

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 18, 2011.

The Margarettta Board of Education met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday July 18, 2011 at the Administrative Offices.

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

Mr. Stark: present,
Mr. Lippert: present,
Mr. Myers: present,
Mr. Rankin: present,
Mr. Bodey: present.

Motion by Mr. Stark, second by Mr. Lippert, to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2011 Regular Meeting and the July 7, 2011 Special Meeting; Roll call: Mr. Stark: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; and Mr. Bodey: aye.

The Financial Report and Schedule of Bills

Mr. Hammond stated that fiscal year 2011 ended on June 30 and for the first time in several years, the General Fund received more funds than were expended. The ending cash balance grew by \$339,273; from \$400,450 to \$739,723. This is primarily due to the additional property tax levy approved by the voters last August.

Board and Staff Reports:

Mr. Kurt reported that the Margarettta Citizens Committee (levy committee) has been meeting and has mapped out a campaign strategy for the August 2, 2011 Renewal Levy. The focus will be on getting parents out to vote. Mr. Kurt updated the Board on the status of the Conversion Schools. Townsend South cannot occur according to the Ohio Department of Education. We are moving forward on the Townsend North Community School. At this point, we are working with the Ohio Department of Education to approve the district and then we will begin the enrollment process. Once Townsend North School has 25 or more students to enroll, the district will then enroll and begin educating students.

Public Participation:

Paul Schoenegge mentioned to the Board members that it would be advantageous for the Board members to attend Vickery Days Celebration on the weekend before election. Diane Jacoby was concerned how quickly the conversion schools came about without public input. Mr. Bodey and Mr. Kurt mentioned that the District has been involved in this process since 2007. Unfortunately, when the concept was first introduced in 2007, the Ohio Department of Education would not let the schools to open due to a moratorium on the type of delivery system being proposed. With the replacement of former Governor Strickland, the new State administration and legislature favors parent choice. As a

result, the opportunity for the conversion schools became available.

Introduction of Additional Items to the Agenda:

There were no additional items presented to the Board.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Hammond distributed information he recently received at a workshop on the State's Budget bill (House Bill 153). He went over the highlights from the presentation. In summary, the final version of the bill did not change the revenue projections used in the last five year forecast approved by the Board in May. One encouraging item was that the State's tax revenues exceeded expectations by nearly \$1 billion during the fiscal year.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Stark, to adopt Board Resolution Number 11-12-03 to approve expenditures that exceed \$3,000 that have met the "then and now" statutory requirements; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Stark: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Motion by Mr. Rankin, seconded by Mr. Lippert to adopt Board Resolution number 11-12-04, to declare the impracticality of transportation services and approval of payment in lieu of transportation for families attending Bellevue Immaculate Conception School for the 2011-2012 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Stark: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Mr. Hammond then presented two resolutions that could potentially place two levies on the November 8, 2011 ballot. Mr. Hammond stated that the filing deadline to place a tax levy on the November election is August 10, 2011. The Board must first request the Erie County Auditor to certify the revenue and state the property tax valuation of the district prior to the Board resolving to place a property tax levy on the ballot. The resolutions are to request the Auditor to certify the 7.75 mill renewal, which will be on the August 2, 2011 ballot, and to renew the District's 1.50 mill Permanent Improvement levy. Mr. Hammond explained that if the Board approves these resolutions, it does not put the levies on the November ballot, subsequent resolutions would need to be approved by the Board.

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Stark to adopt Board Resolution 11-12-05 to request the Erie County Auditor to certify the amount of revenue to be generated from the renewal of a 7.75 mill Current Expense property tax to be placed on the November 8, 2011 election; Roll Call: Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Stark: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Rankin to adopt Board Resolution 11-12-06 to request the Erie County Auditor to certify

the amount of revenue to be generated from a renewal of a 1.50 mill Permanent Improvement property tax to be placed on the November 8, 2011 election; Roll call: Mr. Stark: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Superintendent's Report:

New Business:

Motion by Mr. Stark, seconded by Rankin to adopt Board Resolution number 11-12-07, entering into an agreement with Rachel Wixey and Associates to provide substitute teachers and teachers aides for the 2011-2012 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Stark: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Mr. Kurt stated that the non-bargaining employees of the District, which includes Administrators, Supervisors, Coordinators, Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers to accept pay freezes for two years and to take health insurance concessions similar to the teachers union effective September 2011. Motion by Mr. Rankin, seconded by Mr. Myers, accepting the pay freezes and insurance concessions for non-bargaining employees of the District; Roll Call: Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Stark: aye; Mr. Lippert: abstain; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to approve the North Point Educational Services Center to provide an Assistant Principal at the High School, and a part-time Assistant Principal at the Elementary/Middle School for the 2011-2012 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Stark: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Rankin, to rescind Board Resolution number 11-12-02, sponsoring the Townsend South Community School and contract, it is no longer valid; Roll Call: Mr. Stark: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Personnel Actions:

Classified Staff:

Motion by Mr. Stark, seconded by Mr. Rankin, to employ Dana Freeman as Drill Team Advisor and Courtney Parr as 8th Grade Volleyball Coach; Roll call: Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Stark: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Motion by Mr. Rankin, seconded by Mr. Stark, to employ Amanda Carroll as a Summer Worker with 0 years of experience, and to employ Connie Kromer and Sandy Martin as Special Education Aides for the 2011-2012 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Stark: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Certified Staff:

Motion by Mr. Stark, seconded by Mr. Rankin, to employ Brittany Pickett as High School Language Arts teacher, a one-year contract for the 2011-12 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Stark: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Mr. Kurt stated that Susan Deerhake has requested to vacate her supplemental contract as the 3rd Grade Unit Leader, and Melissa Kuns has expressed an interest in taking on the position for the upcoming school year.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Stark, to transfer the 3rd Grade Unit Leader Supplemental Contract from Susan Deerhake to Melissa Kuns for the 2011-2012 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Stark: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Old Business:

None to report.

Informational Items:

Mr. Kurt told the Board that one of the changes in the Budget Bill is to allow schools to provide for alternatives to make up calamity days, including on-line support and blizzard bags. If the District were to make changes in policy, we would need to notify the Ohio Department of Education by September 1, 2011. At this time, Mr. Kurt is recommending not to change from the current method of making up calamity days. Mr. Kurt thanked Sandi Stout and the members of the Elementary PTO for paying for a new sign at the Elementary Building. Mr. Kurt read a letter from Gene Kidwell from Relay for Life thanking the Board and staff for being great hosts for this year's event which was held at the stadium in June.

Mr. Hammond mentioned that the Ohio School Board Association annual conference will be held on November 11 through November 14 and to let him know by next month if the board members are interested in attending.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Rankin, to enter into executive session to discuss negotiations with OAPSE; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Stark: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

The Board convened into executive session at 7:48 p.m. with Mr. Kurt and Mr. Hammond in attendance.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Rankin, the board returned from executive session at 8:13 p.m.; Roll call: Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Stark: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Motion by Mr. Rankin, second by Mr. Stark to adjourn the meeting having no further business to come before the board; Roll call:

Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Stark: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers:
aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Mark Bodey
President of the Board

Jude T. Hammond
Treasurer