MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL, 2025.

Margaretta Board of Education met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 21st, 2025 at the Margaretta Board of Education, 305 S. Washington Street, Castalia, Ohio.

Regular Board Meeting

Mrs. Tucker, Board President, then called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. requesting roll call by Mr. Hall:

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited after roll call.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, and seconded by Mr. Hula, to approve the minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on Monday March 17, 2025; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Board and Staff Reports

Townsend Community School's (TCS) Report & TCS Sponsor's Report

Mr. Ryan Bohn, TCS Principal and Superintendent was excused from the meeting and Mr. Kurt passed out Mr. Bohn's report which communicated the following:

- Graduates for the 2024-2025 School Year: 71
- Enrollment: 483
- The second site visit was completed by Mr. Kurt on March 31, 2025.

Important Upcoming Dates

- Tuesday, April 22nd: TCS Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
- Tuesday, May 20th: TCS Board Meeting (7:00 PM)

Polar Bear Organics - Fork Farms Hydroponics Growing System

Mrs. Chris Smith and Mrs. Lindsay Miller, along with four students, presented to the board on the success of their Hydroponics growing system in their classroom. The students did a wonderful job explaining how the hydroponics system works and their experiences. The class was proud to report they had grown 14 pounds of lettuce which was used by Margaretta's cafeteria staff for school lunches. The group was also proud to report they won a competition that will help them get a second system to expand their growing efforts.

Margaretta Elementary School Report

Margaretta Elementary Principal, Mr. Keven Wise, reported on the highlights of the school year. The students were able to take exciting field trips to Put-In-Bay to experience the Ohio State University's Stone Lab and to the Cleveland Art Museum. Mr. Wise also shared how the school is utilizing "virtual field trips" to help student's gain new experiences. Additionally,

Mr. Wise was proud of the academic success the elementary school has experienced this year.

Permanent Improvement Update
Mr. Lucas Poggiali presented to the board a list of permanent improvement projections the district should look into completed over the next few years. The list included projects such as: district wide parking lot repairs, hot water heater at MES, chromebook purchases for the district, roof work at MHS, school bus purchase to maintain the fleet, and a renovation to the MHS swimming pool. Mr. Poggiali highlighted a new filtration system that could increase the life of the swimming pool by up to 25+ years while saving the district water and chemical expenses along the way.

Public Participation
Mr. Gary Smith updated the board on Lifewise's schedule for next year and shared the success of "Bring a parent to Lifewise" day.

Introduction of Additional Items to the Agenda
No additional items were added to the agenda.

Treasurer's Financial Report and Schedule of Bills
Mr. Hall presented the schedule of bills, bank reconciliations, fund balances, etc., that were included in the Board's packages for review. Mr. Hall stated that the 2025 Fiscal Year to Date (FYTD) revenue through March was a total of $17.8M (which was an increase of $2.1M compared to last year at this time) and expenses of $20.1M resulting in a decrease to the general fund balance of $(2.3). The Fiscal Year beginning cash balance in the general fund as of July 1, 2024 was $1.2M so the current general fund balance was $(1.1M).

Treasurer's Report
Informational
1. Facility Progress Update
Mr. Hall reported to the board that the district had a successful Certificates of Participation (COPs) sale on April 16th. The district COPs offering of $56.8 million will be used to fund the new Pre-K through 12 building. With financing in place, the district is ready to move forward with the project.

2. Bus Sale through Ohio Schools Council
Mr. Hall informed the board that the district will be using the Ohio Schools Council to facilitate the sale of an old bus. He will report the result of the sale back to the board.

3. Sandusky County Board of Revision
Mr. Hall reported to the board that two properties filed appeals with the Sandusky County Board of Revision. The district will not contest the appeals.

New Business
Motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Lippert, on Resolution (#24-25-70), to approve the renewal contract with the Erie County Health Department to provide building nursing services for the 2025- 2026 School Year; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution (#24-25-71), to approve expenses exceeding the $3,000 threshold of the "then and now" provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(d); Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye..

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution (#24-25-72), to approve entering into an agreement with Julian and Grube, Inc.to provide services/auditing of the Ohio Medicaid School Program (MSP) for fiscal years ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye

Superintendent's Report
New Business

Motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution (#24-25-73), to approve an MOU agreement with Rhodes College for the purpose of providing opportunities for students to enroll in the dual credit College Credit Plus (CCP) Program for the 2025-2026 School Year; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to approve MOU to create a sick leave donation system for a specific employee for the 2024-2025 school year only; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve a tentative three year OAPSE Agreement starting July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to approve amendments to the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school year calendars due to changes within the MTA Negotiated Agreement; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mr. Hula, on Resolution (#24-25-74), to approve a contract with North Point Educational Service Center (NPESC) for services of a Multi-Agreement Cooperative Contract (including Developmental Disabilities programs) for the 2025-2026 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to approve a two-year preventative maintenance agreement with Gundlach Sheet Metal Works Inc. to service existing buildings in the District; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, on Resolution (#24-25-75), to approve a cooperative transportation agreement with Sandusky City Schools retroactive to April 7th,

2025 through the end of the 2024-25 school year to assist in transporting a student at the rate of $350 per day; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Hula, on Resolution (#24-25-76), to approve an MOU agreement with BGSU for the purpose of cooperating in field-based experiences, including teacher internship and student teaching opportunities retroactive to January 1st, 2024 through December 31st, 2029; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Lippert, on Resolution (#24-25-77), to approve a sales agreement with Northern Ohio Educational Computer Association for the purchase of eligible broadband internal connection components through the E-Rate program, retroactive to March 25th, 2025; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr.Lippert, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution (#24-25-78), determining transportation of a student impractical in accordance with Ohio Revised Code section 3327.02; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Personnel Actions

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

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Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to accept the retirement of Beth Steager-Burkett, Teacher effective June 1, 2025; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Hula, to accept the retirement of Tranette Novak, Literacy Supervisor - June 16, 2025; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to accept the retirement of Teal Balduff, Title One Teacher effective May 30, 2025; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to hire Teal Balduff, Title One Teacher for the 2025-2026 School Year pending completion of all state and local requirements; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to hire Zackary Hartz, Math Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year pending completion of all state and local requirements; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to approve the final Agriculture Education 5th Quarter Funding of $4.958 for 2024-2025 School Year and distribution to VoAg, Alison Butler and Kevin Kremer; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

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Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mr. Hula, to accept the retirement of Bonnie Preston, Secretary effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to accept the retirement of Pamela Solze, Office Aide effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve the two-year contract renewal for Natalie Gottron, Educator on Special Assignment for the 2025-2026 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to hire William Jacoby, intermittent groundskeeper for the 2025 calendar year; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to hire Peggy Young as a substitute Special Educational Aide for the 2025-2026 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to approve unpaid leave for Carrie Lewis, Bus Driver - April 11, 2025 through May 29, 2025; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, Motion to approve unpaid leave for Vickie Bluhm, Custodian - April 7, 2025 through April 25, 2025; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Hula, to enter Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion or compensation of public employees; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Mrs. Tucker stated the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Margaretta Board of Education office, 305 S. Washington St. Castalia, Oh 44824.

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:52 p.m. with Mr. Hall, Mrs. Diane Keegan, and Mr. Kurt remaining in the Executive Session.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Hula, to return from Executive Session to open session; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:01 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Angie Tucker
Board President

Keegan Hall
Treasurer

Certificate Section 5705.412, Ohio Revised Code
It is hereby certified that the Margaretta Local School District Board of Education, Erie and Sandusky County, Ohio, has sufficient funds to meet the contract agreement, obligation, payment, or expenditure for the above, and has in effect for the remainder of the fiscal fear and succeeding fiscal year the authorization to levy taxes which, when combined with the estimated revenue from all other sources available to the district at the time of certification, are sufficient to provide operating revenues necessary to enable the district to operate an adequate educational program on all days set forth in its adopted school calendar for the current fiscal year and for a number of days in the succeeding fiscal year equal to the number of days instruction was or is scheduled for the current fiscal year.

Margaretta Treasurer

President, Board of Education

Margaretta Superintendent