

CANTON PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

Paul Palomba, President

BUILDING LEADERSHIP REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

3/9/2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Paul Palomba called the meeting of the Executive Leadership Team and the Building Leadership Representative Assembly of the Canton Professional Educators Association to order on 3/9/26 at 4:30 p.m.
Jay Bretzin motioned to accept the agenda with flexibility and Jen Eberle 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 (*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. Joslin Shaffer
5. Karen Brank	15. Randy Bifolchi
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

Gillespie shared information about the Did You Know campaign. Paul spoke about sharing PACE and information with the members. Daniel requested that we continue to post PACE on the website. Members are encouraged to share information with Gillespie and Paul. Continue to visit our CPEA Social Media pages.

Did You Know? Lawmakers have allocated approximately \$1 billion annually for vouchers in Ohio. ([Ohio Capital Journal](#))

III. CORRESPONDENCE – none.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Darren Furno reported out on the Treasurer's Report for March. We replaced a water heater, and we see bills for snow removal.

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Krista Allison visited and spoke with the membership about her candidacy for the Ohio House District 49. She is an advocate for public ed, for collective bargaining, and for returning to the original structure of the STRS board. Her tenets are: what's best for kids, what's best for the community. She shared the work she's doing at Choices. She is a Dream Weaver. A copy of her article from Summit Magazine was distributed.
2. Election:
 - a. President's position nominations from the floor were requested as per the bylaws.
 - b. Treasurer's position nominations from the floor were requested as per the bylaws.
 - c. PreK-6 nominations from the floor were requested in accordance with the bylaws.
 - c.i. Sharen Lindberg, Cherie Johnson Clark, Michelle Martin-Jones
 - d. Middle-level nominations from the floor were requested...
 - d.i. Juliann Doerschuk, Cheryl Bissmeyer, election to follow
 - e. High School nominations...
 - e.i. Jen Eberle and Jennifer Henderson
 - f. Two openings at the Multilevel...
 - f.i. One for one year open
 - f.ii. One for two years: Jill Rowland, counselor from the floor.
3. Update on the meeting with Amy Acton of the Toledo Federation of Teachers on Feb 23rd.
 - a. Paul shared that he is in constant communication with the Actin Election Committee and shared what he's done thus far to make this happen. We are considering donating to the Ohio Democratic Party.

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- Bellflower Communications will call to discuss options. We need someone else to pay Civic Center \$5,000 who can donate without strings.
- b. The campaign rally will happen at the **Civic Center on May 22nd**, right after the primaries. 5:30-6:30 Amy fundraiser, then 6:30-8:00 pm. The promise is 5,000 people. Will require police, fire, and churches.
 - c. Since 1984, Ohio has had a Republican supermajority.
 - d. Paul warned that to continue in our profession will require a change in how we operate. He encourages members to donate to campaigns that support our goals.
 - e. Paul shared the latest news from Candidate B.
4. Member feedback form from last month: Paul shared that only a few have returned filled out as requested. Sharen shared some issues with completing this. A discussion ensued.
- a. If Ramy wins (his model was already run in Kansas, and Kansas was decimated)
 - a.i. No income tax
 - a.ii. No collective bargaining
 - a.iii. Advocates Merit pay
 - a.iv. Anti Public, pro private
 - b. If Amy wins
 - b.i. pro public ed
 - b.ii. pro collective bargaining
 - b.iii. pro fair funding formula (her first day in office)
 - c. The Ohio legislature chose not to fund public schools:
 - c.i. 5 billion spent on charter and parochial
 - c.ii. 5 billion in a rainy day fund
 - c.iii. 2 billion in tax breaks to the top 1% got the vast majority
 - c.iv. 600 million to Browns Stadium

VI. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Membership Appreciation Drawing :
 - a. **PK3**: Rachel Grater, Ashley Snyder
 - b. **4-6**: Hope Norman, Carrie Kirsch
 - c. **MS**: David Singhaus, Sherri Davidson
 - d. **HS**: Erik Escola, Erin Gillingham
2. 11 have signed up for the Colorado delegation, so there will be an election; 4 of those are also running via ECOEA, so there may be fewer in this election.
3. One domination thus far for Educator of the Year, Bern Snell

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. GRIEVANCE –
2. MEMBERSHIP – Sandy Rosetta reported we have 652 members and 14 nonmembers.
3. LEGISLATIVE – no report
4. NEGOTIATIONS – no report
5. SCHOLARSHIP – Sharen reported on which scholarships will be maintained, which they changed, and which will be dropped.
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 – Sandy Rosetta reported
12. UNISERV – no report
13. BUILDING AND FACILITIES – no report
14. MAC COMMITTEE – no report
15. AUDIT COMMITTEE – no report
16. ECOEA – Juliann shared that 4 people were put in as state delegates: May, Rita, Juliann, and Michelle. Juliann shared in an email how to vote. Juliann thanked those who attended the ECOEA dinner on Friday. ECOEA Friend

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of Education is the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank. A fundraiser will happen for our friend. Juliann challenged our local to raise funds.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: none

IX. NEW BUSINESS: none

X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: none

XI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Gillespie
CPEA Secretary