

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING OF  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2008.

The Margarettta Board of Education met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday September 15, 2008 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 August 18, 2008 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 district had three pay periods in the month of August and we distributed the severance payments for the retiring staff members.

Board and Staff Reports:

Mr. Kurt commented that the building project is coming along. The contractors are waiting for the moisture to dissipate from the concrete in the gym area and administration so that the flooring can be installed. The Margarettta Citizens Committee met on the previous Thursday evening and will continue to meet once a week up to the election. They are putting together a campaign strategy to educate the voters on the income tax levy. Pictures for the year book has taken place, board members who have not had their picture taken, makeup dates are September 19 and 22 at the Elementary building and October 17 at the High School.

Public Participation:

Members from the audience inquired about the Margarettta Citizens Committee meetings and how they could obtain yard signs.

Introduction of Additional Items to the Agenda:

Mr. Kurt requested to add an item under his report to include Board action to approve Teal Balduff as Title I Coordinator under Certified Personnel Actions, and to amend the amount for the NWOET contract from \$1,876 to \$2,236.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Bodey, to adopt Board Resolution number 08-09-14, to approve expenditures that exceed \$3,000 that have met the "then and now" statutory requirements; Roll Call: All ayes.

Mr. Hammond presented a resolution to adopt the Official Budget for the 2008-2009 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 1<sup>st</sup>. The Budget presented to the Board totals \$13,931,442 for all funds, of which the General Operating Fund is \$12,158,226. Last year the Official Budget was approved totaling \$14,052,130, the General Fund was \$12,304,588.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Myers, to adopt Board Resolution number 08-09-15, adopting the Official Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009; Roll Call: All ayes.

Mr. Hammond then presented the Districts Five-year Forecast for the period Fiscal years 2009 through 2013. Mr. Hammond stated that the forecast reflects certain assumptions in areas of revenue and expenditures. He explained that the forecast assumptions have not changed much from the amended forecast approved last May, with the exception being that fiscal year 2008 is now in the actual three preceding years section, and that the fifth year of the forecast is now fiscal year 2013. According to this current version of the five-year forecast, the district will be have a negative fund balance at the conclusion of fiscal year 2011.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Myers, to adopt Board Resolution number 08-09-16, adopting a Five-year Forecast for Fiscal Years 2009 through 2013; Roll Call: All ayes.

Mr. Hammond then introduced the next resolution wherein the board is being asked to approve a plan document for employees of the district to make contributions into a tax deferred Section 403(b). Mr. Hammond explained that changes in the Internal Revenue Code require employers to monitor the activities of those who contribute a portion of their wages into a 403(b) effective in 2009. ING has offered to provide monitoring services at without fees to school districts across the state. Mr. Hammond is recommending that we take action to comply with the federal guidelines and enter into agreements with ING to administer the programs.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to adopt Board Resolution number 08-09-17, to establish a qualifying 403(b) deferred contribution plan administered by ING Life Insurance and Annuity Company; Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to adopt Board Resolution number 08-09-18, to enter into a Common Remitter Arrangement Agreement with ING National Trust and ING Financial Advisers LLC; Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Bodey, to adopt Board Resolution number 08-09-19, to enter into a depository agreement with Charter One; Roll Call: All ayes.

Mr. Hammond presented the next resolution wherein the Board being asked to consider amending the Cellular Phone Stipend policy to address increases in the monthly fee from Sprint/Nextel for the two-way call feature. The additional monthly fee is \$10 per month, the proposed amendment would increase the stipend \$5 per pay period.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to adopt Board Resolution number 08-09-20, to amend the Cell Phone Stipend policy for new hires after July 1, 2008, from \$20 per pay period to \$25 per pay period; Roll Call: All ayes.

#### Superintendent's Report:

#### New Business:

Mr. Kurt introduced Board Resolution number 08-09-21 which would approve entering into a contract with Jefferson County ESC Virtual Learning Academy for the 2008-09 school year. Mr. Kurt lauded the academy for providing an opportunity for students who struggle in the school environment and need course credit to graduate.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Stark, to adopt Board Resolution number 08-09-21, to approve a contract with Jefferson County ESC Virtual Academy for the 2008-2009 school year; Roll call: All Ayes.

Mr. Kurt introduced resolution 08-09-22, to approve the proposed changes in Board Policy #5112 and #8405 that was presented to the Board to review at the last regular meeting.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to adopt Board Resolution number 08-09-22, to approve Board Policies #5112 Entrance Requirements, and #8405 Environmental Health and Safety Issues; Roll call: All ayes.

Mr. Kurt informed the Board that Dane Santus has met all State and Local requirements to graduate with the Class of 2008.

Motion by Mr. Myers, second by Mrs. Kuns, to approve Dane Santus for graduation with the class of 2008 as he has met all the state and local requirements; Roll Call: All Ayes.

Motion by Mrs. Kuns, seconded by Mr. Bodey, to adopt Board Resolution number 08-09-23, to enter into an agreement with Northwest Ohio Educational Technology (NOWET) for the 2008-2009 at a cost of \$2,226; Roll Call: All ayes.

Mr. Kurt stated that MARMO is sponsoring a trip to Chicago for a Band Program and would like to take the Margaretta High School Band. The students and families have paid for the trip with the assistance of a fundraiser. The program will be in Chicago from April 3 to April 5 next year. Mr. Kurt is requesting Board approval for the students to leave the state.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to approve an out-of-state trip sponsored by MARMO for the High School Band to attend a program in Chicago from April 3 through April 5, 2009; Roll Call: All ayes.

Personnel Actions:

Certified Staff:

Motion by Mr. Stark, seconded by Mr. Myers, to amend the contract with Shannon Bramel, Title I teacher, from ½ time to ¾ time; and to approve the following supplemental contracts:

Drew Grahl - JV Girls Basketball at Level 6,  
Stefanie Lee - Freshman Girls Basketball at Level 3,  
Carl Guyton - Varsity Girls Track at Level 6,  
Shannon Bramel - Asst Varsity Girls Track at Level 1,  
Fran Warner - Entry Year Mentor - \$750,  
Laurie Keefer - New to District Mentor - \$400,  
Vicki Myers - New to District Mentor - \$400,  
Jennifer Blevins - New to District Mentor - \$400,  
Paul Schoenegge - New to District Mentor - \$400,  
Melissa Kuns - Entry Year Mentor - \$750,  
Angie Tucker - New to District Mentor - \$400,  
Bonnie Greer - New to District Mentor - \$400,  
Cheryl Troxel - New to District Mentor - \$400,  
Sandy Carroll - New to District Mentor - \$400,  
Wendy Kimberlin - New to District Mentor - \$400,  
Marnie Hallet-Szymanski - New to District Mentor- \$400, and

Teal Balduff - Title One Coordinator at Level 2;

Roll Call: All ayes, except Mr. Lippert who abstained.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to approve Student Observation for Kelly Protzman at the High School and Elementary;  
Roll Call: All ayes.

Classified Staff:

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, to accept the resignation of Cheryl Catri as Bus Driver and Mail Courier effective August 26, 2008; and

to employ the following:

Deanna Faber - EMIS Coordinator at 0.60 FTE effective August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009,

Lori Arnold - Bus Driver with 0 years experience, effective 9/2/2008,

Richard Meyer, Bus Driver with 0 years experience, effective 9/15/2008, and

Pam Justi - Mail Courier with 8 years experience, effective 9/08/2008;

Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Kuns, the board approves the employment of the following Supplemental Contracts:

Rob Watson - Varsity Baseball at Level 2, and

Karyn Bohn - Jr High Cheerleader Advisor at level 2; and

Employ the following Substitutes:

Ruth Duskins - custodian, effective 9/09/2008,

Vickie Bluhm - lunchroom,

Debra Cousino - custodian,

Kathy Maloney - bus aide, and

Arnold Hamilton - bus driver, pending completion of all state and local requirements; and

Approve Tyler Brown as a volunteer for the Cheerleaders;

Roll Call: All ayes.

Old Business:

None.

Informational Items:

Mr. Kurt mentioned to the Board that the High School Leadership will be mentoring Elementary students. The next meeting of the Margareta Citizens committee will be having their next meeting on Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup> at the High School library and encouraged Board members and those in attendance to participate.

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 7:47 p.m.

Mr. Kurt, Mr. Hammond, and attorney Kevin Locke from the law firm of Pepple and Waggoner 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 8:57 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 8:58 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Jude T. Hammond  
Treasurer/Business Manager