

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING OF  
APRIL 21, 2008.

The Margarett Board of Education met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday April 21, 2008 at the Administrative Offices.

Mr. Lippert called the meeting to order with roll call; all present.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, second by Mr. Myers to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2008 Regular Meeting and the April 4, 2008 Special Meeting as presented; Roll call: all ayes.

The Financial Report and Schedule of Bills

Mr. Hammond referenced in the agenda the energy cost analysis, page H, wherein the current year diesel cost through March is \$68,702.16. By comparison, this amount is 80.95% of last fiscal year's total amount spent on diesel fuel. We anticipated that we would reduce this cost by the implementation of the one-bus routing system. However, what we did not anticipate was the 31% increase in the cost of diesel from last fiscal year. It was the consensus of the board that the savings to the district will be greater than anticipated from the reduction in routes.

Board and Staff Reports:

Mr. Kurt distributed a letter received from David Johnson, an employee of the district that is concerned about the pending Reduction in Force for classified staff.

Public Participation:

There was no public participation.

Introduction of Additional Items to the Agenda:

Mr. Hammond stated that under the Treasurer's Report item number 1 should be tabled at this time, as he is currently working on contractual language regarding the modular classroom lease, and that item number 6 to be added; a resolution to enter into an agreement with Erie-Huron-Ottawa Counties Educational Services Center for the purpose of leasing the Townsend building next school year.

Mr. Kurt stated that under the Superintendent's Report, Personnel Actions, Certified, to add under item number 2, the resignation of Melissa Wargo, Music instructor.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Kuns to adopt Board Resolution Number 07-08-71; to approve the 2008-2009 Instructional Budgets as presented; Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, second by Mr. Stark to adopt Board Resolution number 07-08-72, to authorize the Treasurer to make budget modifications and supplemental appropriations for the current fiscal year; Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Bodey to adopt Board Resolution number 07-08-73, to approve expenditures that exceed \$3,000 that have met the "then and now" statutory requirements; Roll Call: All ayes.

Mr. Hammond discussed the gymnasium floor repair and replacement process. He informed the Board that it has become apparent that in order to have the gym floor ready for graduation and quite possibly for fall sports use at the beginning of next school year, it would be in the best interest of the district to expedite the procurement process by declaring the existence of urgent necessity.

Mr. Kurt mentioned that he has contacted Norwalk City Schools and they will avail the auditorium at Ernsthausen Community Center in the event of poor weather conditions for graduation to be held Saturday June 7 at 10:00 a.m. However, he believes that if the Board could expedite the process to replace the gym floor, that we would have graduation in the gym in the event of poor weather conditions.

Motion by Mr. Myers, second by Mr. Bodey to adopt Board Resolution 07-08-74, declaring the existence of urgent necessity to act upon the replacement of the high school gym floor; Roll call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, second by Mr. Myers to adopt Board Resolution 07-08-75 entering into an agreement with the Erie-Huron-Ottawa Counties Educational Services to lease the Townsend Facility commencing with the 2008-2009 school year for a five-year period; Roll call: All ayes.

#### Superintendent's Report:

##### New Business:

Motion by Mrs. Kuns, second by Mr. Stark to adopt Board Resolution 07-08-76 to enter into an agreement with the Educational Service Center of Lorain County to provide Special Educational services for the 2008-2009 school year; Roll Call: All ayes.

Mr. Kurt distributed the job description of an Elementary Assistant Principal position, with the intention of posting and hiring for a qualified candidate for the 2008-2009 school year. Mr. Kurt explained that by consolidating elementary buildings, we will have one principal and one assistant principal at Margareta Elementary. Currently we have two principals and no assistant principals at our two elementary buildings.

Mr. Hammond presented to the Board a Memorandum of Understanding with the Margareta Teachers Association (MTA) that would establish an Accumulated Leave Plan (ALP) for the purpose of deferring the retiring teachers incentive and severance monies as agreed upon during the negotiation process.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Myers, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the MTA regarding the establishment of an ALP as presented; Roll call: All ayes.

Mr. Kurt stated that the next item under his report is for the Board to take action on the Reduction of Force of unionized classified staff. In light of recent discussion involving the continuation of using dishwashers at the elementary building next school year, he recommends that the Board table this item.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Stark, to table the action to provide notice of a Reduction in Force until the May 6 Special Board meeting; Roll Call: All ayes.

#### Personnel Actions:

##### Certified Staff:

Motion by Mr. Myers, second by Mrs. Kuns, the Board accepts the resignation and retirement of Delores Meggitt as Townsend Elementary Principal effective at the conclusion of her current contract, and the resignations of:

Donald Wilson, CBI Teacher,  
Melinda Harris, MS/HS Language Arts teacher, and  
Melissa Wargo, MS/HS Music teacher

At the conclusion of the current contracts;

Roll Call: All ayes.

Mr. Kurt and the Board did give high praise and sincere gratitude to Delores for her many years of service to the District. She will be missed.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, second by Mrs. Kuns, the Board accepts the resignation due to retirement of:

Jean Smith, Speech & Hearing Pathologist,  
Judy McEowen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade teacher,  
Mary Anne Lenhart, Title One teacher,  
Beth Pitts, Kindergarten teacher,  
Beverly Semon, Title One teacher,  
Ellen Beier, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher,  
Timothy Drumm, HS Business teacher, and  
Linda Spayd, HS Science teacher,

At the conclusion of their current contracts; and

Tim Niemeyer, HS Vocational Agriculture teacher effective at the end of the calendar year December 31, 2008;

Roll Call: All ayes.

Mr. Kurt and the Board recognized the dedication and service of the aforementioned teachers and will recognize their efforts at the end of school year staff day breakfast. They will be missed.

Motion by Mrs. Kuns, second by Mr. Stark, the Board accepts the resignation of Jon Stauffer as Boys Varsity Basketball Coach; Roll call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Myers, second by Mrs. Kuns, the Board employs the Regular Certified Contracts commencing with the 2008-09 school year and the Certified Supplemental contracts for the 2008-2009 school year as presented in the agenda; Roll Call: All ayes, except Mr. Bodey abstained.

#### Classified Staff:

Motion by Mr. Bodey, second by Mr. Myers, to accept the resignation due to retirement of Linda Grahl, Townsend Cook; Roll Call: All ayes.

The Board and Mr. Kurt recognized Mrs. Grahl for many years of service to the children of the District in her capacity as a cook at Townsend.

Motion by Mr. Myers, second by Mr. Stark, to approve the employment of the 2008-2009 Classified Supplemental contracts as presented in the agenda; Roll Call: All ayes, with the exception of Mr. Bodey who abstained.

Motion by Mr. Myers, second by Mrs. Kuns, to approve Steve Borough as Student Teacher with Mr. Gravenhorst for the 2008 Fall semester; Roll Call: All ayes.

#### Old Business:

Mr. Kurt mentioned that there will be a Pre-bid hearing on the Elementary Building Addition on Thursday April 17 beginning at 10:00 a.m., and that the modular classroom company will be meeting with us and the architects to discuss coordination of the construction process immediately following the hearing. We will be having a special board meeting on Tuesday May 6 at 1:00 p.m. to award bids.

#### Informational Items:

Mr. Kurt reported that he received a letter from Erie County Sheriff Lyon thanking the Board and staff on allowing for the Active Shooter training conducted at the high school during spring break. Mr. Kurt mentioned the solicitation of the Ohio School Boards Association membership in the Legal Assistance

Fund. If the Board were interested in becoming a member, they should give direction to Mr. Kurt and Mr. Hammond.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to enter into executive session to discuss negotiations; Roll Call: all ayes.

The Board convened into executive session at 7:44 p.m. with Mr. Kurt and Mr. Hammond present during the executive session.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, second by Mr. Myers, the board returned from executive session at 8:17. Roll call: all ayes.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, second by Mr. Myers to adjourn the meeting having no further business to come before the board; Roll call: all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Jude T. Hammond  
Treasurer/Business Manager