

**MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) REGULAR MEETING
OF JANUARY 20, 2020.**

The Margarettta Board of Education met for a working session with the architect, Fanning Howey, to discuss current status of the potential new facilities at 5:30 p.m. on January 20, 2020 at the Board Office.

The Margarettta Board of Education then met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. at the Administrative Offices. Mr. Warner called the Calendar Review Hearing to order and the following Board members were in attendance: Mr. Miller, Mr. Schoenegge, Mr. Sutorius, Mrs. Yetter, and Mr. Warner. The Margarettta Board of Education convened the public hearing on the school calendar.

Mr. Warner opened the calendar review session up for any public discussion on the proposed 2020/2021 school calendar. There was a short discussion on the Easter break and potential impact on testing timing.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mrs. Yetter to adjourn the public hearing on the school calendar review portion; Roll call: Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Mr. Warner called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. requesting roll call by Mrs. Keegan:

Mr. Miller:	Present
Mr. Schoenegge:	Present
Mr. Sutorius:	Present
Mrs. Yetter:	Present
Mr. Warner:	Present.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Yetter, to approve the minutes from the Organizational Meeting and Tax Budget Hearing held on Monday, January 6, 2020; Roll call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Board and Staff Reports

Townsend Community School's (TCS) Report

Mr. Pete Bartkowiak, TCS Superintendent, reported out the current statistics of enrollment numbers (1,474 as of 1/20/20), graduates this school year (53) and currently have 330 students that are within 5 or less credits from graduating, 40,467 exams taken this school year to date, etc. He also discussed that the percentage of students with 2 or more risk identifiers per student has increased to 74% and only 26% have only one risk identifier. He also spoke about the Dropout Prevention and Recovery legislative study

committee that he is a part of and that they have two meetings scheduled on January 29th and February 12th with their report out being due by mid-April. He also mentioned that the next TCS Board meeting is on January 22nd at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Bartkowiak also mentioned that Margaretta's attorney, the TCS' attorney and the ODE attorney will be meeting on Thursday January 23rd at 2:00 p.m. on the TCS Settlement Agreement.

TCS Margaretta Sponsor's Report

Mr. Dennis Mock, Margaretta Superintendent, gave the TCS update, given Mr. Steve Keller had a conflict. He also mentioned the meeting on January 23rd on the settlement agreement. He then reviewed the information that was covered at the monthly Sponsor meeting with TCS on January 9th. He covered the reviewed TCS financials and the analysis, he supplied a copy of the Sponsor Agreement Modification, and future tasks (Quality Review due 5/15/20 and Compliance Review due 6/30/20). Next Sponsor/TCS meeting is scheduled for February 6th 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Public Participation

Mr. Keven Wise, MES Principal, presented on the new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) program. Mr. Wise communicated that we have been able to purchase approximately \$15K to \$20K worth of robots and necessary equipment through the generous help of PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) and grant applications. He also mentioned that there is a future potential to purchase VEX equipment through donations from NASA, and that the NASA donations require that the school be competing in meets within two years of the donation. Mr. Wise stated that the neighboring schools are all competing in these STEM competition meets, with one as close as the Kalahari Resort. Ultimately there will be a need for a STEM coach to continue to develop this program. Mrs. Cindy Patrick stated that Mr. Wise should get in touch with EHOVE, who is very involved with the STEM program and competitions. They are looking to start this in the third grade and then expand it by one grade each year. Mr. Wise is planning on starting with student involvement in scrimmages and ultimately be in the actual competitions. Mr. Kent Miller asked what kind of tasks do the VEX robots perform. Mr. Wise stated that the students remotely maneuver/drive the robots to accomplish tasks with the operator controlling the robot through remote control. The students also need to program the robots to perform tasks autonomously, without remote controls. Mr. Wise provided the Board with the following link to see what tasks are performed during the competitions. The example can be found at the link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=avbzTvIgOE&feature=youtu.be>.

Mrs. Diane Jacoby was questioning the December 17th Sandusky Register article about the hiring process and was questioning if the process would find the best candidate in a new superintendent.

Mr. Warner stated that we did get the best Superintendent for the District.

Mrs. Cindy Patrick discussed her concerns as it relates to the previous issue raised to the Board and her daughter not getting into the National Honor Society (NHS) based on an advance placement class requirement. There was comments and concerns raised by both Mrs. Patrick and Mr. Ted Patrick about the specifics of their child's situation and the research that they had performed at other neighboring school districts. Mr. Patrick stated that they are at an impasse with Mr. Mock and Mr. Rod Smith and is asking the Board to help resolve this situation. The Patrick's also offered to speak in Executive Session with the Board on this matter. Mr. Warner stated they would get back with the Patrick's on their concerns.

Introduction of Additional Agenda Items

Mr. Mock had the additional item for the resolution 19-20-46 to approve the OFCC Enrollment Projections.

The Financial Report and Schedule of Bills

Mrs. Keegan asked if there were any questions on the schedule of bills, bank reconciliations, or fund balances. She then reviewed the financial report that compares this year-to-date results to last year for the same period. This report reflects the sixth month of the fiscal year (July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019). Mrs. Keegan stated that the District's General Fund expenditures exceeded the revenues for the first six months by \$(755) thousand, which was primarily driven by the low watermark of local real estate tax collection timing. The next influx of cash will be after the first half collection that are due on February 14th to the county Treasurer. Wages and benefits are favorable to last year at the same time period by approximately \$92 thousand and purchased services that are favorable by approximately \$47 thousand, due to budgetary cuts that occurred in the spring of 2019. The District's beginning General Fund cash balance was \$787,201 and with the current fiscal year to date negative expenditures above revenue of \$(755,169), leaves the ending December cash balance \$32 thousand. Mrs. Keegan also highlighted as reflected on the utility cost report in the financial package, that there has been utility savings from the sale of Townsend and that the full year impact for Townsend should be approximately \$27 thousand of just utility savings. Mrs. Keegan also mentioned that the Food Service Report (included in their package) reflects several large equipment one-time purchases for the elementary freezer and steamer that was beyond repair for a total of \$28,742, which is further exacerbating the negative fund balance that will ultimately need to be subsidized again this year with general fund dollars.

Treasurer's Report

New Business

Motion by Mr. Miller, and seconded by Mrs. Yetter, on Resolution number 19-20-42, to authorize the Treasurer to make Inter-Fund Transfers of funds for the current fiscal year of 2020; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Yetter, and seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution number 19-20-43, to approve the shared preschool itinerant service agreements with Danbury for the 2019/2020 School Year; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Superintendent's Report

New Business

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, and seconded by Mr. Miller, on Resolution number 19-20-44, to authorize the continued membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) for the 2020/2021 School Year; Roll Call: Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Yetter seconded by Mr. Sutorius on Resolution number 19-20-45, to approve the Boards affirmation of Opposition to the State of Ohio EdChoice Scholarship (Voucher) Program; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius seconded by Mr. Miller, on resolution number 19-20-46 to approve the OFCC Enrollment Projections; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Mr. Mock then introduced the first reading of an amendment to Margaretta Board Policy entries 2430 and 2413 as it pertains to academic eligibility for co-curricular and extracurricular activities. **Suggested amendment in BOLD:**

"In order to be eligible for any co-curricular, interscholastic, and non-interscholastic extracurricular activity, a student must have maintained at least a 1.5 grade-point average **and/or earned no more than one "F" in the immediately preceding grading period plus five (5) school days in which she/he wishes to participate.** Students attending community or STEM schools may participate in extracurricular activities in accordance with Policy 2430.02". Mr. Schoenegge questioned the meaning and wording of the changes and Mr. Mock stated he would get clarification on it.

Old Business:

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Sutorius to approve the Driving for a Better Future Matching Grant; Roll Call: Mrs.

Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Yetter, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve the following Board Policies: 1310-Employment of Treasurer; 1340-Non Re-employment of the Treasurer; 1615-Use of Tobacco by Administrators; 1630.01-FMLA Leave; 2431- Interscholastic Athletes; 3215-Use of Tobacco by Professional Staff; 4215-Use of Tobacco by Classified Staff; 4430.01-FMLA Leave; 5113.02-School Choice Options; 5200-Attendance; 5350-Student Suicide; 5512-Use of Tobacco; 7230- Gifts, Grants, and Bequests; 7300-Disposition of Real Property/Personal Property; 7434-Use of Tobacco on School Premises; 7440.03-Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems; 8462-Student Abuse and Neglect; 8500-Food Services; Roll Call: Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mr. Sutorius to approve the Therapy Dog Policy. Mr. Mock stated that they have confirmed that the therapy dog handlers have their own liability insurance. Mrs. Keegan stated that we should have those insurance policies on file at the board office as well; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Personnel Actions

Certified

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve the following Supplemental Contracts for the 2019/2020 Spring School Year: Chris Cullen - Varsity Assistant Coach/Reserve Coach - Baseball, Trey Gluth - Reserve Baseball Coach (split), Todd Polk - Head Boys Track Coach, Steve Gravenhorst - Boys Junior High Track Coach; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Yetter, seconded by Mr. Sutorius to approve the resignation of Mary Schaeffer for the After-School Reading Program effective 1/9/2020; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Classified

Motion was made by Mrs. Yetter, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve the following Supplemental Contracts for the 2019/2020 Spring School Year: Scott Dickman - Varsity Head Coach - Softball, Denny Bailey - Varsity Assistant Coach - Softball, Courtney Fitzgerald - JV Head Coach - Softball, Ray Neill - Varsity Head Coach - Baseball, Matt Zahel - Reserve Baseball Coach (split), Kasey Parkhurst - Head Girls Track Coach, Scot Lehrer - Girls Assistant Track Coach, Katlyn Canada - Girls Junior High Track Coach, Brevyn Hedden - Boys Junior High Assistant Coach;

Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Yetter, to approve the following Volunteers for the 2019/2020 School Year: Nick Kuns - Library Volunteer, Mike Williamson - Volunteer Assistant Coach - Softball, Jason Caponi - Volunteer Assistant Coach - Softball, Derek Bailey - Volunteer Assistant Coach - Softball, Rick Hudgel - Volunteer JV Assistant Coach - Softball, Jeff Todd - Volunteer Assistant - Baseball, Matt Gundlach - Volunteer Assistant Coach - Baseball, Rod Lane - Volunteer Assistant Coach - Baseball; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Informational Items/Correspondence

Mr. Mock gave a quick update on potential new facilities. He mentioned that the OFCC enrollment projections were 1,076 (note: OFCC does not include preschool), which will give us the allowable square footage and value for the project that OFCC will support. With the enrollment projections being approved at this meeting, OFCC will be able to move forward to approve the master plan by April. This will also lock in the OFCC share of 38% of the project.

Mr. Mock also updated the Board on the current status of EdChoice. The EdChoice Voucher was added at the end of the Budget Bill process and it singles out individual school district buildings based on the building report cards. EdChoice requires the public school district to subsidize the cost of the private school. Mr. Mock stated that 70% of Ohio school districts will have EdChoice eligible buildings, of which over half received an A, B, or C on the report card. For Margaretta, the High School was identified as one of the EdChoice schools. Margaretta will lose \$6,000 for grade 9-12 or \$4,650 for grade 6-8. Mr. Mock also stated that approximately 40 school districts met with Senator Gavarone in Port Clinton to address the public schools' concerns. The goal was for Senator Gavarone to take the concerns back to the Ohio Legislators that will be debating the EdChoice voucher program. This is schedule to go into effect on February first.

Motion by Mrs. Yetter, seconded by Mr. Miller to enter Executive Session to discuss matters to discuss the appointment, employment, or compensation of public employees; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

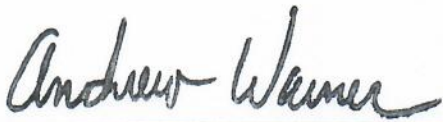
The Board entered Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. with Mrs. Keegan, Mr. Mock, remaining in the Executive Session.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mrs. Yetter, to return to Open Public Session; Roll Call: Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mr. Miller, to adjourn the meeting having no further business to come before the Board; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Warner: aye. Adjourning at 8:00 p.m.

The next regular BOE meeting has been scheduled for Monday February 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Board Office.

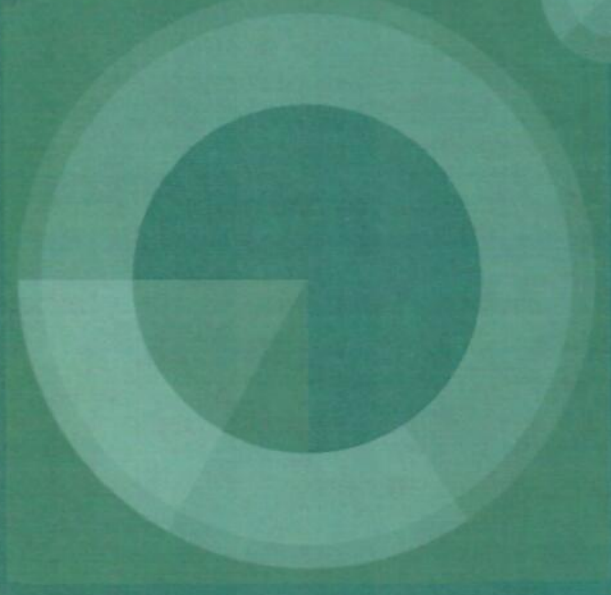
Respectfully Submitted



Andrew Warner
Board President

Diane Keegan
Treasurer

Margaretta Elementary Robotics/STEM Goals



Vision

To improve academics through the use of coding and robotics

To keep Margaretha students competitive with other area school districts.

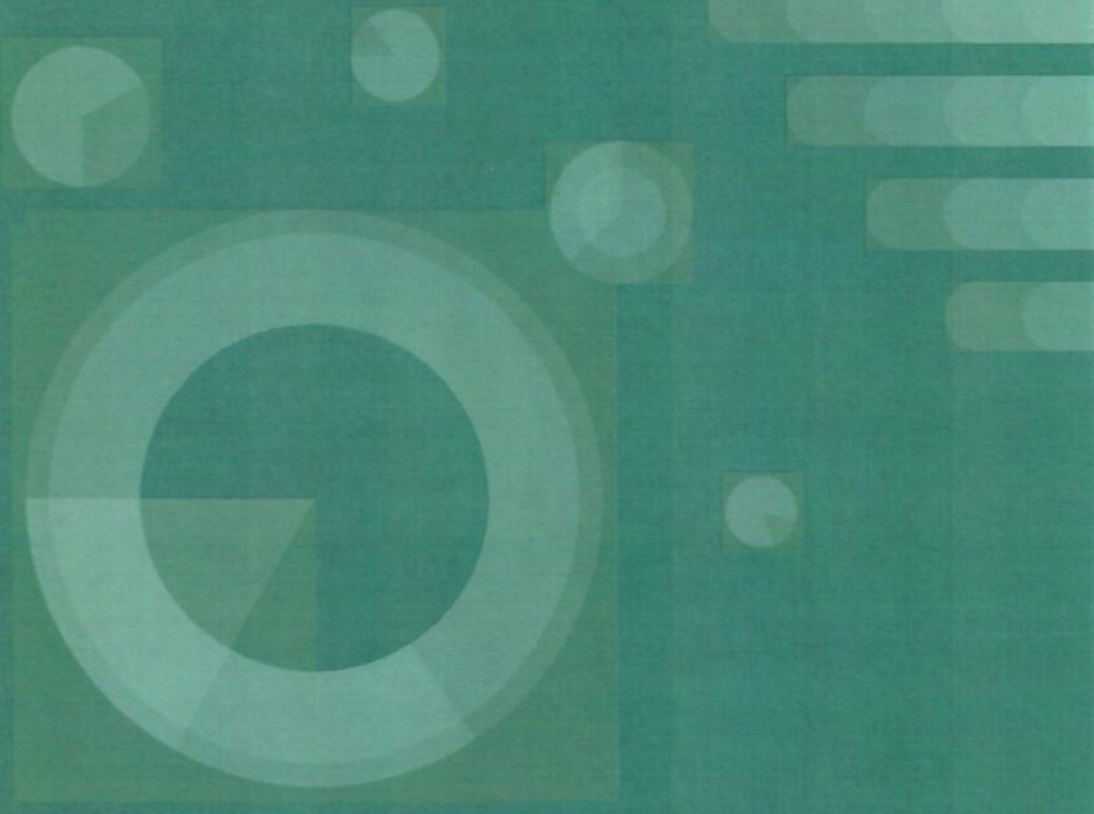


What have we done so far?

Received over \$15,000 via grants and PTO
to start programs.

Purchased new Chromebooks and tables for
the computer lab.

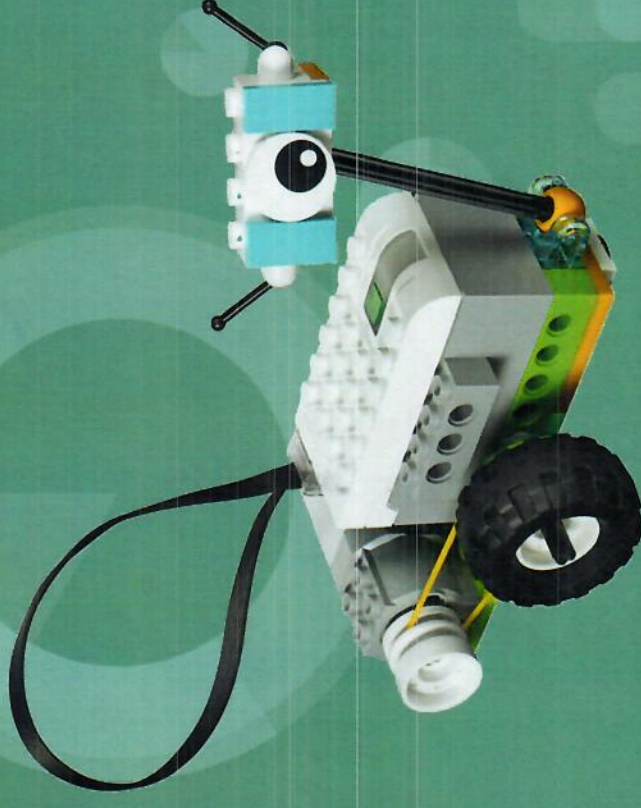
Purchased hands on equipment for robotics
and programming.



How are we implementing what we have?

After discussion with other area schools and Mr. Brian Willis from NASA our primary focus will be on third grade.

- Code.org
- Lego WeDo 2.0
- Lego EV3
- Ozobots



Where are we going next?

With the help of Mr. Willis, we will be implementing VEX robotics next year. Our goal is for our current third graders to compete. The link below will display this year's VEX Game.

We will be incorporating a new grade level yearly.

<https://youtu.be/avbzTvlqOEs>

What we need to build on current success

- Vex Robotic supplemental coach next year
- Permanent STEM teacher in the elementary
- More VEX funding for equipment and professional development