

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 21, 2008.

The Margarettta Board of Education met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday July 21, 2007 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 23, 2008 Regular Meeting and the July 1, 2008 Special Meeting; 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 \$627,180. Expenses were more than expected, driven by higher than expected fuel costs, repairs to the gym floor and water main at the High School, and an increase in the amount transferred to the Food Service Fund to cover equipment replacements and repairs.

Board and Staff Reports:

Mr. Kurt introduced Doug Maggied from SHP Design who reported on the progress of the Elementary building project. Doug stated that they were slightly behind schedule due to the amount of rock needed to be excavated in the detention area and the delay of receiving the joists, however, all of those issues have been resolved and the project is back on schedule. Doug explained the necessity of the detention area which caused the only Board Action required Change Order, to excavate the unanticipated rock, to the Board. The Board expressed their gratitude for keeping the project moving forward in a timely manner.

Public Participation:

Diane Jacoby mentioned that she heard a rumor that there was mold in the modular building. Mr. Kurt explained that some of the shelving had mildew on them. We instructed the modular company to replace the shelves and they have complied with our request.

Introduction of Additional Items to the Agenda:

Mr. Hammond stated that in his report there was a duplication of item number 1, item number 6, and that he requested the board to ignore item number 6 on the agenda.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to approve Board Resolution number 08-09-05, to approve the expenditure of items that exceed \$3,000 which have met the statutory "then and now" provision of the Revised Code; Roll Call: All ayes.

Mr. Hammond led a discussion on the cost of food commodities that may have an impact on the District's Food Service Fund. According to recent marketing information, it is predicted that food prices across the nation will increase between 6% and 8%. Mr. Hammond recommends that we increase the lunch prices by fifteen cents (\$0.15) for the next school year, with the exception of Margaretta Elementary. Currently there is a difference in pricing between Bogart and Townsend Elementary buildings. Now that we will be consolidating the elementary students, he recommends increasing the current Bogart lunch price by fifteen cents and increasing Townsend rates by five cents. This will equalize the lunch price for the Elementary Building. The proposed increase equates to less than a 7% increase in lunch prices across the district.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Myers to increase school lunch prices by \$0.10 for the 2008-2009 School Year; Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to adopt Board Resolution number 08-09-06, 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 2008-2009 School Year; Roll call: All ayes.

Mr. Hammond led a discussion on the next two resolutions on the agenda. The proposed resolutions are preliminary steps in the process of placing tax levies on the November 4, 2008 ballot. If the Board resolves to take these steps, there would need to be action prior to the August 21, 2008 filing deadline to pass the resolution to place the levy or levies on the ballot. The proposed Income Tax Resolution is for an "Earned Income" tax only on the November ballot and the other resolution is requesting a certification of a 7.90 mill current expense property tax levy and the certification of a \$1,342,250 Emergency Operating property tax levy to be placed on the November 4, 2008 election ballots. By taking these preliminary steps, the Board has the flexibility of placing a 1% Earned Income Tax levy or a 7.90 mill property tax or an Emergency property tax levy on the November 4, 2008 ballot.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Myers, to adopt Board Resolution number 08-09-07, requesting the Erie County Auditor to certify the revenue to generated annually from an additional 7.90 mill Current Expense Property tax levy and the amount of millage necessary to generate a \$1,342,250 from an Emergency Operating property tax levy; Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Stark, seconded by Mr. Bodey, to adopt Board Resolution number 08-09-08, requesting the Tax Commissioner of the State of Ohio to certify the rate necessary to generate \$1,298,383 from a school income tax to be levied beginning calendar year 2009; Roll Call: All ayes.

Superintendent's Report:

New Business:

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to approve the use of the Land Lab by the Erie Soil and Water Conservation District for the annual school field day on October 8, 2008; Roll call: All ayes.

Personnel Actions:

Certified Staff:

Motion by Mrs. Kuns, seconded by Mr. Stark, to employ Ryan Bohn as Freshman Boys Basketball Coach at Level 1; Roll Call: All ayes.

Old Business:

Mr. Kurt led a discussion on Pay-to-participate. He stated that he and the administration has researched Pay-to-participate for extra-curricular activities and for High School parking privileges. Although he would support the Board's decision to implement the fees for the upcoming school year, he would recommend that we only implement pay-to-participate fees as a last result. He believes that this could provide a barrier for some students who could benefit from participation in positive behavior and that it could alienate families who have traditionally supported the district. The Board agreed to hold off implementing the fees at this time.

Informational Items:

Mr. Kurt mentioned to the Board that the preliminary results of the performance standards for the 2007-2008 School show that we have met the "effective school" standard, however, do to our results in the "average yearly progress" criteria, he believes that the district will classified as "continuous improvement."

Mr. Kurt shared with the Board a correspondence received from the NAAE thanking the efforts of Kevin Kremer who attended the regional meeting in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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

The Board convened into executive session at 7:38 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, second by Mr. Stark, the board returned from executive session at 8:12 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 8:13 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Jude T. Hammond
Treasurer/Business Manager