MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2026.

The Margaretta Board of Education met for a regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday February 23, 2026 at the Margaretta Elementary Cafeteria.

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

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

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

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Mr. Hula, and seconded by Mr. Lippert, to approve the minutes from the Organizational and Regular BOE Meeting held on January 12, 2026 and from the BOE Work Session held on February 14, 2026; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: 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: 52
- Enrollment: 450
- TCS has submitted 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 is still waiting to hear back from ODEW.
- Townsend is discontinuing its partnership with Family Health Services for behavioral health needs. TCS has entered an agreement with The Caring Collective.
- Townsend staff is going through a Poverty Simulation with the Second Harvet Food Bank on Tuesday, February 24th.
- TCS next board meeting is 3/17//2026 at 4:00 PM

TCS Sponsor's Report

Mr. Kurt noted that he attended Townsend's February board meeting. The district continues to meet monthly with TCS and collaborate.

Facility Progress Update

Mr. Kurt stated that the district is focused on finalizing plans for the abatement and button up existing facilities. Progress is continuing at the new facility with stairwells being poured and the gym floor being prepared to be poured. Mr. Kurt also shared that leases for MES are being worked on and are expected to be brought to the board in March.

Mrs. Diane Keegan, district financial consultant, shared that the OFCC will cover 38% of abatement at each existing facility. Mrs. Keegan also shared that Nexus property value depreciated at 4.6% this year.

Public Participation
There was no public participation.

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 January was a total of $9.5M (which was a decrease of $1M compared to last year at this time) and expenses of $11.2M resulting in a decrease to the general fund balance of ($1.7M). 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 ($1.1M).

Treasurer's Report
Informational
1. Excess Costs FY25 Update
Mr. Hall shared with the board that the district was able to bill out $300,584 to other districts for expenses incurred by students who are open enrolled to Margaretta. Conversely, the district was billed $63,795 by other districts for students who are open enrolled from Margaretta to another district. This resulted in a net positive for Excess Costs of $236,789. Mr. Hall noted that with the assistance of Kathy Hall he was able to bill student specific which resulted in an increase of $50,463 to the amount billed out as opposed to using the per capita amount.

2. Legacy Paver Walkway Update
Mr. Hall shared that the district has raised $43,000 as of February 23, 2026. Mr. Hall also shared that Mr. Kurt, Mrs. Diane Keegan, and himself had lunch with Mr. Rick Hogrefe and were able to give him a tour of the new facility. Mr. Hogrefe was excited with the progress. The district appreciates his partnership with this project.

New Business

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge to approve Resolution (#25-26-52), to adopt a Five Year Forecast for Fiscal Year 2026 through Fiscal Year 2030; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Lippert on Resolution (#25-26-53), to approve expenditures that have exceeded the $3,000 threshold of the "then and now" provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 705.41(d); Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.
Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mr. Hula to approve a five year agreement with Tyler Technologies for transportation routing software at the cost of $2,410 per year, retro to January 14, 2026; Roll Call: Mr, Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Superintendent's Report

New Business

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mr. Lippert to approve The Music Department out of State Travel and Itinerary to New York City from March 30, 2027 until April 3, 2027; Roll Call: Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Lippert on Resolution (#25-26-54), to authorize the continued membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association for the 2026-2027 School Year; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge to approve MOU with OAPSE to create a sick leave donation system for two specific employees for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year only; Roll Call: Mr, Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mr. Hula on Resolution (#25-26-55), to approve an MOU agreement with Lorain County Community College (LCCC) for the purpose of providing opportunities for students to enroll in the dual credit College Credit Plus (CCP) Program for the 2026-2027 School Year; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge to approve MOU with OAPSE to establish a retire/rehire option for their employees; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Lippert to approve a contract between Margaretta Local Schools and New Story Schools to provide New Story with agreed upon transportation services for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year; Roll Call: Mr, Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge on Resolution (#25-26-56) to approve an agreement for behavioral health services with The Caring Collective LLC for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge on Resolution (#25-26-57) to approve the establishment of an Innovation School Zone application for Kindergarten Readiness for the 2026-2027 School Year; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Personnel Actions:

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

Certified Staff:
Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge to approve the hiring of the following 2026 spring sport coaches, pending completion of all state and local requirements: Track and Field: Luke Weyer - Varsity Assistant Coach, Marnie Hallett-Szymanaki - JH Boys Track Coach, Olivia Wimmer - JH Girls Track Coach, Conar Burns - JH Boys Assistant Coach; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mr. Hula to approve the following volunteers for the 2026 season: Ryan Bohn - Volunteer Baseball Coach, Bill Minshall - Volunteer Track Coach; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge to hire Jeff Keck, Substitute Instructional Tutor retro to February 18, 2026 for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year pending completion of all state and local requirements; Roll Call: Mr, Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge to approve the hiring of the following 2026 spring sport coaches, pending completion of all state and local requirements:
Softball: Israel Palomo - 75% Varsity Assistant Coach, Addie Kromer - 25% Varsity Assistant Coach, Andy Kennedy - 50% JV Coach, Jordyn Hawkins - 50% JV Coach
Baseball: Chris Cullen - 50% Varsity Assistant Coach, Dan Hedberg - 50% Varsity Assistant Coach Jeff Todd - 50% JV Coach, Kaleb Carpenter - 50% JV Coach
Track and Field: Taylor Deer - Varsity Assistant Coach, Courtney Orshoski - JH Girls Assistant Coach; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Lippert to approve the following volunteers for the 2026 season: Austin Dillery - Volunteer Baseball Coach, Steve Craig - Volunteer Baseball Coach, Courtney Fitzgerald - Volunteer Softball Coach, Brian Stimmel - Volunteer Track Coach, Aaron Canada - Volunteer Track Coach; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schonegee, seconded by Mr. Lippert to hire Dylan Morris, Athletic Event Worker for the 2026 season; Roll Call: Mr, Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge to accept the resignation of Troy Miller, Special Education Aide and Strength and Conditioning Coach effective February 6, 2026; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mr. Hula to hire Connie Todd, Substitute Special Education Aide retro to February 11, 2026; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Lippert to hire Carrie McDonald and Brian McCormick, Substitute Bus Aides for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year pending completion of all

state and local requirements; Roll Call: Mr, Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Lippert to hire Josh Ward, Fleet Mechanic effective 3/9/2026 pending completion of all state and local requirements; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

D. Informational

1. Mr. Kurt shared that the district is still working through calendars for the 2027-2028 school year with input and collaboration from the MTA. Additionally, Mr. Kurt is reviewing calendars of other Sandusky County schools.
2. Mr. Lucas Poggiali and Dr. Jenn Theis shared with the board their goals for future career tech programs at Margaretta. They would like to pursue the possibility of getting our students to be able to receive Industry Recognized Credentials. Industry Recognized Credentials are a 12 point credential that indicates career readiness to employers. Additionally, the district could look to add pre-apprenticeship programs in collaboration with North Point ESC. Dr. Theis noted that career pathway work starts at the middle school level. She shared her hope that every student would be able to have an internship during their high school career.

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

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:36 P.M. with Mr. Kurt and Mr. Hall not entering the Executive Session.

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

The Board excited the Executive Session at 9:04 P.M.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Angela L. Tucker

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Board President

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Treasurer