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APPROVED AT THE MEETING ON MAY 12, 2025

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CANTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025

The Canton City School District Board of Education met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Timken Career Campus, 521 Tuscarawas Street W, Canton, OH, 44702.

Members present: Scott Russ, Kim Brown, David Kaminski, Myra Watkins, and John Rinaldi.

Staff members in attendance included Jeffery Talbert, Jason Dixon, and Jeff Gruber

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. President Russ presided.

At this time, Mr. Russ welcomed all people in attendance at the regularly scheduled meeting.

25-049 Mr. Russ moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion the Canton City School District Board of Education Agenda for the April 14, 2025 Regular Meeting be approved with corrections.

Roll call: Ayes: Russ, Brown, Kaminski, Watkins, and Rinaldi
Motion carried

25-050 Mr. Russ moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion the Board approves the minutes from the March 10, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Roll call: Ayes: Russ, Brown, Kaminski, Watkins, and Rinaldi
Motion carried

Hearing of the Public:

Lavetra Hampton and Courtney Johnson-Benson addressed the Board regarding the situation with the McKinley Dance Team.

25-051 Mr. Russ moved and Mr. Kaminski seconded the motion the Board approves the following:

It is recommended that the Canton City School District Board of Education acknowledge the following donations:

- Canton City Schools received:
 - Two band pieces, *Huckleberry March* and *Caped Crusaders*, Band Compositions Arranged for Young Bands from Dan Adams
 - Slatestone panel/corners for the Broadcast Studios from Nextstone
- Cedar Elementary School received:
 - 2 class sets of headphones from Courtney Jones
- Clarendon Elementary School received:
 - Food for the Math and Magic Night from Feed Kids First
 - Food for the Math and Magic Night from Raff Rd. Giant Eagle
 - Food for the Math and Magic Night from Executive Catering Inc.
- Crenshaw Middle School received:
 - Clothing racks from MDT Remodel LLC
- McGregor Elementary School received the following OST Testing Incentive Donations:
 - Chevy Racing Fan Basket from Motorsports Competition

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- Stone Elementary School received:
 - Donation of \$1,000 from United Way
- Worley Elementary received:
 - Hats, gloves, and clothing from Trinity United Church of Christ
 - 15 books for the DLC from My Sister's Oil
 - 30 pairs of new shoes from Canton Nazarene Church

It is recommended the financial statements, investments, Then & Now Report, Appropriation Transaction Report, and the District Employee by Fund Report for the months ended January 31, 2025 and February 28, 2025 be approved by the Board of Education.

It is recommended the Board approve the following amendments to the FY 2025 Permanent Appropriations:

Fund	From Amount	Increase/(Decrease)	To Amount
300 Athletics	\$1,697,797.33	\$275,000.00	\$1,972,797.33
401 Auxiliary Services	\$158,343.77	\$13,159.99	\$171,503.76
512 Impact Aid	\$160,595.73	\$2,396.00	\$162,991.73
516 IDEA	\$4,455,048.81	(\$38,539.33)	\$4,416,509.48
524 Perkins	\$536,160.41	\$20,326.19	\$556,486.60
551 Title III LEP	\$124,984.72	\$7,490.45	\$132,475.17
572 Title I	\$10,142,763.27	\$36,878.45	\$10,179,641.72
587 IDEA Preschool	\$38,783.50	(\$973.42)	\$37,810.08
590 Improving Teacher Quality	\$848,927.05	\$17,320.63	\$866,247.68

It is recommended the Board approve the following amendments to FY 2025 Estimated Resources:

Fund	From Amount	Increase/(Decrease)	To Amount
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300 Athletics	\$1,500,000.00	\$275,000.00	\$1,775,000.00
401 Auxiliary Services	\$146,393.16	\$13,159.99	\$159,553.15
512 Impact Aid	\$9,283.00	\$2,396.00	\$11,679.00
516 IDEA	\$4,618,620.27	(\$38,539.33)	\$4,580,080.94
524 Perkins	\$657,635.35	\$20,326.19	\$677,961.54
551 Title III LEP	\$139,732.32	\$7,490.45	\$147,222.77
572 Title I	\$10,890,987.78	\$36,878.45	\$10,927,866.23
587 IDEA Preschool	\$39,871.53	(\$973.42)	\$38,898.11
590 Improving Teacher Quality	\$940,675.24	\$17,320.63	\$957,995.87

It is recommended the amounts and rates for taxes to be collected in FY 2026 be adopted as shown in Exhibit T-I and that the Treasurer be authorized to submit a copy of the resolution to the Stark County Auditor. [Exhibit T-1 4-10-2025](#)

It is recommended the Board of Education approve the following Student Teaching Stipend, Funding from Kent State University, e. Spring Semester 2025:

Umstead, Jennifer \$310.00

Roll call: Ayes: Russ, Brown, Kaminski, Watkins, and Rinaldi
Motion carried

25-052 Mr. Russ moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion the Board approves the following:

RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS:

Regular Certified Staff:

Doringo, Deborah, retirement, e. July 31, 2025
Kowalczyk, Hayley, resignation, e. May 30, 2025
Lobritz, Patricia, retirement, e. May 30, 2025

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Potts-Brooks, Kathleen, resignation, e. May 30, 2025
Powers, Kelsie, resignation, e. May 30, 2025

Adult Education Staff:

Baumler, Mary, retirement, e. March 28, 2025
Oliver, Lori, retirement, e. May 31, 2025

Licensed/Retired Substitutes:

Unckrich, Corey, resignation, e. March 20, 2025

Regular Certified Substitute:

Wallace, Joshua, resignation, e. April 21, 2025

LEAVE OF ABSENCES:

Regular Certified Staff:

Ault, Bonnie, Paid FMLA, e. April 14, 2025 through May 2, 2025
Emrich, Lisa, Unpaid Medical Leave of Absence, e. March 17, 2025 through January 1, 2026 -
2nd request
Friesner, Jessica, Paid Intermittent FMLA, e. March 10, 2025 through May 30, 2025
Hill, Tajuana, Paid Intermittent FMLA, e. March 11, 2025 through May 1, 2025
Richmond, Robert, Paid FMLA, e. April 28, 2025 through May 21, 2025
Stevic, Denise, Paid FMLA, e. February 20, 2025 through June 11, 2025

Administrative Staff:

Vazquez, Theresa, Unpaid/Paid Intermittent FMLA, e. March 10, 2025 through June 30, 2025

NON-RENEWALS:

HR Special Substitutes Non-Renewals, e. May 30, 2025

Adams, Elizabeth
Baker, Grace
Davis, Victoria
Wagner, Jarred

CORE Certified Substitutes Non-Renewals, e. May 29, 2025

Anderson, Michele	Holley, Donald	Semonin, Michael
Bradley, Andrew	Inman, Gertie	Smith, Cazzell
Border, Erin	Myers, Bryan	Sombaty, Heather
Fox, Nicole (e. June 10, 2025)	Oliveira, Telma	Sommer, Diane
Checton, Gary	Palmer, Karen	Stehler, Jason
Greene, Kermit	Prowell, Felicia	Timbrook, Jeffrey
Gupta, Shashi	Robinson, Eva- Marie	

CTE Transportation Core Certified Substitutes Non-Renewals, e. May 29, 2025

Ploucha, Michael
Wohlfarth, Patricia

Non-Pub Title Tutors/Small Group Instructors Non-Renewals, e. May 30, 2025

Anderson, Heather	Foltz, Georgann	Lenox, Chelsea
Bamfield, Kelly	Fraleigh, Grace	Mahoney, Michelle
Borland, Amy	Fricker, Christina	Weber, Denise
Bowers, Marissa	Greene, Sylvera	Wilgus, Sharon
Crouse, Abbey	Kronmiller, Angela	

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APPOINTMENTS:

Adult Education-Practical Nurse Program Certified Instructor, step 4, 7.5 hours per day, BA/BS, 210 days per year, e. April 14, 2025 for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, Funding Source, Practical Nurse Program #01220011440111
Storsin, Michele

Adult Education-Practical Nurse Program Professional Development/Meetings/Events, \$18.50 per hour as needed, e. April 14, 2025 for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, Funding Source, Practical Nurse Program, #01220011440112
Storsin, Michele

Licensed/Retired Substitutes, \$170.00 daily rate, as needed e. March 17, 2025 through April 4, 2025

Armstrong, Austin
Groetz, James
Harrison, Robyn

Moriconi, Kirston
Naber, Paige

IDEA-B After School Tutor - Heritage Christian School, \$40.00 per hour, hours as needed not to exceed 3 hours per week for 8 weeks, e. April 1, 2025, Funding Source #5162025406-112
Ueltschy, Chloe

Special Education - Summer Evaluation Team, per diem rate of pay, as needed, e. June 2, 2025 through August 12, 2025, Funding Source, Special Education IDEA-B #5162025200

Barsa, Samantha
Brown, Dona
Dunaway, Lauren
Hale, Kristen

Pinkerton, Ashley
Poremba, Amanda
Stolicny, Gina
Vaughan, Kristine

Special Education - Summer Evaluation Team, per diem rate of pay, as needed, e. June 2, 2025 through August 12, 2025, Funding Source, Special Education IDEA-B #5162025100

Dille, Stephani
Flanagan-Stehler, Kellee

Additional Hours, School Psychologist, \$700.00 per ETR completed, work done as additional assignment, e. 2024-2025 school year

Werner, Lindsay
Wollums, Ted

ADOS Refresher Training, \$25.00 per hour, not to exceed 4 hours, e. 2024-2025 school year, Funding Source Special Education #5162025400

Dunaway, Lauren
Janigian, Jessica
Stolicny, Gina

GCCTM Math Tournament, \$25.00 per hour, 4 hours, e. March 1, 2025, Funding Source, Curriculum, #0011100030 0113

Canton, Andrea

Van Driver - Equestrian Club, \$18.50 per hour, as needed, e. 2024-2025 school year, Acct. #3004592377

Ploucha, Michael

Extra-Duty Supplemental Assignments, e. 2024-2025 school year

Anderson, Chad, McKinley Assistant Track Coach, scale 06, index .11

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Herberghs, Bryan, Crenshaw Yearbook Advisor, scale 10, index .06

Wentz, Samantha, Strength and Conditioning Coach, scale 05, index .17 - ½ stipend

Recommend the Board of Education approve the salary schedules for Practical Nurses and ACTE hourly employees as attached

[2025-2026 Practical Nurse Salary Schedule](#)

[2025-2026 ACTE Hourly Employee Wage Schedule](#)

ADJUSTMENTS

AIM Spring Intersession/Bulldog Bonus Days, FROM: March 17, 2025 through March 31, 2025; TO: March 17, 2025 through March 21, 2025 and March 31, 2025 through April 4, 2025

Darrah, Anna, FROM: Licensed/Retired Substitute; TO: Long term temporary substitute teacher on her 61st day, BS, Step 1, until May 30, 2025

Frederick, Catherine; FROM: Science of Reading stipend, \$400.00, e. 2024-2025 school year; TO: Science of Reading stipend, \$1,200.00, e. 2024-2025 school year

Kraft, Kennedy, FROM: Licensed/Retired Substitute; TO: Long term temporary substitute teacher on her 61st day, BS, step 1, until May 30, 2025

McGregor After School Teachers, e. January 13, 2025 through April 18, 2025; FROM: Account #5720025178; TO: Account #5729025178

McIntyre, Paul, FROM: Science of Reading stipend, \$1,200.00, e. 2024-2025 school year; TO: Science of Reading stipend, \$400.00, e. 2024-2025 school year

Oliver, Chad, FROM: Science of Reading stipend, \$400.00, e. 2024-2025 school year; TO: Science of Reading stipend, \$1,200.00, e. 2024-2025 school year

Roll call: Ayes: Russ, Brown, Kaminski, Watkins, and Rinaldi

Motion carried

25-053 Mr. Russ moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion the Board approves the following:

RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS:

Regular Support Staff:

Bieyl, Melvin, Safety Liaison, retirement, e. July 31, 2025

Clay, Janice, Bus Driver, retirement, e. June 30, 2025

Claybourne, Ronald, Bus Driver, resignation, e. March 21, 2025

Daverio, Georgia, Student Success Coach, resignation, e. April 3, 2025

Hupp, Arleen, Secretary II, resignation, e. April 8, 2025

Pitts, Wanda, Child Nutrition Assistant, resignation, e. April 12, 2025

Williams II, Ondra, Bus Driver, resignation, e. April 3, 2025

After School Program:

Ford, Michael, After School Program at Arts Academy, resignation, e. March 10, 2025

Substitute Secretarial/Clerical:

Shock, Myrna, resignation, e. May 26, 2025

LEAVE OF ABSENCES:

Baus, Tammy, paid FMLA, e. April 23, 2025 through May 7, 2025

Ronchetto, Tabitha, paid FMLA, e. May 13, 2025 through May 29, 2025, and unpaid FMLA, e. May 28, 2025 through May 29, 2025

Turner, Anne, paid FMLA, e. April 25, 2025 through May 29, 2025

APPOINTMENTS:

Bus Assistant, step 1, 7 hours per day, 191 days per year, e. March 31, 2025

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Wicker, Eric

Bus Driver, step 1, 7 hours per day, 191 days per year, e. March 17, 2025
Blackshear, Alvin
Dunn, Joanne
Turner, Steven

Child Nutrition Assistant, step 1, 191 days per year, e. March 31, 2025
Pitts, Wanda, 5 hours per day
Wachtel, Breanna, 4 hours per day

Custodian, step 1, 8 hours per day, 260 days per year, e. April 14, 2025
Holzbach, Jenna

Special Education Assistant (Cross Categorical), step 1, 6.5 hours per day, 191 days per year,
e. March 31, 2025
Cordi, Christine

Substitute Bus Driver, as needed, e. 2024-2025 school year
Bell, Kayla
Hively, Allan

Substitute Bus Assistant, as needed, e. 2024-2025 school year
Poole, Jabin
Wicker, Eric

Substitute Child Nutrition Assistant, as needed, e. 2024-2025 school year
Miller, Glynis
Pitts, Wanda
Smith, Charan

Substitute Educational Related (Support Staff), as needed, e. 2024-2025 school year
Locke, Tiffany
Silvey, Russell
Tatum, Nichole

Work Based Learning Assistance, outside regular work hours, at the regular hourly rate of pay,
Bulldog Activity Center, days and hours as needed, not to exceed \$1,500.00, e. April 3, 2025
through August 1, 2025, Funding Source, CTE General Fund #0011310360
Farley, Dan

Bus Driver CDL Stipend, \$500.00, e. 2024-2025 school year
Ballard, Jerrod
Johnson, Cherie
Kartcher, James
Osborne, Brenda
Reichel, Chris
Young, Chad

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Non-Certified Pupil Activity Contract Resolution

Recommend the Board of Education approve the attached resolution to employ non-certified employees for Pupil Activity Contracts [Non-Certified Pupil Activity Contract Resolution 2025 04 14](#)

Non-Certified Pupil Activity Permit Contracts, e. 2024-2025 school year

Mogus, Brian, McKinley Assistant Boys Tennis Coach, scale 06, index .11

Volunteer Coach

Freeman-Jones, Satara, Volunteer McKinley Assistant Track Coach

ADJUSTMENTS:

AIM Intersession/Bulldog Bonus Days, FROM: March 17, 2025 through March 31, 2025; TO: March 17, 2025 through March 21, 2025 and March 31, 2025 through April 4, 2025

Carpenter, Jenell, FROM: Child Nutrition Assistant, step 4, 4 hours per day, 191 days per year; TO: Cafeteria Cook, step 4, 8 hours per day, 191 days per year, e. April 14, 2025

Conrad, Rhonda, FROM: HR Liaison, HR/LIAS, step 14, 7.5 hours per day, 260 days per year; TO: HR Liaison, EXFB, EX1, step 15, 7.5 hours per day, 260 days per year, e. July 1, 2025

Ford, Mikal, FROM: Ford, Mykal, After School Support, e. January 13, 2025 through April 18, 2025; TO: Ford, Mikal, After School Support, e. January 13, 2025 through April 18, 2025 (Name Correction)

Hively, Allan, FROM: Bus Driver, step 7, 7 hours per day, 191 days per year; TO: Custodian, step 7, 8 hours per day, 260 days per year, e. March 24, 2025

Kessler, Kimberlymarie, FROM: Special Education Assistant (Cross Categorical), step 22, 6.5 hours per day, 191 days per year; TO: Special Education Assistant (Visual Impaired), step 22, 6.5 hours per day, 191 days per year, e. March 31, 2025

Kramer, Sarah, FROM: Education Assistant (Kindergarten), step 7, 6.75 hours per day, 191 days per year; TO: Student Success Coach, step 7, 7.5 hours per day, 191 days per year, e. March 31, 2025

Palaski, Danielle; FROM: Substitute Placement Officer, step 12, 7.5 hours per day, 260 days, OAPSE 161, Column E; TO: Substitute Placement Officer, EXFB/EX2, step 10, 7.5 hours per day, 260 days, Non-OAPSE Exempt, e. July 1, 2025

Pratt, Russelle, School Community Worker; FROM: step 1; TO: step 5, e. April 30, 2025

Soliday, Beth, FROM: Food Production Assistant, step 3, 6.5 hours per day, 191 days per year; TO: Cafeteria Cook, step 3, 8 hours per day, 191 days per year, e. April 14, 2025

TERMINATION

Recommend the Board of Education terminate employment of Alvin Blackshear, Bus Driver at the Transportation Department, during his probationary period, e. March 31, 2025

Roll call: Ayes: Russ, Brown, Kaminski, Watkins, and Rinaldi

Motion carried

25-054 Mr. Russ moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion the Board approves the following:

OVERNIGHT/OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIPS:

It is recommended that the Canton City School District Board of Education approve the following Overnight/Out of State Field Trip request:

- McKinley High School - Three students from Speech and Debate, to travel to Kansas City, MO, to compete in the NIETOC Tournament of Champions, e. May 14, 2025 through May 18, 2025.
- McKinley High School - Speech students, to travel to Des Moines, IA, to compete in the National Speech and Debate Finals, e. June 14, 2025 through June 21, 2025.

Recommend the Board of Education award diplomas of graduation to those students who completed the +22 Program during the 2024-2025 school year The students have met all the requirements of the Ohio Department of Education and the Canton City School District Board of Education and have been certified to the Superintendent of Schools by Principals of McKinley High School

Confalone, Steven

Elliott, Keenan

Glenn, Ashlee

Nicholson, Darion

Roll call: Ayes: Russ, Brown, Kaminski, Watkins, and Rinaldi

Motion carried

25-055 Mr. Russ moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion the Board approves the following:

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Recommend the Board of Education approve the linked AEP Easement for the new Lincoln Elementary School
[AEP Easement - Lincoln](#)

Recommend the Board of Education approved the linked AEP Easement for the new Timken Elementary School
[AEP Easement - Timken](#)

Recommend the Board of Education approve the following Resolution to participate in the NRCS Power Pay! Program

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN ENERGY MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CANTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND NRG ENERGY

WHEREAS, The District is a member of the Stark County Education Service Council of Government, and

WHEREAS, the Stark County COG has partnered with the NRG Energy to implement the NRCS PowerPay! Program to monitor & respond to critical electric grid demand events, and

WHEREAS, the NRCS PowerPay! Program notifies a participating district to reduce power consumption when the local power grid approaches critical peak demand, and

WHEREAS, Canton City School District requests authority to participate in the NRCS PowerPay! Program, and

WHEREAS, participation in the PowerPay! Program could net the District a financial payment proportional to the actual power reduction during the critical peak demand event. Reduction of the peak demand variable for the District’s participating buildings could result in future energy cost savings,

THEREFORE, the Board of Education does authorize the Assistant Superintendent to enter into a contract with NRG Energy to participate in the PowerPay! Program.

Recommend the Board of Education approve the purchase of two 72 passenger buses as stated below:

RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE TWO 72 PASSENGER T3FE BUSES AND ONE 72 PASSENGER T3FE LIFT TRANSIT BUS AS BID BY THE OHIO SCHOOLS COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Canton City School District is a member of the Stark County Schools’ Council of Governments, and

WHEREAS, the Stark County Schools’ Council of Governments advertised bids for school buses, and

WHEREAS, the bids were received on October 1, 2024 and reviewed by the bus bid review committee for compliance, and

WHEREAS, Cardinal Bus Sales and Service, Inc. submitted a bid for two 72 Passenger T3FE buses and one 72 Passenger T3FE Lift Transit Bus with specifications acceptable to Canton City School District,

Cardinal Bus Sales & Service Inc	
72 Passenger T3FE (2) (as specified - \$134,141.00 ea)	
\$268,282.00	
72 Passenger T3FE Lift transit (as specified)	
\$149,417.00	

WHEREAS, the total cost \$417,699.00 will be funded with funds from Transportation, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Canton City School District Board of Education hereby authorizes the purchase of two 72 Passenger T3FE buses and one 72 Passenger T3FE Lift Transit Bus, totaling \$417,699.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Canton City School Board of Education does hereby reject all other bids submitted on this project.

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Recommend the Board of Education approve the following resolution to purchase Apple iPads and cases with keyboards.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PURCHASE APPLE IPADS AND CASES WITH KEYBOARDS

WHEREAS, the Canton City School District wants to purchase of 1,400 iPads and Logitech cases with keyboards, and

WHEREAS, Apple Inc. is a sole source provider for the iPads, and

WHEREAS, Apple Inc. has provided an Education Price Quote for the 11 inch iPad, and

WHEREAS, Apple, Inc. has also provided a competitive Education Price Quote for Logitech iPad cases with keyboards,

iPads	\$453,600.00
Cases with Keyboards	\$153,930.00

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Canton City School Board of Education does authorize the purchase of iPads and cases with keyboards from Apple Inc. for \$607,530.00

Recommend the Board of Education approve the following resolution authorizing the purchase of classroom furniture for Crenshaw Middle School and McKinley High School.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PURCHASE CLASSROOM FURNITURE FOR CRENSHAW MIDDLE SCHOOL AND MCKINLEY HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Canton City School District wants to purchase classroom furniture for Crenshaw Middle School and McKinley High School, and

WHEREAS, Canton City Schools is a member of the AEPA-Ohio Consortium, and

WHEREAS, School Specialty, an authorized distributor has provided a quote for classroom furniture

Crenshaw Quote Q-557284	\$99,484.13
McKinley High School Q-557259	\$99,715.99

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Canton City School Board of Education does authorize the Assistant Superintendent to purchase classroom furniture for Crenshaw Middle School and McKinley High School for \$199,200.12

Roll call: Ayes: Russ, Brown, Kaminski, Watkins, and Rinaldi
Motion carried

25-056 Mr. Russ moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion the Board approves the following:

- Recommend the Board of Education approve the first reading of the attached policies:
- [PO 0131.1 - Technical Corrections](#)
 - [PO 2260.02 - Single Gender Classes and Activities](#)
 - [PO 2271 - College Credit Plus Program](#)
 - [PO 2340 - Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips](#)
 - [PO 2430.02 - Participation of Community-STEM School Students in Extracurricular Activities](#)
 - [PO 2431 - Interscholastic Athletics](#)
 - [PO 2460 - Special Education](#)
 - [PO 5120 - Assignment within District](#)
 - [PO 5131 - Technical Correction - Student Transfers](#)
 - [PO 5330- Use of Medications](#)
 - [PO 5350- Student Health, Well-Being, and Suicide Prevention](#)
 - [PO 5460 - Graduation Requirements](#)
 - [PO 5610 - Removal, Suspension, Expulsion, and Permanent Exclusion of Students](#)
 - [PO 5751 - Parental Status of Students](#)
 - [PO 6151 - Insufficient Funds checks](#)
 - [PO 7440.01 - Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring](#)
 - [PO 8142 - Criminal History Record Check for Contracted School Services](#)
 - [PO 8452 - AED and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation](#)
 - [PO 8500 - Food Services](#)

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Recommend the Board of Education approve the second reading of the attached policies:
[PO 5113 - Inter-District Open Enrollment](#)

Recommend the Board of Education RESCIND the following policies:
[PO 0171 - Review of Policy](#)
[PO 2460 ODE - Special Education](#)

Roll call: Ayes: Russ, Brown, Kaminski, Watkins, and Rinaldi
Motion carried

At this time, Superintendent Talbert gave a presentation to the Board regarding the Biennium Budget update.

25-057 Mr. Kaminski moved and Mr. Russ seconded the motion at 6:37 pm that the Board adjourn into executive session with the school board’s attorney to discuss imminent court action with action to follow the executive session.

Roll call: Ayes: Russ, Brown, Kaminski, Watkins, and Rinaldi
Motion carried

The Board returned from executive session at 8:01 pm.

25-058 Mr. Kaminski moved and Mr. Russ seconded the motion the Board add the following addendum to the meeting and to take action on the item:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT TO SIGN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION’S APRIL 3, 2025 “REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION” CONCERNING TITLE VI COMPLIANCE

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2025, the U.S. Department of Education (“ED”) issued a “Request for Certification” to State Education Agencies (“SEAs”) requiring certification of compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, its implementing regulations, and Supreme Court cases interpreting the same; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce has requested that all Local Education Agencies (LEAs”) in Ohio complete and submit this certification; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education for the Canton City School District (“District”) has previously certified its compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and its implementing regulations as part of regular applications for federal funding, and those certifications remain in effect; and

WHEREAS, the District is committed to providing all students with a high-quality education in a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment, regardless of race, color, national origin, or other protected characteristics; and

WHEREAS, the District has been faithfully implementing education programs in accordance with all federal law, including Title VI and other antidiscrimination laws, and will continue to do so; and

WHEREAS, federal education funds provide critical resources for District students, including students with disabilities, English learners, and economically disadvantaged students, and the District wishes to avoid any disruption to these essential programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Canton City School District authorizes the Superintendent to sign the U.S. Department of Education’s “Request for Certification” concerning Title VI compliance dated April 3, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in authorizing this signature, the Board wishes to express the following:

1. The District is taking this action primarily to maintain access to federal funding, which the U.S. Department of Education has threatened to withhold from districts that do not sign the certification document;
2. The District has repeatedly over the years provided the requisite assurances of its compliance with Title VI and its implementing regulations and other applicable federal laws and intends to continue to do so;
3. The District views this certification as consistent with those prior assurances and not as an extension of the Board’s legal obligations;
4. The District notes that to date, no federal court has extended the holding in *Students for Fair Admissions vs. Harvard* to public K-12 local educational agencies;

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- 5. The District further notes that federal courts have not endorsed the vague and ambiguous pronouncements issued by the ED in general opposition to diversity, equity, and inclusion principles;
- 6. The District observes that the Department has not gone through the requisite rulemaking process under the Administrative Procedure Act to develop regulations regarding this matter that may be entitled to the force of the law;
- 7. The District’s execution of this certificate does not constitute agreement with or endorsement of any particular interpretation of Title VI beyond the text of the statute, its implementing regulations, and binding judicial precedent directly applicable to K-12 public education; and
- 8. The District maintains its commitment to creating educational environments where all students feel welcome, valued, and supported in their learning.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Superintendent to take all necessary actions to protect the District’s access to federal funding while upholding the District’s legal obligations and commitment to serving all students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, along with the signed Certification form.

Roll call: Ayes: Russ, Brown, Kaminski, Watkins, and Rinaldi
Motion carried

25-059 There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Kaminski moved and Mr. Russ seconded the motion to adjourn.

Roll call: Ayes: Russ, Brown, Kaminski, and Rinaldi
Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer

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