

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2025.

Margaretta Board of Education met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 17, 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. Lippert, and seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve the minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on Monday January 17, 2025; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Board and Staff Reports

Townsend Community School's (TCS) Report

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

- Graduates for the 2024-2025 School Year: 43
- Enrollment: 498
- Our new locations at Lorain CCC and Terra State are going well.
- Margaretta transportation has done a very nice job, and Townsend is grateful for these services.
- Thank you Margaretta for your continued partnership in education.

Important Upcoming Dates

- Wednesday, February 12th: Steered Straight Assembly @ MHS (10:15-11:45 AM)
- Tuesday, February 25th: TCS Board Meeting (4:00 PM)

TCS Margaretta Sponsor's Report

Mr. Kurt informed the board that the two schools have great collaboration on Professional Development (PD) days and assemblies with both groups of students. He talked about the success of the Steered Straight Assembly on February 12th, 2025. Both TCS and Margaretta students were moved by the speaker's message.

Public Participation

Mr. Gary Smith provided a newsletter regarding the Lifewise program with the board. He highlighted the use of the van donated to the program that has helped transport students on cold days.

Mr. Lippert thanked Carrie Keller, Ali Downing and all involved with the planning and execution of the Achievement Hall of Fame dinner and ceremony, as well as those involved in Mrs. Diane Keegan's retirement celebration.

Introduction of Additional Items to the Agenda

Mr. Kurt corrected Courtney Kennedy to Courtney Fitzgerald in the Classified section of 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 January was a total of \$10.5M (which was an increase of \$1.3M compared to last year at this time) and expenses of \$12.7M resulting in a decrease to the general fund balance of \$(2.2)M. 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)M.

Treasurer's Report

Informational

1. Facility Progress Update - Mr. Hall updated the board about the district's credit rating result from Moody's. The district received an A1 rating which was a favorable outcome for the district. Additionally, Mr. Hall informed the board that Becky Princehorn and OFCC are working on a solution for insurance on the new project.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Hula, on Resolution number 24-25-60, to approve expenses exceeding the \$3,000 threshold of the "then and now" provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.4(d); 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, to approve the three-year contract renewal for Ed Kurt, Superintendent effective August 1, 2025; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye..

Superintendent's Report

Old Business

Motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to approve the second reading of the following NEOLA Policies: 0100 Definitions, 0142.1 Oath, 0151 Organizational Meeting, 0152 Officers, 0155 Committees, 0163 Presiding Officer, 0164 Notice of Meetings, 0165 Board Meetings, 0166 Agendas, 0167.2 Executive Session, 0167.7 Use of Personal Communication Devices, 1130 Conflict of Interest, 2413 Career Advising, 3113 Conflict of Interest, 4113 Conflict of Interest, 4120.08 Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities, 4121 Criminal History Record Check, 5136.01 Electronic Equipment, 5200 Attendance, 5500 Student Conduct, 5780 student/Parent Rights,

6110 Grant Funds, 6111 Internal Controls, 6112 Cash Management of Grants, 6114 Cost Principals - Spending Federal Funds, 6220 Budget Preparation, 6320 Purchasing and Bidding, 6325 Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds, 6460 Vendor Relations, 6550 Travel Payment & Reimbursement/Relocation Costs, 7310 Disposition of Surplus Property, 7450 Property Inventory, 7530.01 Cellular Telephone Allowance, 7530.02 Staff Use of Personal Communication Devices, 7540.03 Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety, 7540.04 Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety, 7540.09 Artificial Intelligence, 8310 Public Records, 9160 Public Attendance at School Events and 5113 Inter-District Open Enrollment Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye

New Business

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to approve the foreign exchange student for the 2025-2026 school year, Mia Freund - Germany; 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, on resolution number 24-25-62, to authorize the continued membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association 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, on resolution number 24-25-62, to approve the independent consulting agreement with Diane Keegan through December 2026; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Personnel Actions

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by 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.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to approve the contract addendum to the three-year contract for Frances Kremer, EMIS Coordinator; 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. Hula, to approve the two-year contract renewal for Kristin Solze, Treasurer Assistant - Budgetary/Accounts Payable effective July 1, 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 approve the two-year contract renewal for Micki Hula, Treasurer Assistant-Payroll/Benefits effective July 1, 2025; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: abstain, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Classified

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to approve the hiring of the following 2025 spring sport coaches, pending completion of all state and local requirements:

Softball: Israel Palomo - 75% Varsity Assistant Softball Coach, Addie Kromer - 25% Varsity Assistant Softball Coach, Andy Kennedy - 50% JV Softball Coach, Courtney Fitzgerald - 50% JV Softball Coach; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to hire Rick Boos, Substitute Custodian for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, pending completion of state and local requirements; 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 William (Bill) Hinds, Bus Driver for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, pending completion of state and local requirements; 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. Hula, to hire Breanna Young, Bus Driver for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, pending completion of 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. Schoenegge, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve Natasha McCowan, long term substitute for the 2024-2025 school year effective 2/10/2025; 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 - employee negotiations; 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 March 17, 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 6:57 p.m. with Mr. Hall, Mrs. Diane Keegan, and Mr. Kurt remaining in the Executive Session.

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, 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 7:50 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, 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 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Angie Tucker
Board President



Keegan Hall
Treasurer

Certificate Section 5705.412, Ohio Revised Code

It is hereby certified that the Margareta 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 year 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.


Margareta Treasurer

President, Board of Education

Margareta Superintendent