

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2007.

The Margarettta Board of Education met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday December 19, 2007 at the Administrative Offices.

Mr. Myers called the meeting to order with roll call.

It was noted that Board Member Elect Roger Stark was in attendance.

Motion by Mr. Lippert, second by Mr. Warner, to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2007 Regular Board Meeting, and Special Board Meetings held on December 7 and December 15, 2007; Roll Call: All ayes.

The Financial Report and Schedule of Bills

Mr. Hammond mentioned the reports in the Board packets and stated that there was nothing to report out of the ordinary.

Board and Staff Reports:

Mr. Kurt mentioned that he received a letter from Firelands Regional Medical Center complimenting the students of the district who performed at a recent Holiday presentation.

Public Participation:

No one participated at this time.

Introduction of Additional Items to the Agenda:

Mr. Kurt mentioned that in his report, the dates for the Mohican Outdoor Educational Experience will be held on February 11 through 15, 2008. Mr. Hammond requested adding under his report an additional resolution to ratify the Constitution of NOECA as item number 6.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Hammond mentioned that the statutes require the Board to conduct an organizational meeting with the first fifteen calendar days of the new year. Upon availability of board members, it was decided that the Organizational Meeting would be held on January 4, 2008 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mrs. Kuns to approve Board Resolution number 07-08-34, to set the date and time of the organizational meeting and budget hearing on Friday January 4, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.; Roll Call: All ayes.

Mr. Hammond stated that he and Mr. Kurt were approached by the Food Services Supervisor, Peggy Kiser, that we are having a hard time recruiting and retaining substitutes for the lunchroom. It

was the recommendation of the administrative staff to raise the hourly pay for Lunchroom substitutes from \$7.50 to \$8.00.

Motion by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Bodey, to adopt Board Resolution number 07-08-35, to approve an increase in the lunchroom substitute pay from \$7.50 per hour to \$8.00 per hour; Roll Call: all ayes.

Motion by Mrs. Kuns, seconded by Mr. Warner, to approve Board Resolution number 07-08-36, approved the expenditure of items that exceed \$3,000 that have met the "then and now" statutory requirements; Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to approve Board Resolution number 07-08-37, to authorize the Treasurer to make Inter-fund Transfers; Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Bodey, to approve Board Resolution number 07-08-38, to make budget modifications and supplemental appropriations; Roll Call: All ayes.

Mr. Hammond brought to the attention of the Board that earlier this week NOECA, the District's computer center, needed every School District that they serve, to ratify their Constitution by Board Resolution as an associate member of their organization.

Motion by Mrs. Kuns, seconded by Mr. Warner, to approve Board Resolution number 07-08-39, to ratify the Constitution of NOECA; Roll Call: All ayes.

Superintendent's Report:

New Business:

Mr. Kurt stated that at last month's Regular Board meeting he distributed for first reading and review several additions and revisions to Board policies. He proposes that the Board take action now to adopt these policies as presented.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Warner, to approve Board Resolution number 07-08-40, to adopt the new and amended policies presented to the Board; Roll Call: All ayes.

Mr. Kurt then presented to the Board resolutions to support two student initiatives that involve out-of-district and out-of-state travel. The first being the Cheerleaders have been invited to participate in a National Cheer Competition in Florida; and the second is the annual outdoor educational experience at Mohican for the 6th grade class. Each of the trips were paid by fundraisers and parent support.

Motion by Warner, second by Mrs. Kuns, to approve Board Resolution 07-08-41, to approve out-of-state travel for the Cheerleaders to attend the National Cheerleading Competition in Florida on March 20 through March 23, 2008; Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, second by Mr. Lippert, to approve Board Resolution 07-08-42, to approve the 6th Grade to attend the Mohican Outdoor Educational Experience on February 11 through February 15, 2008; Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Warner, second by Mrs. Kuns, to approve Board Resolution 07-08-43, to renew the Ohio School Boards' Association Membership for calendar year 2008; Roll Call: All ayes.

Personnel Actions:

Certified Staff:

Motion by Mrs. Kuns, seconded by Mr. Warner to approve the following Supplemental contracts:

Jeff Harbal - Varsity Baseball at Level 5;
John Zang - Varsity Boys Track at Level 6;
Matt Schwan - Ass't Varsity Boys Track at Level 5;
Carl Guyton - Varsity Girls Track at Level 6;
Todd Pooch - Ass't Varsity Girls Track at Level 5;
Luke Weyer - Junior High Boys Track at Level 5;
Lindsay Britt - Junior High Girls Track at Level 3; and
Stephanie Lee - Ass't Junior High Girls Track at Level 2;

Roll Call: All ayes.

Classified Staff:

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Warner, to approve the following Supplemental Contract:

Tim Harbal - Ass't Varsity Baseball at \$1,100; and

To approve the employment of the following:

Peggy Otto - Lunchroom Substitute, and
Aubrey Rogers - Lunchroom Substitute;

Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Bodey, to approve Lindsey Krewson to student teach from January 7 through May 2, 2008 with Ann Ball - Bogart 1st grade; and

To approve Randy Beechler and Tela McCullough as School Volunteers;

Roll Call: All ayes.

Old Business:

Mr. Kurt reminded the Board that at last month's Regular Board Meeting, representatives of the Swim program requested that the

Board consider naming the Natatorium after Coach Groskot for all his accomplishments and years of service to the swim program. At that time the Board referred the request to the Athletic Council. Mr. Kurt then read a letter of recommendation from the Athletic Council wherein the council recommends that we do not name the Natatorium after Coach Groskot. The District has had many good coaches like Coach G, and has not named any facilities after anyone, in part, out of respect for the other coaches. The Board concurred with the recommendation of the council and instructed Mr. Kurt to place a plaque in recognition of Coach Groskot in the Natatorium.

Motion by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Bodey, to accept the recommendation of the Athletic Council not to name the Natatorium after Coach Groskot; Roll Call: All ayes.

Informational Items:

Mr. Kurt announced that he received a notice from the Estate of Charles Pickett, a long time supporter of Margareta Schools who passed away, a donation of \$10,000 for Scholarships to Margareta Students. Mr. Kurt mentioned that Mr. Hammond and he attended a Public Records Law update presented by the Ohio Attorney General on behalf of the Board members. Information from that meeting was distributed to the Board.

Mr. Myers made a statement about serving with David Warner on the Board for several years. The Board wished to thank Dave for his years of service on the Board, this being his last Board meeting concluding sixteen years of service. Mr. Warner thanked the Board and staff who have worked hard and shared a common interest in making life better for the kids in our community.

Mr. Greg Schultz requested time to speak to the Board about several items. His first concern was the traffic problem at Bogart Elementary. He stated that with more parents dropping and picking up students, the flow of traffic is difficult. Mr. Hammond commented that they hope to have a additional entrance put into place by next school year to improve the traffic flow at that sight.

Then Mr. Schultz dropped his book bag full of books on the floor demonstrating the weight his Junior High student needs to carry with him during the school day due to limited locker stops being available to him. He next mentioned an incident where his son was injured when he was pushed into a school locker and was told to "wash it off" and not given proper medical attention. Mr. Schultz went on to complain about the lack of communication he is receiving on establishing a bowling club and the books needed for his student. Mr. Kurt stated that he took notes on all of Mr. Schultz' issues and will have an answer for him as soon as possible.

Motion by Mrs. Kuns, seconded by Mr. Warner, to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter; Roll Call: all ayes.

The Board convened into executive session at 7:27 p.m.

Mr. Kurt, Mr. Hammond, and Mr. Stark were requested to attend the executive session by the Board.

Motion by Mr. Warner, second by Mr. Lippert, the board returned from executive session at 8:37 p.m. Roll call: all ayes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Jude T. Hammond
Treasurer/Business Manager