield PTA	\$6,795.00	Cardinal Mascot

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Second: Mrs. DeRamo

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Motion carried 5-0

Fundraisers

Approve the following fundraisers.

Organization	Description	Sale items (if applicable)
NHS	NHS Dues	Donations (appx \$40/member)
CHS Art Club	Dues for supplies	\$3.00-\$6.00 estimation
Hilltop Library	Birthday Book	\$10.00
HS Student Council	Membership Dues	\$10.00
HS Student Council	Homecoming Dance	\$15.00
Key Club	Membership Dues	\$10.00
Elementary Art	Artsonia sales	Item dependent (20% of sales)
Teen Health and Medicine	Pickleball Fundraiser	Donations, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000+
Speech and Debate	Judge Buyout	\$125 full season \$40 local/regular season \$45 out-of-district/postseason
Speech and Debate	Sponsorships	\$1,000 Platinum \$500 Gold \$250 Silver \$100 Bronze
Jenna Hughes Classroom	Clear the List	
CH Library	Birthday Book	\$10.00
CH Library	Book Fair	Miscellaneous Prices

Motion: Mr. Atway

Second: Dr. Ahlquist

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

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Old Business

Mr. DeMaiolo briefly discussed the committee meetings coming up. He also reminded the community that there are always two board members in the cafeteria before each board meeting to answer questions at 5:15 PM.

Executive Session

At 7:08 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 8:54 PM, Mr. DeMaiolo declared that the Executive Session was over. All members were in attendance at the return to Regular Session.

Adjournment

At 8:57 PM, adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Mr. Atway

Second: Mrs. DeRamo

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

Motion carried 5-0

Board President

Treasurer