

## **MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2021.**

The Margaretta Board of Education met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2021 at MES Gym 5906 Bogart Road West, Castalia, Ohio.

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

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

Mr. Miller took the opportunity to thank Andy Warner as the past president for all his years of leadership and service.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve the minutes from the regular BOE meeting that was held on Monday, December 21, 2020 and the Organizational Meeting and Budget Hearing held on Saturday, January 9, 2021; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

**January School Board Recognition** Mr. Kurt took the opportunity, given January is the School Board Recognition month, to thank all the board members for their service and presented each of them a certificate for their service to the school.

### **Kevin Johnson – Curriculum Presentation**

Mr. Miller and Mr. Kurt introduced Kevin Johnson, Curriculum Director, to give an update on the current curriculum plans. Mr. Kurt also mentioned that the teachers have been working very hard this year in a pandemic and that the professional development day in February will be focused on the mental health of the teachers and students. Mr. Johnson’s talking points are attached to these minutes.

### **Board and Staff Reports**

#### **Townsend Community School’s (TCS) Report**

Mr. Ryan Bohn, TCS Principal, reported that the current TCS student enrollment as of January 25<sup>th</sup> was 807. He also stated that TCS is working closely with Margaretta to complete all the necessary compliance issues in the ODE Settlement agreement and committed to supplying Margaretta with their new detailed 2021-2022 school year Blended Learning plan to Margaretta and ODE by March. TCS will tentatively be bringing the students back in the building March 1, 2021. Mr. Bohn has also started working with Margaretta Transportation Supervisor, Matt Smith on next year’s busing plans.

#### **TCS Margaretta Sponsor’s Report**

Mr. Steve Keller, Margaretta Compliance Officer, stated that we had our monthly joint sponsor meeting and have been working on the details of the Sponsor contract renewal between TCS and Margaretta. He also stated that we continue to work through all the requirements for the May and June uploads to the ODE Epicenter.

## **Public Participation**

No public participation.

## **Introduction of Additional Agenda Items**

No additional items tonight.

## **The Financial Report and Schedule of Bills**

Mrs. Keegan presented the schedule of bills, bank reconciliations, or fund balances, etc., that were included in the Board's packages for review. Mrs. Keegan reminded the board that we are reviewing the December's fiscal year to date results (the sixth month of the fiscal year). She stated that the fiscal year to date revenue is up due to Nexus taxes for the first half taxes of \$2M. She also stated that the open enrollment into the district is continuing to trend down this year versus last year in the first six months by \$(54)K and the open enrollment out is also continuing to trend unfavorable in the same period. She also mentioned the people cost (wages and benefits) is unfavorable versus last year by approximately \$(125)K. The beginning cash balance on July 1, 2020 was \$1.3 million and the first six months generated a net cash decrease of \$(0.2) million, leaving the final General Fund cash balance of \$1.0 million (which includes the general fund reserve of \$854K). Mrs. Keegan also mentioned that the utility costs (electric, sewer, water, and gas) yearly comparisons report is included and it reflects that we are saving approximately \$27K per year in utility costs for the original Townsend building that was auctioned off a few years back.

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **New Business**

Motion by Mrs. Yetter seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution number 20-21-52, to approve the Shared Services Agreement with Port Clinton City Schools to share a preschool Classroom for the 2020-2021 school year; Roll call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to approve the increases minimum wage from \$8.70/hour to \$8.80/hour effective January 1, 2021; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

## **Superintendent's Report**

### **New Business**

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mrs. Yetter, on Resolution number 20-21-53, that the Board supports the PILOT Program for the APEX Clean Energy - Wheatsborough Solar Project; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius seconded by Mrs. Yetter, on Resolution number 20-21-54, to authorize the continued membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) for the 2021-2022 SY; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, on Resolution number 20-21-55, to approve the Lorain County Community College (LCCC) College Credit Plus (CCP) dual enrollment Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Mr. Kurt explained that we can partner with colleges within a 30 mile radius of Margaretta, with attractive tuition rates; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge and seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve the Margaretta Teachers Association (MTA) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with for a retirement incentive initiative; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius seconded by Mr. Warner, on Resolution number 20-21-56, to approve the agreement with Fanning Howey Associates, Inc. to provide architect/engineering services for the district's ELPP CMR new facilities project; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution number 20-21-57, to modify the educational requirements for the employment of substitute teachers, for the 2020-2021 school year only. Mr. Kurt explained that we are adopting this resolution to help us get through this pandemic year, which allows Margaretta to hire substitutes with just an associates degree; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution number 20-21-58, to approve the Northern Ohio Educational Computer Association (NOECA) amended contract for the purpose of providing additional bandwidth; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

#### Old Business

Mr. Kurt reviewed the Facilities project and informed the board that we have been having regular meetings to discuss the layout of the classrooms, the mechanical functions, the gymnasium, etc. The facility core team meetings have been occurring every two weeks and the kitchen staff will be touring the Bellevue schools kitchens and meeting with Fanning Howey to discuss the layout of the new kitchen. There are also scheduled meetings with NOMS and Firelands Hospital on potential donations for the new facilities gymnasium. Mr. Kurt stated that he is anticipating another community meeting of the larger group in the mid to late February timeframe. The project is progressing nicely.

#### Personnel Actions

##### Certified:

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve the following 2021 Spring Supplementals: Todd Polk - Boys Varsity Track Coach; Steve Gravenhorst - Boys JH Assistant Track Coach; Chris Cullen - Varsity Assistant/Reserve Baseball Coach (split); Trey Gluth - Varsity Assistant/Reserve Baseball Coach (split); Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

##### Classified

Motion by Mr. Sutorius seconded by Mrs. Yetter, to approve the resignation of Elizabeth Hermes as the Junior High Volleyball Coaching position for the Fall 2021 season; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner and seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to approve the revised retirement date of Maree Markley, Assistant Treasurer-Budgetary, effective February 28, 2021; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner and seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve the following 2021 Spring Supplementals: Kasey (Parkhurst) Haerr - Girls Varsity Track Coach; Taylor Parkhurst - Boys JH Track Coach; Katlyn Canada - Girls JH Track Coach; Ray Neill - Head Baseball Coach; Volunteer Baseball Coaches - Jeff Todd, Rod Lane, Matt Gundlach, Matt Zahel; Scott Dickman - Head Softball

Coach; Denny Bailey - Varsity Assistant Softball Coach; Courtney Fitzgerald - Reserve Softball Coach; Volunteer Softball Coaches - Derick Bailey, Mike Williamson, Jason Caponi, Rick Hudgel; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

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

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. with Mrs. Keegan and Mr. Kurt remaining in the Executive Session.

Motion by Mr. Warner and seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to return to open session; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

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

Adjourning at 8:15 p.m.

The next regular BOE meeting for the Organizational Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, February 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Margaretta Elementary School (MES) Gym, 5906 Bogart Road West, Castalia, Ohio.

Respectfully Submitted

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Kent Miller  
Board President

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Diane Keegan  
Treasurer