

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 19, 2019.

The Margarettta Board of Education met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday February 19, 2019 at the Board Office.

Mr. Warner called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. requesting roll call by Mrs. Keegan:

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| Mr. Miller: | Present |
| Mr. Schoenegge: | Present |
| Mr. Sutorius: | Present |
| Mrs. Yetter: | Present |
| Mr. Warner: | Present. |

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Yetter, to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, January 28, 2019 and Special Board Meeting held on Monday, February 11, 2019; Roll call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Board and Staff Reports

Townsend Community School (TCS) Report

Mr. Pete Bartkowiak, TCS Superintendent, made his monthly report to the Board. Mr. Bartkowiak stated that Townsend has had 44 graduates this school year as of 12/10/18 and as of the night of the meeting on 2/19/19 it is now 69 graduates, active students totaling 1,426 and 82.6% of TCS students are at-risk students. He mentioned that the at-risk percentage will become very critical going forward. Ohio Department of Education (ODE) has always stated that to be considered a Dropout Recovery School that the majority of the students needed to be at-risk. Most interrupted majority to mean greater than 50% of the students. ODE wants the interpretation of majority to mean 75% of the students need to be at-risk. The increase percentage would not affect TCS (currently at 82.6%); however it will affect other Dropout Recovery Schools. He also informed the Board that ODE is also looking to increase the 4 year graduation rate from 8% to 26% rate to get a Meets Standards rating as a dropout recovery school. Mr. Bartkowiak then discussed the resolution on Blended Learning for Community Schools that was presented at the January State Board of Education Meeting. He stated that the resolution is requesting that a committee be formed to study Dropout Recovery Schools (the intention is for the committee to be made up of 4 Dropout Recovery School members, 1 ODE member and 1 chair from the Assessment and Accountability team). The committee recommendation is needed by October 1, 2019, and then

will need to be approved, and implemented. The resolution states that, '...the State Superintendent of Public Instruction is hereby instructed to refrain from enforcing seat-time requirements set forth in the House Bill 2 for Blended Learning for Community Schools until the work group has submitted its report...'. Mr. Mock stated that this resolution protects TCS, however not the Sponsors and ODE could still revoke Margaretta's Sponsorship and they have stated that they could charge the Superintendent with Professional Misconduct. Mrs. Kim Miller asked if ODE revoked Margaretta's Sponsorship if it would be permanent and Mr. Mock responded, yes. Mr. Bartkowiak then shared an editorial written by Ron Adler, from the Ohio Coalition for Quality Education entitled, 'Did the ODE Superintendent really say to thousands of dropout recovery school students, "Let them eat cake?"'. Mr. Bartkowiak also mentioned that Steve Arrant will be at TCS next week for a meeting and tour. He also mentioned that Mr. Ryan Bohn, Mr. Chris Gasteier, and he attended a Sandusky Round Table; in attendance were the CEO's from Civista Bank, Firelands Hospital, and Cedar Fair. He will be meeting with Firelands and Cedar Fair at a later date to discuss TCS programs that could develop skilled employees for the work place.

TCS Sponsor's Report

Mr. Grahl, TCS Compliance Officer, presented the Sponsor Report. He reported out that the TCS financials were reviewed by Mrs. Keegan and shared with the Board, updated the Board that new Compliance deadlines will be coming up soon and will be meeting with our attorney to discuss those submissions, on 1/13/19 Mrs. Carrie Keller attended an Epicenter Webinar, and that the State Board of Education will be acting on the above mentioned Community School Resolution at their March meeting. The next TCS Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 20, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Public Participation

Mrs. Beth Burkett raised concerns about the planned removal of the two large trees near the playground at the elementary. Mrs. Burkett raised the following points on why we should keep the trees; 1). Recess shade for the children, 2). She has observed grandparents and community members who bring the children to the playground and they sit under the trees for shade, 3). Playground monitors can have playground duties that last 40-60 minutes and without the trees there would be no shade for their long duties, 4). Some teachers are taking medication that requires them to stay out of the sun, 5). Teachers use the shade of the trees to go outside in August for the kids to have somewhere to go to eat popsicles on the hot days of August, 6).

Teachers use the trees for educational studies of changes that occur during the seasons, 7). The two trees provide shade for the building on hot days which helps reduce the classroom temperatures, 8). If the roots are the concern then just mulch them, no issues with mulch; she stated the custodians stated that they have more issues with the salt in the winter than the mulch coming back into the building, 9). Just trim the dead sections of the tree instead of taking them down, 10). New schools may not have trees but they have air conditioning, so there is relieve inside the buildings from the heat. Mr. Warner thanked Mrs. Burkett for her comments and concerns, he responded that we asked an expert about the trees and he felt given the condition of the trees that the safest thing to do would be to take down the trees. Mrs. Keegan mentioned that the landscape company had stated that the two trees are very old and have a very shallow root system due to their age and given they are sitting on bedrock. It was also mentioned that there are sections of the trees that are dead and at a minimum they need a significant amount of trimming and mulching to eliminate the trip hazard for the children. Mr. Warner stated that he will take it under advisement and the Board will discuss it.

Introduction of Additional Items to Agenda

Mr. Mock added the request to approve the Junior High Track Coach for Brevyn Hedden and adding an OFCC update.

The Financial Report and Schedule of Bills

Mrs. Keegan asked if there was any questions on the schedule of bills and then stated that the financial reports in the agenda reflect the seventh month of this fiscal year (July 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019). Mrs. Keegan stated that the District's General Fund revenue was down \$(367,628) compared to last year and expenditures were down \$596,560 compared to last year. The expenditures exceeded the general fund revenues by approximately \$(1.2) million through January for this fiscal year. Last year during the same period, the expenditures exceeded the general fund revenues by approximately \$(1.5) million, resulting in an improvement of approximately \$229 thousand from the same year-to-date period last year. That improvement was primarily driven by improvements in the supplies and materials account this year, due to textbooks purchased in 2017/2018 school year.

Treasurer's Report

Old Business

Mrs. Keegan gave an update on the Townsend Elementary Building auction. She first took a moment to thank the survivor of the William and Anne Quinn Family, Mr. William Little for the Quit

Claim Deed. Mr. William Little is the only surviving grandchild of the original owners of the Townsend property. The Quinn family had first rights to the property if the Board no longer had any educational use for the property. The Board also gave appreciation to Mr. Little's generosity. Mrs. Keegan also stated that we have completed the surveys and parcel descriptions to separate the property into two parcels for each building. She also mentioned that the Legal Notice was published in local and neighboring papers prior to 30 days from the auction, which is scheduled on March 9th at 10:07 a.m. The Board had also approved the resolution number 18-19-58 approving the sale of the two parcels and buildings and the contents. Immediately following the final auction bids, there will be a Special Board of Education Meeting to follow, where the Board will either accept or reject the bids. Mrs. Keegan also passed out a spreadsheet that reflected the costs that have been incurred to date to prepare the property for sale.

Mrs. Keegan gave each of the Board members a hardcopy of the ODE required written plan to address the deficit in 2020 of \$(734)K and 2021 of \$(2,324)K. She stated that it was originally due on January 6th and ODE granted an extension to February 6th. The plan reflects some preliminary budgetary cuts, however to eliminate the significant deficits in 2021 we had to include the preliminary projections of the Nexus pipeline tax revenue. Mrs. Keegan cautioned that the Nexus projections have not been confirmed by the county at this time.

Mrs. Keegan then gave the final report out on the stadium renovation project and Lowell St. property purchase and activities. She supplied the Board with the final cost summaries and highlighted a few items that came in under budget. She also informed the Board that she communicated to the bleacher company that she was short paying the final bleacher payment for the incremental costs that were incurred due to delays in project timing and missed commitment dates. In the end Mrs. Keegan short paid the company \$5,686 for the incremental costs incurred for the delays. The final stadium project cost was \$769,230 and the schools insurance company covered \$207,370 of the costs; leaving the District's net cost of \$561,860. Mrs. Keegan also reminded the Board that this was not paid out of the General Fund, but the Permanent Improvement (PI) fund. This was financed through a Tax Anticipatory Note (TAN), which was approved based on the future PI tax revenues associated with the continual PI Levy funds. Mrs. Keegan also reviewed the total cost for the property purchase at 120 Lowell Street and the leveling of the home. She reminded the Board that the demolition was a donation from Shortridge Construction and was also paid out of the PI funds

(not the General Funds). The total expense for the initial purchase and removal of trees and the back wood deck was a total of \$87,873. Mr. Drew Grahl also gave the Board an update on the process for the reserve seating revenue and he stated they are working through that process for next fall. He also stated that he is checking into a Margareta wrap for the press box.

Superintendent's Report

New Business

Motion by Mrs. Yetter seconded by Mr. Miller on Resolution number 18-19-59, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Terra State to accept Dual Enrollment of certain students attending Margareta Middle School/High School for the 2019/20 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius seconded by Mrs. Yetter on Resolution number 18-19-60, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Lorain County Community College to accept Dual Enrollment of certain students attending Margareta Middle School/High School for the 2019/20 school year; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mrs. Yetter, to approve the date change, due to inclement weather, for the Mohican School in the Out-Of-Doors for session dates March 4-8, 2019; Roll Call: Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Warner: aye. Mr. Mock also mentioned that next year the Mohican trip will be scheduled for the last week of school.

Old Business

Motion by Mr. Sutorius seconded by Mr. Miller, to adopt the NEOLA Board Policies: 1031 - Legislative, 0141.2 - Conflict of Interest, 0164 - Notice of Meetings, 0165.1 - Regular Meetings, 0165.2 - Special Meetings, 0165.3 - Recess, 0166 - Executive Session, 0168 - Minutes, 0169.1 - Public Participation at Board Meetings, 1240.01 - Non-Reemployment of Superintendent, 1422 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity, 1541 - Termination and Resignation, 1623 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment, 1662 - Anti-Harassment, 2111 - Parent and Family Engagement, 2260 - Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity, 2260.01 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability, 2261 - Title I Services, 2261.01 - Parent and Family Member Participation in Title I Programs, 2261.03 - District and School Report Card, 2271 - College Credit Plus

Program, 2700 - DELETE - School Report Card, 3122 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity, 3123 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Disability Discrimination in Employment, 3140 - Termination and Resignation (Certified), 3362 - Anti-Harassment, 4122 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity, 4123 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment, 4140 - Termination or Resignation (Classified), 4162 - Drug and Alcohol Testing of CDL License Holders and Other Employees Who Perform Safety Sensitive Functions, 4362 - Anti-Harassment, 5517 - Anti-Harassment, 5610 - Removal, Suspension, Expulsion, and Permanent Exclusion of Students, 5610.02 - In-School Discipline NOTE: In-school discipline will only be offered at the discretion of the PRINCIPAL. This was changed from BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR, 5610.03 - Emergency Removal of Students, 5611 - Due Process Rights, 6325 - Revised - Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds, 6423 - Use of Credit Cards, 8141 - Mandatory Reporting of Misconduct by Licensed Employees; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Personnel Actions

Certified

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Yetter, to approve the resignations of George Hossler and Luke Weyer as Mohican chaperones for the 2019 trip; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve Gary Barrett for the Spring 2019 JV Baseball Coach; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Classified

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mrs. Yetter, to approve employing Special Education Aide, Tiffany Fisher, effective 2/11/19; Roll Call: Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the Junior High Track Coaches for spring 2019: Taylor Parkhurst and Brevyn Hedden; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Informational Items/Correspondence

Mr. Mock reminded the Board about the 5 year tax renewal levy that will be on the May 7th Ballot, which will be communicated at the next Community Facility Forum meeting. Mr. Mock also communicated that the Board has decided to schedule the next Community Facility Forum date discussions for March 7th at 6:30 p.m. at the High School cafeteria. Mr. Mock also brought up the District organizational chart reorganization. Mr. Warner said that Mr. Mock should bring a recommended organizational chart back to the Board to review and approve.

Mr. Mock also gave the Board a facility update, that there were seven schools that passed bond levies in November for new facilities only to find out that OFCC is out of funds to support the projects. Mr. Sutorius asked if OFCC is out of money permanently to support new facilities. Mr. Mock responded no. Mr. Mock also stated that OFCC is supposedly asking for \$100 million in next year's budget. Mr. Mock also discussed that Margareta can apply for the expedited program, called ELP. ELP would allow the school to begin building a portion of the project before OFCC's share is approved and committed. The advantages would be to expedite the project timing and it would lock in our current OFCC percentage share of approximately 32% of the project. The percentage share changes according to the districts wealth. With the Nexus tax revenues, it is predicted to reduce OFCC's percentage share.

Mr. Mock also passed out the current 2018/2019 Calendar School Hours report and commented that he is meeting with Mrs. Vicki Myers to talk about the makeup calamity days. Mrs. Keegan also mentioned that there is a tentative MOU for the remainder of this school year for the OAPSE members and the treatment of overage of greater than five Calamity Days. The union will be voting on the MOU on February 21st.

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Yetter, to enter Executive Session to discuss the termination and demotion of public employees-Budgetary employee matters; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. Mr. Mock and Mrs. Keegan remained in the Executive Session.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Miller to return to Open Public Session; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Yetter, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to adjourn the meeting having no further business to come before the Board;
Roll Call: Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

The Board adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Andrew Warner
Board President

Diane Keegan
Treasurer