

CANTON PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

Paul Palomba, President

BUILDING LEADERSHIP REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

Date 4/ 6 /2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

_____ called the meeting of the Executive Leadership Team of the Canton Professional Educators Association to order on 4/6/26 at 4 : 30 p.m.

___ motioned to accept the agenda with flexibility and _____ seconded the motion. Motion approved.

II. SECRETARY’S REPORT

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

The following ELT members in **red** were not in attendance:

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

___ motioned to accept the secretary’s report from the meeting. _ seconded the motion. Motion passed.

1. DID YOU KNOW?

Recent budget changes phased out Supplemental Targeted Assistance, a funding stream specifically designed to support high-poverty urban districts and underfunded schools by \$2.75 billion. While the exact proposal did not pass as written, the final 2026-27 state budget still did not fully implement the Fair School Funding Plan. As a result, schools across Ohio received significantly less funding than originally planned, leading to ongoing financial challenges for many districts, not just our own. ([Policy Matters OHIO](#))

2. CORRESPONDENCE –

III. TREASURER’S REPORT

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

IV. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- 1. OEA PAC -

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- a. Rita McMillan has taken a position with OEA as a political organizer. Rita is leading the formation of a committee to organize the Amy Acton rally. On April 16th, the committee will meet here at CPEA. If anyone is interested, please let Rita know. Expect a survey in the next few weeks to gauge the membership's understanding of our political situation. A Hustle Survey via text will be coming next week.
 - b. Rita shared that OEA wants two more for the Truth about Viveck training (virtual). Tuesday nights will be information-flooding via social media. If interested, let Rita know.
 - c. Paul will help share information about this upcoming survey. Paul proposed creating a motion for BR to create a similar group with 50 people and release time/financial compensation.
2. May 22nd Amy Acton Rally
- a. Paul challenges members to develop a plan to maximize attendance.
 - b. We need graphics, writers, and large screens to help. McKinley Band attendance would be appreciated.
 - c. Greg shared thoughts on how to recruit medical personnel. Others shared their plans to spread the word.
 - d. Yvonne suggested speaking to education majors at local universities. Juliann shared that we have an OEA chapter for college students. Manny shared Ramaswamy's plan for Ohio Colleges and Universities.
 - e. Paul shared statistics on our pension and the status of our retirement board and the Southern model for public education.
 - f. Rally will also have an event in the McKinley room (tickets sold) to meet Amy. We need a committee to establish packages.
 - g. Each group represented in the arena will get two questions. (fire, medical, education)
 - h. Other political figures will be there, Sykes, possibly Brown, Allison(or Brit)
 - i. The idea of using some of our Night at the Races funds for this was floated. More research will be conducted for our 501 (c) (6).
 - j. Jen may run another card raffle to raise funds.
 - k. Next Monday, Melissa will make an attendance sheet for members, reps, and guests, with follow up.
 - l. Paul reminded us that we need media there. Manny mentioned Christian Turner for media.
 - m. The "Call to Acton " committee will start meeting this Thursday and will meet every Monday until May 22nd.
 - n. A discussion ensued.

V. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Lynne read nominations for ToY and Layperson. We discussed the logistics for next week's meeting, given the packed agenda.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. GRIEVANCE – no report
2. MEMBERSHIP – Sandy Rosetta reported no change to the number of members and nonmembers.
3. LEGISLATIVE – no report

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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 – Reminder: LPDC requests that you submit at least 5, but no more than 20, PD certificates totaling at least 20 clock hours. Link to LPDC One Stop Website: <https://sites.google.com/ccsdistrict.org/ccsdslpdc/dashboard>
11. RETIRED – Paul discussed how the retirements will impact us and STRS. Retirements across the district are 32 and counting.
12. UNISERV – no report
13. BUILDING AND FACILITIES – no report
14. MAC COMMITTEE – no report
15. AUDIT COMMITTEE – no report
16. ECOEA –no report

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

IX. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

X. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6: 15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Gillespie
CPEA Secretary