

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 20, 2009.

The Margarettta Board of Education met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday July 20, 2009 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 June 8 Special Meeting, June 15, 2009 Regular Meeting, June 20 and July 2, 2009 Special Meetings; Roll call: all ayes.

The Financial Report and Schedule of Bills

Mr. Hammond mentioned that the Budget-to-Actual information included with the agenda reflects the fiscal year ending cash position of the District. The District's expenses exceeded revenue by \$1,359,063. Expenses were more than expected, driven by higher than expected fuel costs, and retirement incentives. The balance in the General Fund is \$730,672 at the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Hammond stated that unless something changes the balance at the end of Fiscal Year 2010 will be near \$0.

Board and Staff Reports:

Mr. Tim Niemeyer, former teacher and Margarettta Citizens Committee Chairman, made a presentation on the tax levy campaign. The campaign had a great presence at the Cold Creek festival. There was a great turn out of support providing coverage at a booth and for the parade. There were many "Save Our Bears" balloons and t-shirt seen at the festival. The committee has several other items on the agenda. Mr. Niemeyer thanked the Board for participating in the Cold Creek. The campaign is preparing to have a booth at the Vickery community event on August 1 and 2. Mr. Lippert thanked Tim and those who have volunteered to help the kids in our district.

Public Participation:

Diane Jacoby thanked the Board members for being part of the Cold Creek festival. She also made a comment that the Sandusky Register has been publishing the Board Meetings to be on Wednesday nights. She and the Nesbitt's were at the Board Office last Wednesday because it was published that there was a Board meeting that night.

Introduction of Additional Items to the Agenda:

Mr. Kurt stated that he has a couple of changes to the agenda. Under New Business, the resolution to approve the policy changes should be changed to the first reading of the board; add item number 5 - a motion to accept pay freezes for administrators and supervisors for the 2009-2010 school year. Under personnel

actions, Dale Sartor will be item 1(a) and Fran Warner will be item 1 (b); add a motion to accept a one year leave for teacher Andrea Schoenherr for the 2009-2010 school year.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to approve Board Resolution number 09-10-02, to enter into an agreement with Northern Ohio Educational Computer Association (NOECA) to provide computer support services for the 2009-2010 school year; Roll Call: All ayes.

Mr. Hammond presented the next resolution explaining that the proposed agreement is for a third party to assist the district with the opportunity to draw down federal and state Medicaid funds for qualifying services provided to eligible children and families in the district. It is anticipated that the district could anticipate collecting between \$5,000 and \$15,000 in additional funding each year. Healthcare Process Consulting (HPC) will take a percentage of the Medicaid dollars, there is no additional cost to the district.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to approve Board Resolution number 09-10-03, to enter into an agreement with Healthcare Process Consulting (HPC) to provide support services for Medicaid participation for the 2009-2010 School Year; Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Myers, to approve Board Resolution number 09-10-04, to approve expenditures in excess of \$3,000 that have met the "then and now" statutory requirements; Roll call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to adopt Board Resolution number 09-10-05, declaring the impracticality of transportation services to Bellevue Immaculate Conception School and the payment in lieu of transportation to families that have students enrolled for the 2009-2010 School Year; Roll call: All ayes.

Mr. Hammond presented the next Board resolution explaining that this is the first step to begin the Reduction in Force process pursuant with the terms and conditions of the collective bargaining agreement with Ohio Association of Public School Employees (OAPSE). The reduction will be for an educational aide at the Elementary building and an office aide at the High School. The RIF will be effective November 7, 2009.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to adopt Board Resolution number 09-10-06, to reduce the number of classified workers in the OAPSE union effective November 7, 2009; Roll Call: All ayes.

Superintendent's Report:

New Business:

Motion by Mr. Stark, seconded by Mr. Bodey, to adopt Board Resolution 09-10-07, to enter into an agreement with Jefferson County Educational Services Center to provide Virtual Learning programs for the 2009-2010 school year; Roll call: All ayes.

Mr. Kurt presented several policy updates for the Board to review to be acted upon at a future board meeting. If the Board has questions or concerns, they were instructed to contact Mr. Kurt.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded Mrs. Kuns, to accept a Memorandum of Understanding with the Margaretta Teachers Association (MTA) to reduce the 2009-2010 Base salary by 2% and to retain the insurance concessions already negotiated in the collective bargaining agreement; Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mrs. Kuns, seconded by Mr. Myers, to accept a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ohio Association of Public School Employees (OAPSE) to freeze wages for the 2008-2009 school year with no changes in health insurance; Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Bodey, to accept the voluntary pay freeze of non-bargaining employees of the district; Roll call: All ayes.

Mr. Lippert thanked all the employees of the district for their actions. During these difficult economic times, it is important that we are sensitive to the problems facing our community.

Personnel Actions:

Certified Staff:

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Bodey, to contract with the North Point Educational Services Center for the services of Dale Sartor as High School Assistant Principal for the 2009-2010 School Year; Roll Call: All ayes.

Mr. Kurt stated that he is proposing to hire Fran Warner to be Curriculum Director and Assistant Principal at the Elementary building for the upcoming school year. Last year Mrs. Warner filled that position under an agreement with North Point Educational Services Center. The district has saved money by having Fran perform multiple duties for the district. The current recommendation is for one year. With the financial uncertainty of the district, this gives the board the flexibility to assess the administrative needs of the district in the future.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to employ Fran Warner as Curriculum Director/Assistant Elementary Principal for the 2009-2010 School Year; Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Stark, to employ Robert Sartor as 9th Grade Assistant Football Coach and Jr. High Wrestling Coach under supplemental contracts; Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mrs. Kuns, seconded by Mr. Stark, to approve a one-year leave for Andrea Schoenherr pursuant with Article XXXV of the collective bargaining agreement with the MTA for the 2009-2010 school year; Roll Call: All ayes.

Classified Staff:

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Myers, to accept the resignation of Brad Eisenhauer, Bus Driver, effective August 31, 2009; and to enter into the following supplemental employment contracts:

James O'Brien - Assistant Varsity Football @ level 4,
Ben Brunow - 8th Grade Assistant Football @ Level 5,
Gary Lyons - 7th Grade Football @ Level 6, and
Dave Mix - 7th Grade Assistant Football @ Level 6;

Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mrs. Kuns, seconded by Mr. Myers, to employ Emilee Dillon as a life guard; Roll Call: All ayes.

Old Business:

Mr. Kurt stated that he had no old business pending.

Informational Items:

Mr. Kurt stated that he had no additional informational items.

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

The Board convened into executive session at 7:37 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, second by Mr. Stark, the board returned from executive session at 8:35 p.m. 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 8:36 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Jude T. Hammond

Treasurer/Business Manager