

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2009.

The Margaretta Board of Education met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday March 16, 2009 at the Administrative Offices.

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

Mr. Stark pointed out an error on the minutes from the February 16, 2009 Regular Board Meeting, wherein it shows that he voted affirmatively for the approval of the classified staff supplemental contracts, he abstained.

Motion by Mr. Myers, second by Mr. Bodey to approve the minutes from February 16, 2009 Regular Meeting as amended; Roll call: all ayes.

The Financial Report and Schedule of Bills

Mr. Hammond told the Board that financial position of the district is where it is expected to be at this time. In March the district will receive the remaining property taxes collected from the first half billing process from Erie and Sandusky counties, thereby pushing revenues ahead of expenses at the end of March. The district will then expend more than it will receive in final quarter of the fiscal year. He mentioned that diesel fuel pricing has come down to the lowest price in three years at \$1.52/gallon. They will be filling the storage tank soon to take advantage of this price. Last year at this time, diesel fuel was over \$3.00/gallon.

Board and Staff Reports:

Mr. Kurt told the Board that prior to this board meeting, there was a campaign committee meeting at the high school cafeteria. The campaign committee was well attended. Jean Smith, retired teacher, Tim Niemeyer, retired teacher, and Audra Rooker, from Playland Day Care have volunteered to chair the campaign. The next meeting of the committee will be held next Monday March 23 at the Elementary building Room 103.

Public Participation:

No one participated.

Introduction of Additional Items to the Agenda:

Mr. Kurt requested to add item #3 under New Business portion of the Superintendent's Report to present for approval the Margaretta Cheerleaders to attend a competition at Cobo Hall in Detroit, and under Personnel Action add Certified Staff item # 1 to approve Tim Niemeyer as volunteer to the FFA.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Myers to adopt Board Resolution Number 08-09-58, to approve expenditures that exceed \$3,000 that have met the "Then and Now" statutory requirements; Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Bodey to adopt Board Resolution Number 08-09-59, to make budget modifications and supplemental appropriations; Roll Call: All ayes.

Mr. Hammond told the Board that on February 16, 2009, the Board took action to approve the Emergency property tax levy, resolution 08-09-51. The resolution was filed with the Erie County Board of Elections on February 18, 2009; whereupon the Secretary of State had some concerns regarding the terminology used in the resolution. As a result, Mr. Hammond presented a letter to the Board of Elections that stated that the Board of Education's intent was to approve the legislation as specified in the Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.194. Mr. Hammond presented the amended language, the letter to the Board of Elections and the resolution as originally passed by the Board.

Motion by Mrs. Kuns, seconded by Mr. Bodey to adopt Board Resolution Number 08-09-60 amending Board resolution 08-09-51 in order to comply with the statutory language in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.194; Roll call: All ayes.

Superintendent's Report:

New Business:

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to adopt Board Resolution number 08-09-61, to approve an Intent to Suspend and an Out-of-School Suspension forms to be used by the district; Roll call: All ayes.

Mr. Kurt presented a resolution that would amend the health insurance plan design for all non-bargaining employees of the district effective May 1, 2009. Mr. Hammond commented that the changes would impact 14 employees and the anticipated annual savings in premium cost to the district would be approximately \$23,000. Mr. Kurt mentioned that the proposal has been shared with all non-bargaining employees and that there would be enhancements to the plan in the area of wellness programs and to extend coverage of dependents to age 25, provided the dependent is a full-time student.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Stark, to adopt Board Resolution number 08-09-62, to amend the health insurance plan for all non-bargaining employees effective May 1, 2009; Roll call: all ayes.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Stark, to approve the High School Cheerleaders to participate at a national cheering program in Detroit; Roll call: All ayes.

Personnel Actions:

Certified Staff:

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to approve the hiring of Tim Niemeyer as a volunteer to the FFA; Roll Call: All ayes.

Classified Staff:

Motion by Mrs. Kuns, seconded by Mr. Bodey, to approve Dan Miller as a volunteer coach for Girls Track, and

To approve the following substitutes:

Karen Gearheart - lunchroom, and
Martha Dyer - lunchroom

Roll call: all ayes.

Old Business:

No pending matters to be reported.

Informational Items:

Mr. Kurt read a letter from the Mohican School in the Out of Doors praising the students, parents, faculty and staff of Margaretta for their recent educational experience. There will be a Permanent Improvement Committee meeting on Monday March 23 to go over projects and proposals. Mr. Kurt mentioned that he has received information that the district will be receiving an increase in Title I funding for the next school year, approximately an additional \$100,000. Mr. Kurt went on to say that we have decided to post two teaching positions to take advantage of this opportunity to help elementary students in the areas of reading and math. Mr. Kurt stated that he has received an invitation from Double S Industries who are having an open house on Friday March 27, Board members were encouraged to attend. The board had a discussion and gave direction to Mr. Kurt and Mr. Hammond that they would like to move the next regular board meeting to the Elementary building.

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

The Board convened into executive session at 7:25 p.m. with Mr. Kurt and Mr. Hammond present during the executive session.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, second by Mr. Myers, the board returned from executive session at 8:52. 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 8:53 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Jude T. Hammond
Treasurer/Business Manager