

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 21, 2009.

The Margarettta Board of Education met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday September 21, 2009 in the Gymnasium of the Townsend School Building.

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 August 10, August 12 and August 25, 2009 Special Meetings and the August 17, 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. Mr. Hammond stated that the financial position is on target for the first two months of the fiscal year.

Board and Staff Reports:

Mr. Kurt introduced Keith Bonnigson, High School Principal to present a building report on the start of the school year. Mr. Bonnigson reported that the school year has started out as another normal year with the students actively participating in events and extra curricular activities. Mr. Kurt then introduced Lynn Hurd, Elementary Principal to report on the start of the school year in the Elementary building. Mrs. Hurd stated that it was a great start this year compared to last. Last school year the Elementary Building was having a roof replacement project and the new addition being built while attempting to blend the two elementary buildings into one. Mrs. Hurd was pleased to announce that even though the start of the school year last year was challenging, the student achievement was not affected. The building, and district, received an effective school status on the state report card for the 2009 school year. Mrs. Hurd did say that classroom size in the Kindergarten is the one area where parents are concerned. She stated that we provide the faculty with educational aides in the Kindergarten classes and at no time are there fewer than two adults in each classroom. The administration will monitor the progress of the Kindergarten students to determine if the set up is effective.

Public Participation:

There was no public participation at this time.

Introduction of Additional Items to the Agenda:

Mr. Kurt stated that in his report under new business item number 1 should be ODE not OEC, it is a typo.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Bodey, to adopt Board Resolution number 09-10-23, to approve expenditures that exceed \$3,000 that have met the "then and now" statutory requirements; Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mrs. Kuns, seconded by Mr. Myers, to adopt Board Resolution number 09-10-24, entering into an agreement with Bayshore Counseling Services to provide alcohol and drug abuse consultation and prevention services for the 2009-10 school year as part of the Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation Educational Endowment grant; Roll Call: All ayes.

Mr. Hammond presented a resolution to adopt the Official Budget for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year. By statute, the Official Budget must be approved by the Board within the first 90 days of the Fiscal Year. We have been operating on a Temporary Budget since July 1st. The Budget presented to the Board totals \$13,660,727 for all funds, of which the General Operating Fund is \$11,470,876. Last year the Official Budget was approved totaling \$13,931,463, the General Fund was \$12,158,246.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Stark, to adopt Board Resolution number 09-10-25, adopting the Official Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010; Roll Call: All ayes.

Mr. Hammond then presented the Districts Five-year Forecast for the period Fiscal years 2010 through 2014. Mr. Hammond stated that the forecast reflects certain assumptions in areas of revenue and expenditures. He explained that the forecasting during uncertain times is quite challenging. For example, last September the Board approved a forecast for the 2009 fiscal year through the 2013 fiscal year. At that time we anticipated state funding to remain constant, salary increases for staff commensurate with the teacher salary increases already agreed to in the spring of 2009 and health care to increase by 5%. They seemed to be reasonable assumptions at the time. What transpired from there was a state budget process that was not settled until mid-July and resulted in a 1% decrease in state funding this year and 2% decrease in fiscal year 2011; the OAPSE union and board agreeing to no change in salary or insurance for the 2009 fiscal year; the administrators and non-bargaining employees agreeing to changes in health care and a salary freeze; our medical insurance premiums did not increase for the current fiscal year; and the teachers union agreeing to forego a 2% increase in the base salary for the current year. As a result of these changes, the financial position of the district has improved slightly.

The forecast presented today includes assumptions in four volatile areas that could have a significant impact on the financial status of the district - state funding, wages, health

insurance, and energy cost. Each of these areas will be monitored as we move through this fiscal year and we may need to alter our forecast more often.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Bodey, to adopt Board Resolution number 09-10-26, adopting a Five-year Forecast for Fiscal Years 2010 through 2014; Roll Call: All ayes.

Superintendent's Report:

New Business:

Motion by Mr. Stark, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to adopt Board Resolution number 09-10-27, to adopt the Ohio Department of Education Model Policies and indicating that the district currently follows procedures set forth in serving Children with Disabilities; Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Myers, to adopt Board Resolution number 09-10-28, approving out-of-state travel for the FFA to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 20 through October 24, 2009; Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mrs. Kuns, seconded by Mr. Myers, to adopt Board Resolution number 09-10-29, to approve the HIPPA Compliant Authorization Form; Roll Call: All ayes.

Personnel Actions:

Certified Staff:

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to approve the employment of the following supplemental positions:

Cheryl Troxel - New to District Mentor
Sandy Carroll - New to District Mentor
Teal Balduff - New to District Mentor
Marnie Hallet-Szymanski - Lead Mentor Trainee

Roll Call: All ayes.

Classified Staff:

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

Mark Stacy as Bus Driver, effective September 1, 2009, and
Ken Trimarche as Bus Driver, effective September 1, 2009;
and

to enter into supplemental contracts with Karyn Barnett as Junior High Cheerleading Advisor at Level 3;

Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Myers, the board approves the employment of the following Substitutes:

Barb Matter - transportation
Lois Young - transportation
Michael Taylor - transportation
Stephanie Gamez - lunchroom, and
Ken Trimarche - custodian;

Roll Call: All ayes.

Old Business:

Mr. Kurt stated that at the last meeting the board gave direction to Mr. Kurt and Mr. Hammond to research options for consolidating school districts in Ohio. Mr. Kurt stated that he and Mr. Hammond had met with Jerry Klenke, Executive Director of Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA) and Tom Ash an attorney on staff with BASA about the consolidation of districts. Mr. Hammond reported that there are four ways to change the districts boundaries, (1) through annexation, for example the City of Sandusky annexed "Venice Heights" in Margaretta Township in the 1950s and as part of the annexation petition, the Sandusky City School District would extend to cover the area of annexation; (2) transfer of property where by two school districts agree that to better serve the families along the boundary lines of the districts that one district would transfer property to another, this would need to be approved by the Ohio Board of Education on even numbered years; (3) a district fails to provide the minimum academic standards as established by the legislature, State Board of Education, and Ohio Department of Education, the State Board of Education could redraw district lines and dissolve a school district, this has only happened once; (4) through a petition signed by a minimum number of registered voters within a district, the minimum number being ten percent of the number of votes cast in the last gubernatorial election within the school district, the petition would request to place on the ballot for the voters of the district to consider consolidating with another specified school district, wherein the vote would also be presented to the voters in the district that would absorb the district to be dissolved, the voters of each district would have to approve the consolidation, then the State Board of Education would also have to approve the consolidation. Mr. Kurt stated that Jerry Klenke is willing to come to our next board meeting to discuss the status of the district if the board is willing to move the meeting date to October 26, 2009. Following a discussion on the process of a voter initiative to consolidate schools, the board approved moving the next regular board meeting date to October 26, 2009.

Informational Items:

Mr. Kurt mentioned to the Board that the Levy Committee met on Wednesday September 16 and is meeting again on Wednesday September 23 at 6:30 in the High School Library.

Greg Bauman, a parent of a Kindergarten student, addressed the board about concerns on the number of students in the Kindergarten classes. This led to an open discussion on the current status of the Kindergarten classes. Mr. Kurt mentioned that at all times there are at least two adults in each class, and periodically, some students are taken out for Title I services. Mrs. Kathy Schaffer expressed her concerns for the safety of the students in classroom. Mr. Kurt concluded the discussion by stating that the district will monitor the progress of the Kindergarten with the current makeup and that he would meet with the parents to receive their input.

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

The Board convened into executive session at 8:17 p.m.

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

Motion by Mr. Bodey, second by Mr. Stark, the board returned from executive session at 8:49 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 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Jude T. Hammond
Treasurer/Business Manager