MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2026.

The Margaretta Board of Education met for an organizational and regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday January 12, 2026 at the Margaretta Elementary Cafeteria.

Mrs. Tucker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Hall swore in newly elected board members Mr. Josh Hula, Mr. Paul Schoenegge, and Mrs. Angie Tucker.

Mrs. Tucker then asked Mr. Hall for a roll call:

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

Election of Officers for the Calendar Year 2026:
Motions were made to nominate Mrs. Tucker for President and to nominate Mr. Sutorius for Vice President again. Mr. Hula motioned to close nominations and Mr. Schoenegge seconded the motion; Roll call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

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

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

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

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to adopt Board Resolution number 25-26-41, to set the Regular Board Meeting Dates for the 2026 Calendar Year to be held at 6:30 p.m., on the following dates:

January 12, 2026	July 20 , 2026
February 23, 2026	August 24, 2026
March 16, 2026	September 21, 2026
April 20, 2026	October 19, 2026
May 18, 2026	November 23, 2026

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

Treasurer's Report:

New Business:

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Hula to approve Resolution (#25-26-42), 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 2026 Calendar 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. Schoenegge to approve Resolution (#25-26-43), to authorize the Board President and Treasurer to borrow funds, if necessary for the 2026 CY; 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 approve Resolution (#25-26-44), to authorize the Treasurer to invest surplus funds for the 2026 CY; 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 Resolution (#25-26-45) to request advances on local tax collections from the Erie and Sandusky County Auditors as needed; 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. Schoenegge to approve Resolution (#25-26-46), to authorize the Superintendent to approve Staff attendance at workshops and meetings within the State of Ohio for the 2026 CY; 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 Resolution (#25-26-47), to authorize the Superintendent to approve special transportation trip requests within the State of Ohio for students and staff for the 2026 CY; 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. Sutorius to approve Resolution (#25-26-48) to participate in all current Federal and State grant programs and solicit public input regarding the use of funds and services provided for the 2026-2027 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026–2027

Mrs. Keegan presented the FY 2026-2027 Tax Budget for Board consideration. There was a motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to adopt Board Resolution number 25-26-49 to approve FY 2026-2027 Tax Budget and provide for public input and inspection; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, and seconded by Mr. Hula, to adjourn the 2026 Organizational Meeting at 6:42 p.m.; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING CONVENING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 2026 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, 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.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Mr. Hula, and seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to approve the minutes from the Regular BOE Meeting held on December 15, 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 Superintendent, reported the following:

- Graduates for the 2025-2026 School Year: 39
- Enrollment: 452
- TCS is finalizing an innovation waiver request to ODEW. The school wishes to add career education programs in the coming years, specifically in manufacturing and health care.
- TCS next board meeting is 1/13/2026 at 4:00 PM

TCS Sponsor's Report

Mr. Kurt noted that the district continues to meet monthly with TCS and collaborate with safety initiatives. Additionally, Margaretta has offered to assist TCS with the writing of their innovation grant.

Facility Progress Update

Mr. Ted Kastor, district owner's rep, presented to the board that the project is moving along well and is on schedule and on budget. He added that the quality of work thus far has been excellent.

Mrs. Diane Keegan, district financial consultant, shared again that the project is on budget and the district is well within all contingencies so far.

Mr. Kurt added that sections A, B, and C are all under roof, except for a small area in B where mechanical equipment will be dropped in. Additionally, almost all of the windows have been installed. On Friday, January 16th, architects, Fanning and Howey, will meet virtually with staff to review and refresh them on the layout and design of classrooms.

Public Participation

Mr. Tim Tucker asked when Legacy Fundraiser totals must be reported to Mr. Hogreffe each year. Mr. Hall and Mr. Kurt answered that the district will report to Mr. Hogreffe in June of each year.

Introduction of Additional Items to the Agenda

There were no additional items introduced.

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 2026 Fiscal Year to Date (FYTD) revenue through December was a total of $8.9M (which was an increase of $1.1M compared to last year at this time) and expenses of $9.9M resulting in a decrease to the general fund balance of ($971,558). The Fiscal Year beginning cash balance in the general fund as of July 1, 2025 was $530,919M so the current FY26 general fund balance is ($440,669).

Treasurer's Report

Informational

1. Audit extension filed until January 31st, 2026

Mr. Hall shared with the board that the auditors have requested an extension from the traditional December 31st deadline to gain clarification on how to categorize the large payback received from Nexus in the previous fiscal year. Additionally, Mr. Hall had an exit conference with the auditors and shared that the district received three verbal recommendations. The recommendations have been implemented by the fiscal office and are corrected for the current fiscal year. No material findings were issued during the audit.

2. Legacy Paver Walkway Update

Mr. Hall shared that the district has raised $38,000 to date toward the Legacy fundraiser. Mr. Hall thanked Firelands Vending for their generous donation of $10,000! Mr. Kurt and Mr. Hall shared with the board that through working with the construction team that the district will be moving the Legacy Garden into a Legacy Walkway. The bricks purchased will now be installed under the canopy leading into the event entrance.

Superintendent's Report

Old Business

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, and seconded Mr. Hula, to approve second reading and approval of the following transportation policies: PO4162 Drug and Alcohol Testing of CDL License Holders Who Perform Safety-Sensitive Functions and are Subject To DOT Testing; PO4162.01 Employees Without CDL Licenses Who Transport Students in Alternative Vehicles (Non-DOT Testing); PO8600 Transportation; PO8600.04 Bus and Alternative Vehicle Driver Certification; PO8640 Transportation for Non-Routine Trips; 8650 Transportation by Alternative Vehicles; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

New Business

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Sutorius to appoint Paul Schoenegge, as Margaretta's OSBA Student Achievement Liaison for the 2026 Calendar Year; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: abstain, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mr. Sutorius to approve contract between Margaretta Local Schools and Townsend Community School (TCS) to provide TCS with agreed upon transportation services for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Personnel Actions:

Motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Sutorius to approve FMLA/unpaid leave requests; 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. Schoenegge to approve the revision of the Limited Employment Wage Schedule (updating minimum wage employees from $10.70 to $11.00); Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Classified Staff:

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mr. Lippert to accept the retirement of Vicki Robinson, Bus Driver effective March 1, 2026; Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

D. Informational

1. Mr. Kurt shared that the Achievement Hall of Fame induction will be at the boys home basketball game on Friday, February 6th. Dinner will be at 5:30 and the inductees will be recognized between the JV and Varsity games.
2. Mr. Kurt informed the board of new plans for the board office renovation. The Erie County Health Department may be securing an additional $400,000 grant that would allow them to install dental care equipment to the current board office. If this were to happen the board office would move to the Margaretta Elementary School around spring break of this year.
3. Mr. Kurt acknowledged that January is board appreciation month and recognized the board of education members and thanked them for their service to the students and school district.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Hula 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 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Angie Tucker
Board President

Keegan Hall
Treasurer