

# CANTON PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

Paul Palomba, President

## EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

Date 2/2/26

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Paul Palomba called the meeting of the Executive Leadership Team of the Canton Professional Educators Association to order on 2/2/26 at 4:32 p.m.

### II. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The following ELT members in **black** were in attendance:

The following ELT members in **red** were not in attendance (\*Denotes reported excused absence.):

1. Paul Palomba	11. Ann Cochrane
2. Lynne Watson	12. Cheryl Bissmeyer
3. Amanda Gillespie	13. Juliann Doerschuk
4. Darren Furno	14. <b>Joslin Shaffer</b>
5. Karen Brank	15. Randy Bifolchi
6. Sharen Lindberg	16. Jen Eberle
7. Andrea McSherry	17. Manny Halkias
8. Jennifer Schott	18. <b>Jennifer Henderson</b>
9. Ruth Allison	19. Greg Soper
10. <b>Yvonne Scott</b>	20. <b>Sandy Rosetta</b>

### III. CORRESPONDENCE –

### IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Darren Furno reported out on the Treasurer's Report for

### V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Update on school budget
  - a. ECA will be shuttering their 7th and 8th program in two years. 8th next year, no more year after.
  - b. Its a numbers issue, enrollment issue, due to budget constraints.
  - c. Paul reiterated how important it is to informatively vote for the governor that supports public education.
  - d. OH8 Coalition = Ohio Public Educators Alliance. The group discussed what to focus on in the next 8 months to get the best bang for our buck. They have determined that the best effort will be on getting democrats to the polls.
  - e. Greg shared thoughts on the supermajority.
  - f. Manny shared that the last 24-48 hours are the most crucial for making sure people follow through and vote.
  - g. Paul cautioned speaking ill of the school district to anyone. We cannot afford to lose even one student.
  - h. Paul reminded us that in 1965 a law was passed that requires public schools to pay for and provide bussing to the charters and parochials.
  - i. \$5 billion is what we give to charters and parochials every two years with no accountability for how that money is spent.
  - j. Paul cautioned that we need to stay focused on the red meat and avoid the Great Distractions. Paul and Lynne will make rounds to buildings again to share the message. He recommends that we continue to talk to our own staff and keep notes.
  - k. Manny recommends sessions during PD days to explain economics of our district situation. Feb 13 is district PD.
  - l. What we lose we will never get back. What would it mean if we don't have collective bargaining?
  - m. A heated discussion ensued.
2. NEA delegate sign up sheet went around. Deadline to declare intent March 6th.

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3. ELT membership will adjust 2026:

- a. 7 PreK-6
- b. 2 MS
- c. 4 HS
- d. 2 presidential appointments
- e. Per our constitution if you get elected for ELT for one grade band but get moved to another, you fulfill your term as elected.

4. As a membership we will also have to tighten up what we spend.

**VI. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

1. No report

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. GRIEVANCE –
2. MEMBERSHIP – no report
3. LEGISLATIVE – no report
4. NEGOTIATIONS – no report
5. SCHOLARSHIP – no report
6. PUBLIC RELATIONS/WEBSITE– no report
7. TEACHER WELFARE – no report
8. CONSTITUTION/ELECTIONS – no report
9. PACE – no report
10. LPDC/IN-SERVICE – no report
11. RETIRED – no report
12. UNISERV – no report
13. BUILDING AND FACILITIES – no report
14. MAC COMMITTEE – no report
15. AUDIT COMMITTEE – no report
16. ECOEA –no report

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS:**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

**X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:19p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Gillespie  
CPEA Secretary