

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 26, 2009.

The Margarettta Board of Education met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday October 26, 2009 at the High School Gymnasium.

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 September 21, 2009 Regular Meeting; Roll call: all ayes.

The Financial Report and Schedule of Bills

Mr. Hammond mentioned that the schedule of bills, Financial Report, Budget-to-Actual Reports and Energy Cost reports were included in the agenda. He stated that everything is normal at this point in the fiscal year.

Board and Staff Reports:

Mr. Kurt introduced Fred Fox, Superintendent of Huron City School District to inform the board and the audience of approximately 190 interested community members, on his experience as Superintendent during the time when Huron City Schools was in Fiscal Emergency. Mr. Fox mentioned that it was a nightmare for him personally as the community was dealing with the uncertain future for the district and whether or not to approve a new tax levy. He stated that after the levy failed in November, the Oversight Committee and the Office of Budget and Management from the State was presented a budget for the following school year. The Committee told the Board of Education that they would not approve a budget which included extra curricular expenditures. After that process went public, the boosters organizations worked the community to convince enough voters to pass an 8.90 mill property tax in May. The Levy passed and the oversight committee was dissolved.

Mr. Kurt introduced Jerry Klenke, Executive Director of Buckeye Association of School Administrators to give his viewpoint on the state of education funding across the state. Mr. Klenke stated that he has met with Mr. Kurt and Mr. Hammond and he believes that they have a great understanding of the district's financial position. He went on to state that the financial solutions of the Margarettta Local Schools is up to the voters and taxpayers of this community, the financial solutions are not coming from Columbus. The district will receive at least a 1% cut in state funding this school year, and a 2% cut in the next school year. He went on to state that there will need to be an increase in state revenues of nearly \$2 billion for the next budget for fiscal years 2012 and 2013 just to maintain current levels school funding. In this budget, the state received \$1.7 billion in Federal Stimulus funding from the Federal Government and the state legislature used one-time revenue sources to balance the state's budget. Now the State legislature is considering foregoing a 4.3% cut in the personnel income tax rates to be

imposed in 2010 in order to fill the revenue short fall that occurred when the Supreme Court held that the Video Lottery Terminals to be placed at the seven horse race tracks across the state need to be approved by the voters next year. It will be a very challenging time for all schools in the upcoming years.

The Board thanked Mr. Fox and Mr. Klenke for taking time to meet and present useful information for the board and the community.

Public Participation:

Mr. Lippert opened the floor to members of the audience to ask questions of Mr. Fox, Mr. Klenke or the Board. There were several questions asked relative to Fiscal Emergency including what will the district do if the levy fails on November 3rd, will the board implement pay-to-participate, and will the board cut transportation services. In the end, Mr. Fox and Mr. Klenke received a round of applause from the audience.

Introduction of Additional Items to the Agenda:

No additional items were added to the agenda.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Bodey, to approve Board Resolution number 09-10-30, 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. Myers, to approve Board Resolution number 09-10-31, to authorize and instruct the treasurer to make budget modifications as presented; Roll Call: All ayes.

Superintendent's Report:

New Business:

Mr. Kurt mentioned that he was approached by the Erie County Health District to be a sight for the community to provide emergency disease prevention and control procedures. He stated that the Health District is approaching the schools in the communities in case of a pandemic scenario relative to the containment of communicable disease. These steps are preliminary measures.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Myers, to approve board resolution number 09-10-32, to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Erie County Health District for the

purpose of providing a location in the community in an emergency situation; Roll Call: All Ayes.

Mr. Kurt presented to the board an amendment to board policy #2460 for review. He instructed the board to contact him if they had any questions or concerns and that the policy change would occur once the board has had time to consider the changes.

Personnel Actions:

Certified Staff:

Motion by Mr. Stark, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to employ the following Supplemental contracts:

Delores Meggitt - to assist with testing, and
Chris Miller - Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach;

Roll Call: All ayes.

Classified Staff:

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Bodey, to employ Steven Snyder as substitute bus driver, pending all state and local requirements being met; and

To enter into the following Supplemental Contracts:

Matt Johnson - Varsity Softball Coach at Level 5,
Rob Watson - Varsity Baseball at Level 3,
Jim Johnson - Junior Varsity Baseball Coach at Level 1,
Denny Bailey - 8th Grade Boys Basketball at Level 3, and
Ryan Spicer - 7th Grade Boys Basketball at Level 3

Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to approve the following volunteers:

LeRoy Carroll - Baseball,
Greg Weidenheft - Basketball,
Kyle Hammond - Basketball,
Molly Yetter - FFA
Mary Ann Miller - FFA
Melissa Balduff - FFA, and
Jodi Munk - FFA;

Roll Call: All ayes.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business discussed.

Informational Items:

Mr. Kurt mentioned to the board that the levy committee was hosting two open houses, one at the Bay View fire station on Tuesday October 27 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, and one at the Groton Township Hall on Thursday October 29 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, and that the board members were encouraged to attend.

Mr. Kurt went on to say that the levy committee is conducting a community canvass on Sunday November 1 beginning at 2:00 pm and originating at the High School Gymnasium. Mr. Kurt finished by stating that yard signs in support of the levy were available at the Board office.

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

Mr. Lippert thanked those in attendance and hoped that everyone would remember to vote on Tuesday November 3rd.

The Board convened into executive session at 7:58 p.m.

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

Motion by Mr. Bodey, second by Mr. Myers, the board returned from executive session at 8:45 p.m. Roll call: all ayes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Jude T. Hammond
Treasurer/Business Manager