

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 18, 2008.

The Margarettta Board of Education met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday August 18, 2008 at the Administrative Offices.

Mr. Lippert called the meeting to order with roll call.

Motion by Mr. Myers, second by Mrs. Kuns, to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2008 Regular Meeting and the August 5, 2008 Special Meeting; 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 commented on the progress of the construction of the addition to the Elementary building. He also stated that the modular classroom unit is nearly complete and he is planning on having the occupancy permit approved by the end of the month. The roof over the office area is being replaced and the construction company doing the work (Damschroder) is behind schedule. The work should be finished by the second week of the school year.

Mr. Kurt then reported that the start of the school year will begin with an In-service Day for teachers on Thursday August 28, Staff Day will be held on Friday August 29, and the first student day will be Tuesday September 2.

Mr. Kurt then presented to the Board a School Disciplinary Summary Report for the most recently concluded 2007-2008 school year. Mr. Kurt was pleased to show the improvements made in the disciplinary issues. He pointed out that the number of incidents on buses decreased from the previous year. He attributed the consolidation of students has a partial reason for the reduction of incidents on the bus. He believes that the older students' behavior improved with younger students being on the bus at the same time. He thanked the staff and students for the effort.

Public Participation:

No one participated at this time.

Introduction of Additional Items to the Agenda:

Mr. Kurt requested to modify the agenda by removing Lori Arnold under Classified Personnel Action.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Stark to adopt Board Resolution 08-09-10, 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) not to place a levy before the voters in November, (2) to place a 7.90 Current Expense property tax, (3) to place a \$1,320,250 Emergency Operating property tax levy, (4) to place a 1.00% Earned Income tax levy, or (5) to place a 0.75% Earned Income tax levy before the voters in November. The Board had taken formal action to receive the proper certifications to be able to act upon the four tax levy options in the preceding month's meetings. The Board then discussed each of the options laid before them, probing the pros and cons of each various proposal.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Myers, to adopt Board Resolution number 08-09-10, submitting to the electors of the District the question of an additional 1.00% Earned Income Tax levy for the purpose of providing general operating funds on the November 4, 2008 election ballot; Roll Call: All ayes.

#### Superintendent's Report:

##### New Business:

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to adopt Board Resolution 08-09-12, approving out-of-state travel for the FFA to attend the National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana from October 21 through October 25, and to attend the Keystone International Judging Contest in Pennsylvania on October 3 through October 5; Roll call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Bodey, to adopt Board Resolution 08-09-13, approving Board Policy # 5464 Early High School Graduation requirements, and Policy # 8615 Anti-Idling and Smart Driving procedures effective immediately; Roll Call: all ayes.

Mr. Kurt presented to the Board Policy # 8405 Environmental Health and Safety Issues for first reading.

Motion by Mrs. Kuns, seconded by Mr. Stark, to approve the bus routes for the 2008-2009 school year as presented; Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Myers, to approve the 2008-2009 Student Handbooks and Faculty Handbooks; Roll call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Bodey, to approve the payment to Elementary Principal Lynn Hurd for time worked in the district prior to the start of her contract, a total of 14 days at her per diem rate; Roll Call: All ayes.

Personnel Actions:

Certified Staff:

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Kuns to approve the extension of employment contracts for two years to the following administrative staff members:

Keith Bonnigson, High School Principal	8/1/09 - 7/31/11
Drew Grahl, Asst High School Principal	8/1/09 - 7/31/11
Troy Roth, Asst Principal/Athletic Dir	8/1/09 - 7/31/11
Mark Freeh, Technology Coordinator	8/1/09 - 7/31/11
Peggy Kiser, Food Services Supervisor	7/1/09 - 6/30/11
LeRoy Carroll, Transport'n Supervisor	7/1/09 - 6/30/11
Doug Schoewe, B&G Maint Supervisor	7/1/09 - 6/30/11

Roll call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to amend the contract for Shawn Moses, from Masters Plus to Masters level; to employ Nancy Johnson as 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Unit Leader at Level 1; and to approve Cassandra Swanigan, BGSU Firelands College student teacher with Amy Snyder, Joy Nickoli, BGSU Firelands College student teacher with Jen Blevins;

Roll Call: All ayes.

Classified Staff:

Motion by Mrs. Kuns, seconded by Mr. Bodey, to accept the Resignation from Saranell Braniger, Bus Driver, effective September 1, 2008; and to employ Melissa Taylor as Bus Driver with 0 years experience;

Roll Call: All ayes.

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

Connie Kromer - Bus Driver, pending completion of state and local requirements, and  
Robert Salyers - Maintenance; and

Approve the following Volunteers:

Eric Hughes - Soccer, and  
Greg Wiedenheft - Football;

Roll Call: All ayes.

Old Business:

None.

Informational Items:

Mr. Kurt mentioned to the Board that the Staff Breakfast will be held on Friday August 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:30 am behind the High School. Mr. Kurt invited the Board members to attend. Mr. Kurt then distributed subscription documents for American School Management periodical, if the Board members were interested in subscribing to let Mr. Hammond know to place orders.

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

The Board convened into executive session at 7:47 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, second by Mr. Stark, the board returned from executive session at 8:36 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 8:37 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Jude T. Hammond  
Treasurer/Business Manager