

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 17, 2009.

The Margarettta Board of Education met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday August 17, 2009 at the Margarettta Elementary Gymnasium.

Mr. Lippert called the meeting to order with roll call, all present.

Motion by Mr. Myers, second by Mr. Bodey, to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2009 Regular Meeting and to the amend the approved minutes from the May 20, Regular to include the employment of Kurrie Lewis as Boys Soccer Coach at Level 1; Roll Call: All ayes.

The Financial Report and Schedule of Bills

Mr. Hammond mentioned that the financial reports in the agendas reflect the first month of the new fiscal year and that all the information is as expected.

Board and Staff Reports:

Mr. Kurt stated that there was no reports to present at this time.

Public Participation:

Mr. Lippert opened the meeting for public comment. There was a large audience in attendance in the gymnasium and many people made comments, statements and had proposed questions. The topics discussed included the status of National Honor Society, Sports programs, Future Farmers of America (FFA), transportation, number of employees, employees wages and the cost of the gymnasium. The Board, Mr. Kurt and Mr. Hammond addressed the various questions and concerns.

Introduction of Additional Items to the Agenda:

Mr. Kurt requested to modify the agenda by adding Sarah Lochotski to be employed as Kindergarten Unit Leader as a supplemental contract, under Certified Personnel Actions.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Myers to adopt Board Resolution 09-10-18, to approve purchases in excess of \$3,000 pursuant with ORC 5705.41(D)(1); Roll Call: All ayes.

Mr. Hammond discussed the possible tax levy options which currently are before the Board. He presented a spreadsheet displaying the options: (1) to place a 1% Earned Income tax on the November 3, 2009 election for a period of five years (2) to place a 0.75% earned income tax, (3) a 0.50% earned income tax, (4) a 0.25% earned income tax, (5) an 8.37 mill Emergency property tax for five years, (6) a 7.90 Emergency property tax, (7) a 6.90 mill Emergency property tax, (8) a 5.90 mill property tax, and (9) a 4.90 mill Emergency property tax.

Mr. Lippert commented that he had heard from the voters after the May levy failed that they just cannot afford an 8.37 mill property tax. He went on to say that maybe they would support a smaller tax now and see where we stand in few years with the state budget and the local economy. Perhaps by then the the financial landscape may improve. Regardless, of how long we will be able to sustain the district, the board agreed that a large tax increase will not be approved by the voters. Mr. Lippert went on to say that given what we know today, that if we are successful with a smaller tax increase, our forecast shows that we will need additional revenue in two-three years. The smaller tax levy strategy would be a short-term solution.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to adopt Board Resolution number 09-10-19, submitting to the electors of the District the question of an Emergency Property Tax Levy that would generate \$825,595 per year for five years, estimated to be 4.90 mills, on the November 3, 2009 election ballot; Roll Call: All ayes.

Superintendent's Report:

New Business:

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Stark, to adopt Board Resolution 09-10-20, accepting the recommendation of the hearing officer regarding the expulsion of a student; Roll call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to adopt Board Resolution 09-10-08, approving the amendment and additions to Board Policies as proposed at the prior regular board meeting; Roll Call: all ayes.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Myers, to adopt Board Resolution 09-10-21, approving the 2009-10 High School and Elementary Student and Faculty Handbooks as presented; Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Bodey, to adopt Board Resolution 09-10-22, approving the graduation of Joshua Collins and Stephany Bell with Class of 2009 as they have met all State and Local requirements; Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to approve the bus routes for the 2009-2010 school year as presented; Roll Call: All ayes.

Personnel Actions:

Certified Staff:

Motion by Mrs. Kuns, seconded by Mr. Stark to approve the employment contracts for:

Janis Cheek as 5th Grade Teacher,
Jennifer Borner as 8th Grade Volleyball Coach at L1, and
Sarah Lohotski as Kindergarten Unit Leader;

Roll Call: All ayes.

Classified Staff:

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to approve the employment contracts for:

Deanna Faber, as part-time EMIS Coordinator, effective August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2011;
Sandy Martin, 3.50 hr Special Education Aide,
Connie Kromer, 7 hr Special Education Aide,
Karen Cyr, 3 hr Kitchen Helper, and
Tommy Crawford as Head Freshman Football Coach at L2,

And to amend the assignment of Bob Day from 8th Grade Volleyball Coach to 7th Grade Volleyball Coach at Level 2;

Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, the board accepts the resignation of Jan Jenkins as Bus Aide/Driver due to Retirement; Roll Call: All ayes.

Mr. Lippert and Mr. Kurt thanked Jan for her years of service and dedication to the children in our community. Jan received a round of applause from the audience.

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

Robert Strayer - transportation, and
Kristan Neill - food services;

And approve the employment of Patrick Freeh as a Summer Worker
from July 29 through August 5, 2009;

And approve the following Volunteers:

Greg Wiedenheft, Kyle Veliz, and Corey Lyons in the Football
program, pending completion of all state and local requirements;

Roll Call: All ayes.

Old Business:

None.

Informational Items:

Mr. Kurt mentioned to the Board that the Levy Committee will
begin having meetings in two weeks. He also stated that he
received a request from the State Superintendent Deborah Delisle
and the Superintendent of the Ohio High School Athletic
Association Dan Ross to appear at a meeting in Columbus on
Thursday August 20th to discuss the impact of cutting sports
programs on Open Enrollment. Mr. Kurt will inform the Board the
outcome of that meeting.

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

The Board convened into executive session at 8:20 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, second by Mr. Myers, the board returned from
executive session at 9:36 p.m. Roll call: all ayes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Jude T. Hammond

Treasurer/Business Manager