

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2024.

The Margarettta Board of Education met for an organizational and regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday January 8, 2024 at the Administrative Offices.

Mrs. Keegan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with roll call:

Mr. Hula:	Present
Mr. Lippert:	Present
Mr. Schoenegge:	Present
Mr. Sutorius:	Present
Mrs. Tucker:	Present

The Treasurer Administers the Oath to New Members

Mrs. Keegan administered the Oath to Mr. Sutorius and Mr. Lippert and they affirmed with “I Do” and executed the Oath of Office form; Roll call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

The Margarettta Board of Education members for calendar year 2024 are as follows: Mr. Hula, Mr. Lippert, Mr. Schoenegge, Mr. Sutorius, and Mrs. Tucker.

Election of Officers for the Calendar Year 2024:

Mr. Schoenegge motioned and seconded by Mr. Sutorius to nominate Mrs. Tucker for President and Mr. Hula motioned and Mr. Lippert seconded the nomination of Mr. Sutorius for Vice President; Roll call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Mr. Hula motioned to elect Mrs. Tucker as President and seconded by Mr. Sutorius; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: abstained.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge to elect Mr. Sutorius as Vice President, seconded by Mr. Hula; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: abstained, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula to elect Mr. Sutorius as OSBA Legislative Liaison, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: abstained, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to adopt Board Resolution number 23-24-35, to set the Regular Board Meeting Dates for the 2024 Calendar Year to be held at 6:30 p.m., on the following dates:

January 8, 2024	July 15, 2024
February 19, 2024	August 19, 2024
March 18, 2024	September 16, 2024
April 15, 2024	October 21, 2024
May 20, 2024	November 18, 2024
June 24, 2024	December 16, 2024

Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Treasurer's Report:

New Business:

Motion by Mr. Sutorius and seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to adopt Board Resolution number 23-24-36, to authorize the Treasurer to pay bills as they are presented, provided funds are available, and reported monthly to the Board of Education for the 2024 Calendar Year; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula, and seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to adopt Board Resolution number 22-23-37, to authorize the Board President and Treasurer to borrow funds, if necessary for the 2024 Calendar Year; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, and seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to adopt Board Resolution number 22-23-38, to authorize the Treasurer to invest surplus funds for the 2024 Calendar Year; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Lippert, and seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to adopt Board Resolution number 22-23-39 to request advances on local tax collections from the Erie and Sandusky County Auditors as needed; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, and seconded by Mr. Lippert, to adopt Board Resolution number 22-23-40, to authorize the Superintendent to approve Staff attendance at workshops and meetings within the State of Ohio for the 2024 Calendar Year; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula, and seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to adopt Board Resolution number 22-23-41, to authorize the Superintendent to approve special transportation trip requests within the State of Ohio for students and staff for the 2024 Calendar Year; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, and seconded by Mr. Hula, to adopt Board Resolution number 22-23-42 to participate in all current Federal and State grant programs and solicit public input regarding the use of funds and services provided for the 2023-2024 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023–2024

Mrs. Keegan presented the FY 2024-2025 Tax Budget for Board consideration. There was a motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to adopt Board Resolution number 23-24-43 to approve FY 2024-2025 Tax Budget and provide for public input and inspection; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula, and seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to adjourn the 2024 Organizational Meeting at 6:40 p.m.; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING CONVENING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 2024 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Motion by Mr. Hula, and seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to call the regular meeting to order; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, and seconded by Mr. Hula, to approve the minutes from the Special BOE Meeting held on December 27, 2023; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Reports to the Board

Townsend Community School (TCS) Report and TCS Sponsor Report, both reports were given by Mr. Kurt and Mr. Bohn was excused from the meeting. Mr. Kurt reviewed Mr. Bohn's report that covered the current student enrollment, their Stars testing, and the meetings that they are trying to schedule with Lorain County Superintendents about a future location and partnership with Lorain Community College. Mr. Kurt also stated that we have had our regular monthly meetings, reviewed the financials, submitted the ODE Audit Questionnaire from both Mr. Kurt and Mrs. Keegan. Mrs. Keegan also stated that there was a typo in the financial report that was identified by TCS, and therefore Mrs. Keegan will publish a revised financial analysis for last month.

Public Participation

None

Treasurer's Financial Report/Schedule of Bills

Mrs. Keegan presented the schedule of bills, bank reconciliations, fund balances, etc., that were included in the Board's packages for review. Mrs. Keegan stated that the fiscal year to date revenue through December (with 50% of the fiscal year complete) was a total of \$7.7M and expenses of \$8.8M resulting in a decrease to the general fund balance of

\$(1.1)M. The beginning cash balance in the total general fund as of July 1, 2023 was \$1.0M so at the end of December the general fund balance was a negative balance of \$(89,250). Mrs. Keegan stated that given the general fund balance is negative, she will be asking the board to approve the transfer of \$1.0M from the new facility reserve to keep the general fund with a positive balance. Mrs. Keegan then went through the variances in the year over year comparison, with the major variance in the revenue being the Nexus tangible personal property taxes of \$(534)K due the company paying at 66% of the tax bill in 2022 and only 40% in 2023.

Treasurer's Report

New Business:

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, and seconded by Mr. Lippert, to adopt Board Resolution number 23-24-44, authorizing the Treasurer to make Inter-Fund Transfers of funds for the current fiscal year of 2023; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Superintendent's Report:

Personnel Actions:

Motion by Mr. Hula, and seconded Mr. Sutorius, to approve FMLA/unpaid leave requests; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Classified Staff:

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, and seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to hire Tyler Henderson, Special Education Aide effective January 9, 2024, for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Kurt stated that this is not a new position and that it is backfilling an existing opening; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, and seconded by Mr. Hula, to enter executive session under R.C. 121.22(G)(5) for discussion of matters required to be kept confidential by state statutes; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. Mr. Kurt and Mrs. Keegan remained in the executive session.

Motion by Mr. Warner, and seconded by Mr. Hula to return to Open Public Session; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula, and seconded by Mr. Schoenegge to adjourn the meeting having no further business to come before the board; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Angie Tucker
Board President

Diane Keegan
Treasurer