

The Margaretta Board of Education met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 15, 2008 at the Administrative Offices.

Mr. Lippert called the meeting to order with roll call:

Mr. Bodey	Present
Mrs. Kuns	Present
Mr. Lippert	Present
Mr. Myers	Present
Mr. Stark	Present

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Bodey, to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2008 regular meeting as presented; Roll call: Mr. Bodey, aye; Mrs. Kuns, aye; Mr. Lippert, aye; Mr. Myers, aye; Mr. Stark, aye.

Financial Report/Schedule of Bills:

Mr. Hammond distributed the budget-to-actual, energy cost analysis and the food services budget-to-actual reports. Mr. Hammond was pleased to report that the Food Services fund has a positive fund balance through November 30, 2008 and that the cost for heating fuel for Townsend has decreased from last year by nearly \$4,000 due to the drop in the cost of diesel fuel.

Board and Staff Reports: No reports presented.

Public Participation: No one participated at this time.

Introduction of Additional Items:

Mr. Kurt stated that he would like to amend to the agenda under Section B Personnel Actions Classified as part of the Superintendents report to add substitute bus drivers.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Hammond mentioned that recently Governor Strickland has discussed that given the current economic conditions and the uncertainty of the economy in Ohio into the near future, the State's "worst case scenario" would be a 25% cut across all state funding areas, with the exception of certain mandated programs. For the Department of Education, this could mean a reduction of the per pupil state funding amount of approximately \$840 for fiscal year 2010, beginning July 1, 2009. This would equate to a reduction in state revenue to Margaretta Schools in excess of \$1 Million. Mr. Hammond stated that we were asking the voters and taxpayers of the district to provide \$1.3 Million in new tax dollars last November with the assumption that State Revenue would remain constant over a five year period. If this cut becomes a reality, we will need additional local tax dollars in order to continue to provide at our current level of education. These comments led to active discussions with the board members. Mr. Hammond mentioned that on December 30, the administrators and supervisors are having a strategic planning meeting to determine what areas could be cut if necessary. It was suggested that the Board hold a work session in January to follow-up with this discussion and prepare for a possible May levy.

Mr. Hammond mentioned that the statutes require the board to conduct an organizational meeting within 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 Monday, January 12, 2009 beginning at 7:00 p.m. to be followed by our regular January Board Meeting.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Myers to approve Board Resolution number 08-09-30, to set the date and time of the Organizational Meeting and Budget Hearing on Monday, January 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.; Roll call: Mr. Bodey, aye; Mrs. Kuns, aye; Mr. Lippert, aye; Mr. Myers, aye; Mr. Stark, aye.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Myers to adopt Board Resolution 08-09-31, to approve expenditures that exceed \$3,000 that have met the "then and now" statutory requirements; Roll call: Mr. Bodey, aye; Mrs. Kuns, aye; Mr. Lippert, aye; Mr. Myers, aye; Mr. Stark, aye.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to approve Board Resolution number 07-08-32, to make budget modifications and supplemental appropriations; Roll call: Mr. Bodey, aye; Mrs. Kuns, aye; Mr. Lippert, aye; Mr. Myers, aye; Mr. Stark, aye.

Mr. Hammond brought to the attention of the board that there have been changes in deferred income programs recently enacted by Congress, changes that now require board action to comply with these rule changes in the tax code. Two areas that affect the schools of Ohio are those districts that defer retirement contributions into STRS and SERS, as well as those districts that offer an employee and/or employer contribution into a deferred compensation program under section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code. There are two resolutions that the board needs to take action on to continue to provide for employees to have available the ability to defer the tax obligations on these compensation programs.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to approve Board Resolution number 08-09-33, to authorize the administrator pick ups for employee contributions to STRS and SERS; Roll call: Mr. Bodey, aye; Mrs. Kuns, aye; Mr. Lippert, aye; Mr. Myers, aye; Mr. Stark, aye.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to approve Board Resolution number 08-09-34, to adopt Margaretta Schools 403(b) Plan document; Roll call: Mr. Bodey, aye; Mrs. Kuns, aye; Mr. Lippert, aye; Mr. Myers, aye; Mr. Stark, aye.

Superintendent's Report:

New Business:

Motion by Mr. Bodey, second by Mr. Myers, to approve Board Resolution 08-09-35, to approve the 6th Grade to attend the Mohican Outdoor Educational Experience on February 9 through February 13, 2009; Roll call: Mr. Bodey, aye; Mrs. Kuns, aye; Mr. Lippert, aye; Mr. Myers, aye; Mr. Stark, aye.

Mr. Kurt stated that the next item on the agenda is to take action on a resolution to approve modified job descriptions, however, he would like the board to table this decision until some minor corrections are made.

Motion by Mr. Myers, second by Mrs. Kuns, to table Board Resolution 08-09-29, to allow for further modifications; Roll call: Mr. Bodey, aye; Mrs. Kuns, aye; Mr. Lippert, aye; Mr. Myers, aye; Mr. Stark, aye.

Personnel Actions:

Classified Staff:

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Myers, to accept the resignation/retirement of Ginny Simonis as Secretary at the Elementary building effective November 30, 2008; Roll call: Mr. Bodey, aye; Mrs. Kuns, aye; Mr. Lippert, aye; Mr. Myers, aye; Mr. Stark, aye.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to approve the hiring of the following substitute bus drivers, pending that each person meets the state and local requirements:

Glen Tetzloff - Substitute Bus Driver
Kenneth Trimarche - Substitute Bus Driver
Deborah Schwinzer - Substitute Bus Driver

Roll call: Mr. Bodey, aye; Mrs. Kuns, aye; Mr. Lippert, aye; Mr. Myers, aye; Mr. Stark, aye

Old Business: None

Informational Items:

Mr. Kurt took this time to reflect on the accomplishments of the employees of the district to consolidate our elementary buildings. He stated that he is very proud of how our employees pulled together to make this move as painless as possible. Change is not always easy, and our staff has shown their true colors for their cooperation and support.

Mr. Kurt then distributed a newsletter he received from EHOVE Career Center which speaks to the various programs that they are providing to our students.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to enter into executive session to discuss negotiations and personnel; Roll call: Mr. Bodey, aye; Mrs. Kuns, aye; Mr. Lippert, aye; Mr. Myers, aye; Mr. Stark, aye.

The Board convened into Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.

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

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Bodey, the board returned from executive session at 8:25 p.m. Roll call: Mr. Bodey, aye; Mrs. Kuns, aye; Mr. Lippert, aye; Mr. Myers, aye; Mr. Stark, aye.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Myers, to adjourn the meeting having no further business to come before the board; Roll call: Mr. Bodey, aye; Mrs. Kuns, aye; Mr. Lippert, aye; Mr. Myers, aye; Mr. Stark, aye.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

_____ President

_____ Treasurer