

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING OF  
FEBRUARY 15, 2010.

The Margarettta Board of Education met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday February 15, 2010 at the Administrative Offices.

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 January 25, 2010 Regular Board Meeting; Roll call: all ayes.

The Financial Report and Schedule of Bills

Mr. Hammond reported that the district is performing as expected for the first seven months of the fiscal year. In January we received real estate tax advances and currently we are in the black for the fiscal year. We should remain in the black until April or May.

Board and Staff Reports:

Mr. Kurt introduced LeRoy Carroll, Transportation Supervisor, who made a presentation on the bus fleet. He spoke about the importance to annually replace a bus or two in order to have an efficient fleet in service year-to-year. For example, this year we are replacing a handicapped bus with over 230,000 miles driven. Keeping this bus in regular circulation will put the fleet in risk of downtime.

Mr. Kurt then introduced the building principals, Keith Bonnigson at the High School, and Lynn Hurd at the Elementary to make a presentation on student intervention and testing. The principals expressed how each building is attempting to improve student achievement throughout the district. They spoke about the integration of technology to assist in the process including software programs called "My Student Edge," "Study Island," and the use of E-Instruction "clickers."

Public Participation:

There was no public participation.

Introduction of Additional Items to the Agenda:

Mr. Kurt requested that under Classified Personnel Action, to change Brent Arndt to be employed as "Softball" varsity assistant coach, not "Baseball." Mr. Hammond requested to add an item in his report, a resolution to apply for a federal grant intended to integrate Mental Health Systems in School.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Myers, to adopt Board Resolution number 09-10-60, to approve expenditures that exceed \$3,000 that have met the "then and now" provisions of the Ohio Revised Code section 5705.41; Roll call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Bodey, to adopt Board Resolution number 09-10-61, to make budget modifications and supplemental appropriations; Roll Call: All ayes.

Mr. Hammond presented to the Board three versions of resolution 09-10-62, to authorize a tax levy to be placed on the May 4, 2010 primary election. The options are (1) a \$1,024,500 Emergency Operating property tax, which would be \$5.86 mills, for five years, commencing in tax year 2010 to be paid beginning in calendar year 2011, (2) a \$1,198,150 Emergency Operating property tax, which would be 6.86 mills, for five years commencing with tax year 2010 to be paid beginning in calendar year 2011, and (3) a \$1,453,400 Emergency Operating property tax for five years, which would be \$8.32 mills, commencing tax year 2010 to be paid beginning in calendar year 2011. Mr. Hammond mentioned that the board has one other option, to not place a levy on the ballot at all.

Mr. Hammond also distributed to the Board information shared at the last work session which demonstrates the effect of all three levies would have on the five year forecast. There was much discussion from Board members, Mr. Kurt and Mr. Hammond on the pros and cons of each of the options being presented to the Board.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Bodey to adopt Board Resolution number 09-10-62, placing before the electorate of the district a \$1,024,500 Emergency Operating \$5.86 mill property tax levy for five years commencing with tax year 2010 to be paid beginning in calendar year 2011; Roll Call: all ayes.

Mr. Hammond presented to the Board resolution 09-10-63, to apply for a federal grant under the United States Department of Education, Safe and Drug Free Schools initiative under Title V.

The Grant is intended to integrate schools and mental health systems. The intention is to train staff on how to identify mental illness and to have Social Workers in our buildings to work with children and families who may have a mental illness. The grant amount would be \$340,000 over a two year period, without a required local match.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Stark, to adopt Board Resolution 09-10-63, to apply for a federal grant with the U.S. Department of Education to integrate mental health systems with the school district; Roll call: All ayes.

#### Superintendent's Report:

#### New Business:

Motion by Mr. Rankin, seconded by Mr. Stark, to adopt Board Resolution number 09-10-64, to approve the 2010-2011 School Calendar as presented; Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Bodey, to adopt Board Resolution number 09-10-65, to continue the current inter-district open enrollment policy #5113 for the 2010-2011 school year; Roll call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Rankin, to adopt Board Resolution number 09-10-66, to change the notification of Kindergarten open enrollment to the first week of August beginning with the 2010-2011 school year; Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Stark, seconded by Mr. Rankin, to adopt Board Resolution number 09-10-67, continuing the current Drug Testing Policy for extra-curricular activities into the 2010-2011 School Year; Roll call: all ayes.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Myers, to adopt Board Resolution number 09-10-68, approving the 2010 Senior Class for graduation pending completion of all state and local requirements; Roll call: all ayes.

#### Personnel Actions:

#### Classified Staff:

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Bodey, to employ the following Supplemental:

Brent Arndt - Varsity Assistant Softball Coach at L1, and

Jen Pooch - JV Assistant Softball Coach at L5;

And

Stephen Knowles, Sr. as Transportation substitute, pending completion of all state and local requirements;

Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Rankin, seconded by Mr. Myers, to approve the following volunteers:

Steven Johnson - Baseball,  
Zach Patrick - Baseball, and  
Carl James - Softball;

Roll call: All Ayes.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Myers, to approve the field experience for the following BGSU students:

Chris Scherer at the Elementary School, and  
Ryan Kurt at the High School;

Roll Call: All ayes.

#### Old Business:

No pending matters to be reported.

#### Informational Items:

Mr. Hammond presented to the Board the Ohio School Boards Association Legislative Platform brochures. Mr. Kurt mentioned that the Margareta Citizens Committee will be meeting to prepare for the May 4<sup>th</sup> election.

Mr. Kurt read a news release announcing Roger Stark being recognized for his service as a Board member by the Ohio School Boards Association.

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

The Board convened into executive session at 8:07 p.m. with Mr. Kurt and Mr. Hammond present during the executive session.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, second by Mr. Stark, the board returned from executive session. Roll call: all ayes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Jude T. Hammond  
Treasurer/Business Manager