CANFIELD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 14, 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

Canfield Rotary Presentation

The Canfield Rotary presented the district with a check for $10,000.00 to be used for the purchase of Chromebooks for students. Mr. Knoll and the Board thanked them for their generosity and their continued devotion to the district.

Principal's Introduction of the Rotary Student of the Month

- 12th Grade – Michael Zoccali
- 8th Grade – Camille Chamoun
- CH 4th Grade - Jarret Inchak
- HT 4th Grade – Avery Thornton

Board of Education Teacher of the Month, sponsored by Dairy Queen - Christine Davis

Public Participation

Jason Henry thanked all of the groups in the community that help make Canfield what it is, including the Rotary. He encouraged the community to be willing to invest in their school system. He stated that the district has three options: to pass a levy, make reductions, or enter into some kind of fiscal oversight with the state.

Andres Gispert stated he moved his family to Canfield for his dream life. He discussed possible ramifications if the levy were not to pass. He thanked the Board and the entire district for their efforts in educating the district's children. He encouraged the community to support the district when it asks for help.

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Superintendent's Report

Mr. Knoll spoke about recent district successes and events, including the recently released state report card and Champions Day which was held at the football stadium. He then discussed the basics of the upcoming November 5.9 mill levy.

Minutes

Approve the minutes from the September 9, 2026, Regular Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Elford
Second: Mr. Atway
Yes: Dr. Ahlquist, Mr. Atway, Mrs. DeRamo, Mrs. Elford, Mr. DeMaiolo
Motion carried 5-0

Treasurer's Report for August

Approve the Treasurer's Report for August.

Motion: Dr. Ahlquist
Second: Mrs. DeRamo
Yes: Dr. Ahlquist, Mr. Atway, Mrs. DeRamo, Mrs. Elford, Mr. DeMaiolo
Motion carried 5-0

Treasurer's Report for September

Approve the Treasurer's Report for September.

Motion: Mrs. DeRamo
Second: Mrs. Elford
Yes: Dr. Ahlquist, Mr. Atway, Mrs. DeRamo, Mrs. Elford, Mr. DeMaiolo
Motion carried 5-0

Fund Creation

Approve the creation of Fund 007-905A "Administrator and Board Memorial Fund" for the

purposes of donating a book of an employee's choosing after the loss of a loved one. The book will be donated to the library where the employee works.

Motion: Mrs. DeRamo
Second: Mr. Atway
Yes: Dr. Ahlquist, Mr. Atway, Mrs. DeRamo, Mrs. Elford, Mr. DeMaiolo
Motion carried 5-0

Personnel

Approve the following personnel changes.

1. Personnel
   a. Resign / Retire Classified
      1. Lisa Stefanick, CHS Weightroom Custodian, retiring as of December 31, 2026

   b. Resign / Retire Licensed
      1. Dylan O'Hara, CVMS Title 1 Tutor, resigned as of October 6, 2026

   c. Employee Stipend
      1. George Malich, DJ for the homecoming dance. 5.5 hours at $40.00 per hour.

   d. Hiring Classified
      1. Megan Weisgarber, CH Special Needs Aide, 5.5 hr @17.59 per hour, Step 1
      2. Linda Conklin, CVMS Custodian, 5 hour @ $19.56 per hour, Step 0
      3. Marneshay Bell, CVMS Special Needs Aide, 5.5 hours @ $17.95 per hour Step 2

   e. Hiring Classified Subs
      1. Julia Sheffer, Transportation Aide

   f. Extracurricular (Resolution #8-2027, Resolution #9-2027)

Head Girls Basketball Coach	Matt Reel	$11,186.00
JV Girls Basketball Coach	Pat Pavlansky	$6,712.00
8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach	Jim Harmon	$4,922.00
7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach	Mike Merritt	$4,922.00
Girls Basketball Saturday Coordinator	Matt Koenig	$1,342.00

Head Wrestling Coach	Craig Shaw	$8,054.00
8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	Brady Clark	$4,922.00

RESOLUTION #8-2027
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 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.

Head Boys Basketball Coach	Andrew Vlajkovich	$11,186.00
Boys Basketball Assistant Coach	Dylan O'Hara	$3,356.00
Boys Basketball Assistant Coach	Joe Carbon	$3,356.00
7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	Vincent Procopio	$4,922.00
Boys Basketball Saturday Coordinator	Andrew Vlajkovich	$1,790.00
Freshman Girls Basketball Coach	Annastacia Ray	$5,369.00
Head Swimming Coach	David Mullane	$6,264.00
Assistant Swimming Coach	Ella Huston	$4,027.00

RESOLUTION #9-2027
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:

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 Girls Soccer Coach (Revised Pay)	Jackie Podolsky	$2,000.00
Boys Basketball Assistant Coach (Volunteer)	Rob Donahue	
JV Boys Basketball Coach	Jake Schneider	$4,922.00
Freshman Boys Basketball Coach	Spencer Smith	$4,474.00
Girls Basketball Assistant Coach (Volunteer)	Harmony Stanger	
Boys Bowling Coach	Carl Cramer	$2,237.00
Girls Bowling Coach	Lisa Devereaux	$1,790.00
Swimming Coach (Volunteer)	Tony Direnzo	
Head Hockey Coach	Josh Congelio	$5,817.00
Assistant Hockey Coach	Joe Villano	$3,580.00
Assistant Hockey Coach (Volunteer)	Chuck Reilly	
Assistant Hockey Coach (Volunteer)	Sean Novotny	
Hockey Saturday Coordinator	Josh Congelio	$1,700.00
JV Wrestling Coach	Stan Socha	$5,369.00
Assistant Wrestling Coach	Caiden Hart	$5,369.00
Freshman Wrestling Coach (½)	Quinn Gaca	$2,013.50
Freshman Wrestling Coach (½)	Tyler Scharrer	$2,013.50
JV Wrestling Coach	James Hideg	$2,500.00

Head Middle School Wrestling Coach	Shawn Williams	$4,474.00
Assistant MS Wrestling Coach	Caleb Arnold	$4,474.00
Girls Wrestling Coach	Caleb Arnold	$3,000.00
Wrestling Coach (Volunteer)	Dan Kapalko	
Wrestling Coach (Volunteer)	Jeremy Lombardo	

Motion: Mrs. Elford
Second: Dr. Ahlquist
Yes: Dr. Ahlquist, Mr. Atway, Mrs. DeRamo, Mrs. Elford, Mr. DeMaiolo
Motion carried 5-0

Special Education Board Policy

Approve the adoption of Policy 2460 'Special Education' to satisfy the requirement of the Operating Standards for Ohio Educational Agencies Serving Children with Disabilities, the Board adopts the model policies and procedures promulgated by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.

Motion: Mr. Atway
Second: Mrs. DeRamo
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

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.

Student(s) Name/Grade	Last Name	School Attending	Parent(s)/Guardian(s)
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
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
Lareena Gr. 7	Alshoubaki	The Islamic Academy	Ziad Alshoubaki
Michael Gr. 3 Zion Gr. 4	Crist	Holy Family Elementary School	Jason Crist
Jasmine Gr. 5	Taylor	Heartland Christian School	Justin Taylor

Motion: Mrs. DeRamo
Second: Mrs. Elford
Yes: Dr. Ahlquist, Mr. Atway, Mrs. DeRamo, Mrs. Elford, Mr. DeMaiolo
Motion carried 5-0

Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trips

Approve the following out-of-state/overnight field trips.

1. CHS Wrestling Team to Wheeling University for Wheeling Park Duals, December 27-29, 2026.
2. CHS Wrestling Team to North Canton Hoover for a wrestling tournament, December 18-19, 2026.
3. Boys JV/V Lacrosse Team to Hickory High School in Hermitage, PA, for a lacrosse game on April 17, 2027.

Motion: Mr. Atway
Second: Dr. Ahlquist
Yes: Dr. Ahlquist, Mr. Atway, Mrs. DeRamo, Mrs. Elford, Mr. DeMaiolo
Motion carried 5-0

Donations

Approve the following donations.

Junior Women's League of Canfield	$1,000.00	Champions Day
Mark Davis	$200.00	Kate Farragher Memorial Funds-Arts
United Way of Youngstown and The Mahoning Valley	$4,964.35	Success by 6
Canfield PTA CH Campbell	$2,858.87	STEM Week
Canfield PTA Hilltop	$2,858.87	STEM Week
Canfield PTA CH Campbell	$57.92	Totes – Lunch
Canfield Athletic Boosters Spec. Project	$54,658.00	Scoreboard
Canfield PTA Hilltop	$367.13	Print Fund – Poster Ink

Motion: Mrs. DeRamo
Second: Mr. Atway
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)
Cardinal Chronicle	Coffee/Tea Sale	$12.00-$22.00
YTeens	Membership Dues	$6.00
Cardinal Kernel	Popcorn Sales	$1.00
CVMS Library	Book Fair	Miscellaneous Items
Interact Club	Club T-shirts	$12.00
CH 3rd Grade Teachers	Read-a-thon	Donations
Speech and Debate	Team Apparel	$10-$34 depending on item
HT Kindness Club	T-Shirt Sales	$7.00
CH Kindness Club	T-Shirt Sales	$7.00
HT STEM	Amazon Wishlist	
CH STEM	Amazon Wishlist	
Senior Class	Craft Show Raffles	50/50 $1.00, $10.00 for arms length Big Red Raffle $10.00 Basket Auction 1/$10.00, 3/$25.00
Senior Class	Craft Show Sponsors	$500.00 platinum $250.00 gold $100.00 silver

Motion: Dr. Ahlquist
Second: Mrs. DeRamo
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 $4,796.00 to the Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy for fiscal year 2027. ($2.00 per ADM)

Motion: Mrs. DeRamo
Second: Mrs. Elford
Yes: Dr. Ahlquist, Mr. Atway, Mrs. DeRamo, Mrs. Elford, Mr. DeMaiolo
Motion carried 5-0

Old Business

The Board updated the community on the upcoming policy and curriculum committee meetings. It was agreed that a new finance committee meeting would not be held until after the results of the November 3 election.

Adjournment

Adjourn the meeting at 6:56 PM.

Motion: Mr. Atway
Second: Dr. Ahlquist
Yes: Dr. Ahlquist, Mr. Atway, Mrs. DeRamo, Mrs. Elford, Mr. DeMaiolo
Motion carried 5-0

Board President _____ Treasurer _____