

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING OF
MAY 25, 2011.

The Margarettta Board of Education met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday May 25, 2011 at the Administrative Offices.

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

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

Mr. Stark was absent from the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Myers, second by Mr. Rankin to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2011 Regular Meeting and the May 4, 2011 Special Meeting; Roll call: Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; and Mr. Bodey: aye.

The Financial Report and Schedule of Bills

Mr. Hammond stated that through the month of April, the General Fund has experienced better then anticipated revenue. The result is that the fund is approximately \$600,000 ahead of where it was for the same period last fiscal year. He mentioned that he has received information that we will receive approximately \$170,000 from a settlement with Automotive Components Holding for a prior year tangible personal property tax settlement with the State Tax Commissioner.

Board and Staff Reports:

Mr. Kurt gave a brief update on the progress of the Ohio Improvement Process and Race to the Top Federal Grant initiative.

Public Participation:

Diane Jacoby asked the Board about the cuts in Elementary teaching staff. Being a former elementary teacher, she is concerned that the reduction in teaching staff has mainly occurred at the Elementary level. Mr. Kurt mentioned that the enrollment by grade level has occurred at the elementary level. For example, the class of 2011 has 108 students and the Kindergarten class has only 87 students. Last school year the Kindergarten class was less than 80. Mr. Kurt went on to say that we have reduced the number of teachers at the High School by curriculum and by the reduction of course offerings.

Introduction of Additional Items to the Agenda:

Mr. Hammond requested to add an item to the agenda under the Treasurer's report. He requested to add a motion to approve an amended summer worker salary schedule.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Lippert to adopt Board Resolution Number 10-11-54 to approve expenditures that exceed \$3,000 that have met the "then and now" statutory requirements; Roll Call: Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Motion by Mr. Rankin, seconded by Mr. Myers to adopt Board Resolution number 10-11-55 to renew a contract with Healthcare Process Consulting Inc. to provide Medicaid administrative support services for the 2011-12 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Rankin, to adopt Board Resolution number 10-11-56 to enter into a lease agreement with Xerox to replace and upgrade the large capacity copiers at the High School and Elementary buildings for a 36 month term; Roll Call: Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Rankin, to adopt Board Resolution number 10-11-57 to renew a contract with the Northern Ohio Educational Computer Association (NOECA) to provide technology infrastructure support services for the 2011-12 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Motion by Mr. Rankin, seconded by Mr. Myers, to adopt Board Resolution number 10-11-58 to renew a contract with the North Point Educational Services Center to provide Shared Services for the 2011-12 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to adopt Board Resolution number 10-11-59 to approve the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Instructional Budgets as presented; Roll Call: Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Mr. Hammond led a discussion on amending the district's Five-Year Forecast from the September 2010 forecast primarily to address potential cuts in state and federal funding beginning in Fiscal Year 2012 and to modify some assumptions that were included in the September 2010 forecast. Mr. Hammond shared with the Board what the District's five year forecast would look like with the passage of the 7.75 mill current expenses property tax levy and what the forecast would look like if the voters did not approve the renewal levy. In summary, Mr. Hammond stated that the failure of the renewal levy when combined with the proposed state and federal cuts in the State's budget and the current carry-over fund balance would place the district back to where we were before the levy passed. The district would be facing fiscal caution and the State Board of Education would once again be involved with the district in making sure the district met the

State Academic Standards while resolving the limited financial resources.

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Myers to adopt Board Resolution number 10-11-60, to amend the district's five-year financial forecast for the period covering fiscal years 2011 through 2015; Roll Call: Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Bodey.

Mr. Hammond then presented the Board with a proposed amendment to the Summer Worker Salary Schedule. The proposal would address the State's minimum wage for calendar year 2011 of \$7.40 which the summer worker's would be entitled to receive. In order to address the minimum wage, the proposal would be increase all five levels of experience by five cents per hour. Currently, the entry year summer worker would be paid \$7.35 per hour which would be a violation of State labor laws.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to amend the Summer Worker Salary Schedule as presented; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Superintendent's Report:

New Business:

Motion by Mr. Rankin, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to adopt Board Resolution 10-11-61 to authorize the continued membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association for the 2011-2012 School Year; Roll Call: Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Mr. Kurt led a discussion on the need to address the number of teachers in the district that can be financially supported. Referencing the amended five-year forecast, the proposed State budget cuts and the declining enrollment, Mr. Kurt stated that he has met with the union and with each teacher that is on the Reduction-in Force resolution. He stated that if open enrollment numbers are higher than projected and dependent upon the Federal Title I funding figures not yet available, we may not need to act on all the teachers on the list. He stated that he has followed the terms and conditions of the union contract on the disposition of the RIF process. In the past, we have reduced teaching staff through attrition, this would be the first teacher RIF that Mr. Kurt has had to process.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Rankin, to adopt Board Resolution number 10-11-62 to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for a Reduction-in-Force of five teaching positions in the district pursuant with the terms and conditions of the Collective Bargaining agreement with Margaretta Teachers' Association; Roll Call: Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Motion by Mr. Rankin, seconded by Mr. Myers to adopt Board Resolution number 10-11-63 to authorize the continuance of the

Credit Flexibility program for the 2011-2012 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Motion by Mr. Rankin, seconded by Mr. Lippert to adopt Board Resolution 10-11-64 to add Hallie Wiedle to the senior class graduation list that was approved in February; Roll Call: Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Personnel Actions:

Classified Staff:

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Rankin, to approve the employment of the following Summer Swim coaches:

Katie Orshoski, Jerrid Tucker, and Audra Rooker;

Roll Call: Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Motion by Mr. Rankin, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to approve the employment of the following Summer Workers:

Andrew McGory 6th year, at \$8.15/hr.
Bryce Nemitz 5th year at \$8.15/hr.
Adam Rice 3rd year at \$7.85/hr.
Halle Rice 1st year at \$7.40/hr., and
Dylan Rohrbacher 1st year at \$7.40/hr.;

Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Certified Staff:

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to employ Troy Roth as High School Principal effective August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2013; Roll call: Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Myers, to employ Ryan Bohn as High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director effective August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2013; Roll call: Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Motion by Mr. Rankin, seconded by Mr. Myers, to accept the resignation/retirement of Christine Hamilton, 3rd Grade teacher effective October 31, 2011; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Mr. Kurt and the Board publicly praised Christine for her years of dedicated service to the children of our school district.

Old Business:

None to report.

Informational Items:

Mr. Kurt and Mr. Hammond discussed the concept of consolidation with Perkins and Sandusky Schools. Mr. Kurt mentioned that he had a meeting with the Superintendents from the two schools and they agreed that it would be best if an organization separate from any of the schools would prepare a model(s) of what consolidation of schools would look like that then the communities could decide if they would like to pursue consolidation. Mr. Hammond stated that perhaps a local community foundation with an interest in preserving quality educational programs might be interested in funding a project that could include Ohio State or Case Western Reserve to prepare the consolidation models for public consumption. The focus should be to maximize academic achievement amongst the children of our community.

Mr. Kurt reminded the Board that Graduation is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday June 4, 2011. He also invited the Board members to attend the staff day luncheon on Monday June 6, 2011. He closed his remarks stating that we have had a great year!

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Lippert to enter into executive session to prepare for, conduct or review negotiations pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22; Roll Call: Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

The Board convened into executive session at 8:05 p.m. with Mr. Kurt and Mr. Hammond in attendance.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Lippert, the board returned from executive session at 8:54 p.m.; Roll call: Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Mark Bodey
President of the Board

Jude T. Hammond
Treasurer/Business Manager