MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2026.

The Margaretta Board of Education met for a regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday March 16, 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:	Present
Mrs. Tucker:	Present

Approval of the Minutes
Motion by Mr. Hula, and seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to approve the minutes from the Regular BOE Meeting held on February 23, 2026; 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
Mr. Ryan Bohn, TCS Superintendent, was excused from the meeting. Mr. Kurt reported the following on his behalf:

- Graduates for the 2025-2026 School Year: 57
- Enrollment: 454
- TCS is currently working on their One Needs Assessment and One Plan, which will help set goals for the next three years. The goals will focus on the areas of literacy, mathematics, and attendance.
- Students are currently taking the second round of STAR testing to measure reading and mathematics growth.
- End of Course testing will occur in April, after spring break.
- TCS next board meeting is 3/17/2026 at 4:00 PM

TCS Sponsor's Report
Mr. Kurt noted the district and TCS continue to meet monthly and that the district reviews TCS' monthly financials to confirm accuracy, with no issues being found. Mr. Kurt also planned to attend TCS' March 17th board meeting.

Facility Progress Update
Mr. Kurt stated that the new facility project is over 50% complete. He noted the harsh winter resulted in some lost days for Mosser, above what had been allotted at the beginning of the project. Mosser is evaluated if the lost days will impact the completion date. Mr. Kurt also shared that he and Mr. Ted Kastor, district owner's rep, met with Janotta & Herner for an estimate for a partial demo at the current MS/HS site and button up to keep the pool, gym, newer locker rooms, and lobby.

Mrs. Diane Keegan, district financial consultant, added that Fanning Howey provided a general budget estimate for partial demo and button up of the MS/HS, but Janotta & Herner and Mosser will be providing a more in depth estimate so the district has accurate information to evaluate. She also shared that the Village had concerns about the 101 and 269 intersection. The district will be meeting with the Village, Mosser, Sheriff Sigsworth, and ODOT to discuss. Mrs. Keegan also noted that Mosser owes the OFCC an actual count of lost days.

Public Participation
Mrs. Connie Harkness asked if Margaretta preschool would stay in the MES building or move to the new facility. She also asked if the district tracks by days or hours, in regard to going over five calamity days this year.

Mr. Tim Tucker asked if the state would extend days.

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 $10.6M (which was a decrease of $2.8M compared to last year at this time) and expenses of $12.4M resulting in a decrease to the general fund balance of ($1.8M). The Fiscal Year beginning cash balance in the general fund as of July 1, 2025 was $530,919 so the current FY26 general fund balance is ($1.3M).

Treasurer's Report
New Business

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge on Resolution (#25-26-58) accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Erie County Budget Commission for the purpose of property tax collections in calendar year 2026; 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 on Resolution (#25-26-59), 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. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge on Resolution (#25-26-60) to approve Ohio Schools Council to advertise and receive school bus bids on Margaretta's behalf; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Sutorius on Resolution (#25-26-61), authorizing the Treasurer to make Inter-Fund Transfers of funds for the current fiscal year of 2026 - 75% of Nexus first half 2026 tax settlement; 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 (#25-26-62), authorizing the Treasurer to make Inter-Fund Transfers of funds for the current fiscal year of 2026 -Transfer from 070 Building Fund to 003 Permanent Improvement Fund for COPs payment; 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 (#25-26-63) to approve agreement to allow Ohio Schools Council to bid for the purchase of electricity for Power4Schools for the upcoming contract period; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Superintendent's Report

New Business

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Lippert on Resolution (25-26-64), to approve lease agreement with North Point Educational Service Center for part of the Margaretta Elementary School property; 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 on Resolution (25-26- 65), to approve lease agreement with Faith Church for part of the Margaretta Elementary School property; 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 approve painting agreement with Christian Mrosko for Polar Bear mural in the new gymnasium to be painted fall of 2026; 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 a three-year employment contract for Ali Downing, Administrative Assistant to The Superintendent effective July 1, 2026; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

First Reading of updated Policy 8500, Food Service

Personnel Actions:

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

Certified Staff:

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mr. Lippert to approve the following three-year Administrative Contracts effective August 1, 2026: Mike Roberts - Middle/High School Assistant Principal and Heather Campana - Curriculum Director; 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. Hula to approve Jake Smith and Kim Miller, Spirit Bus Chaperones retro to February 28, 2026; 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 approve the following three-year Director Contracts effective August 1, 2026: Chris Liebacher - Transportation Director and Lucas Poggiali - Director of Operations; 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. Schoenegge to hire Hannah Smith, Substitute Bus Driver/Substitute Bus Aide for the remainder of the 2025-2025 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. Hula, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge to accept the retirement of Sheri Ross, Special Education Aide effective May 29, 2026; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

D. Informational

1. The April Board Meeting will possibly move to 5:30 p.m.
2. Upcoming calendars will be on April's board agenda.

Before the meeting adjourned, Mr. Kurt addressed the recent power outage at the Elementary building. He thanked the Margaretta Township Fire Department and Erie County Sheriff's Department who assisted during the outage..

Mrs. Tucker congratulated all winter sports teams and programs on having such successful seasons.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Hula 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 7:17 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Angie Tucker
Board President

Keegan Hall
Treasurer