

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2022.

The Margarettta Board of Education met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 14, 2022 at the Margarettta Board of Education, 305 S. Washington Street, Castalia, Ohio.

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited after roll call.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, January 31, 2022; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mrs. Tucker: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

Board and Staff Reports

Townsend Community School's (TCS) Report and TCS Margarettta Sponsor's Report

Mr. Ryan Bohn, TCS Principal and Superintendent, and Mr. Steve Keller, TCS Compliance Officer, were excused from the meeting, therefore Mr. Kurt performed the report out. Mr. Kurt stated that Mr. Bohn's report had not changed significantly from his data at the last meeting on January 31, 2022. Mr. Kurt stated that the next site review with TCS is scheduled for March 1, 2022. He also mentioned that we have been continuing to hold our monthly TCS/MLSD monthly meetings and are continuing to work on the extensive uploads that are due into Epicenter in May and June.

Public Participation

Mr. Jeff Gallatin asked if the district was going to reconsider the mask mandate on the school buses and praised the district for making it optional in the school buildings. Mr. Kurt stated that the district is following the same regulations as all other public transportation and that in some cases there can be 3 students in a seat and it is an issue of the close proximity on the bus.

Then Mrs. Kim Miller stated that the SADD organization has been performing a recycling campaign at the high school and took it to the recycling center on Lowell Street. The school was told that they could not put the recycling in those community bins and that the school would have to pay \$65 per month to establish our own recycling pick up. Mrs. Miller stated that she was grateful to have Dan Keegan from Keegan Enterprises step forward and donate the pickup of the recycling so SADD could continue their recycling campaign at the high school. She stated that a lot of students and school organizations have been sending him thank you notes.

Introduction of Additional Items to the Agenda

Mr. Kurt introduced two new personnel items for IX.D.Classified.4. Motion to rescind Tanya Dvorsky Girls Junior High Track Coach. 5. Motion to rescind Tom Link 50% JV Baseball Coach.

The Financial Report and Schedule of Bills

Mrs. Keegan presented the schedule of bills, bank reconciliations, fund balances, etc., that were included in the Board's packages for review. Mrs. Keegan reminded the board that we are reviewing January's Fiscal Year To Date (FYTD) results (the seventh month of the 2022 fiscal year). She stated that the fiscal year to date revenue is a total of \$9.1M and expenses of \$10.1M resulting in a decrease to the general fund balance of \$(960,602). The beginning cash balance (excluding the General Fund Reserve that was created from the incremental Nexus dollars) on July 1, 2021 was \$630K and the first seven months negative deficit generated a final General Fund cash balance of \$(331)K (without the general fund reserve of \$944K). She also reminded the board that the general fund balance has traditionally been in a deficit balance in December and January due to the timing of the next tax payments that are due in February.

Mrs. Keegan also covered the following Informational Items:

1. Audited GAAP Financial Statements for year ending June 30, 2020 have been completed and uploaded to the Auditor State of Ohio System and are available on the Margareta website. The district received a clean audit.
2. Mrs. Keegan gave a NEXUS Update that the legal teams for both sides reported to the Board of Tax Appeal hearing on Monday at 9 am and both sides requested to have the case remanded back the the Tax Commissioner. There were no other details given, therefore we are back in a wait mode.

Treasurer's Report

New Business

Motion by Mr. Hula seconded by Mr. Warner, on Resolution number 21-22-51, to authorize the Treasurer to begin the procurement process of three (3) school buses through the Ohio School Council (OSC) Consortium (subsidized \$45,000 per bus through a Federal Bus Procurement Grant) Mrs. Keegan also informed the board that she has submitted the actual application for the bus procurement federal grant for \$45,000 towards three buses, which will total \$135,000 to help offset a portion of the three busses costs. She reminded the board that a traditional bus costs approximately \$90K; Roll call: Mrs. Tucker: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

Superintendent's Report

Old Business

Mr. Kurt reintroduced the Second Reading of the Neola Policies Volume 40 #1: Po0169.1-Public Participation at Board Meetings, po1530-Evaluation of Principals and Other Administrators, po1617-Weapons, po2271-College Credit Plus Program, po2413- Career Advising, po3217-Weapons, po4217-Weapons, po5111-Eligibility of Resident/ Nonresident Students, po5111.02-Educational Opportunity For Military Children, po5200-Attendance, po5350-Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, po5464-Early High School Graduation, po5516-Student Hazing, po5630.01-Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports and Limited Use of Restraint and Seclusion, po6114-Cost Principles-Spending Federal Funds, po7300-Disposition of Real Property/Personal Property, po7450-Property Inventory, po8330-Student Records, po8400- School Safety, po8462-Student Abuse and Neglect, po8600-Transportation, po8651- Non-routine Use of School Buses.

Informational Items

1. Mr. Kurt informed the board that the district will be forming a Strategic Planning Committee with the guidance of Dr. Julie McIntosh - Dean of the College of Education; University of Findlay. He stated that he would like the team to be comprised of 2 board members, 4-5 parents, 4-5 teachers, and some of the administration team. And that this would occur in the April/May timeframe.

2. Mr. Kurt stated the Mrs. Keegan already covered this topic on the NEXUS appeal update

3. Mr. Kurt introduced the preliminary Draft of the school Calendars for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 and that they need to be reviewed by a joint team of MTA and administration.

Personnel Actions

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the FMLA and unpaid leave requests, (list included in Board package for review); Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mrs. Tucker: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

Certified:

Motion by Mrs. Tucker seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to approve Shannon Bramel as a tutor for the MES After-School Reading Program for second semester 2022 (paid through Title I Federal Funds); Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mrs. Tucker: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

Classified:

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to approve Diane Keegan, Treasurer for a three year contract from August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2025 as presented; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mrs. Tucker: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mr. Hula, to approve Ali Downing as District Secretary effective March 1, 2022 and for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year pending completion of all state and local requirements; Roll Call: Mrs. Tucker: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Tucker seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to approve Caitlin King, Donna McGory, Nicole Blair and Jennifer Lowther, Special Educational Aides, for the MES After-School Reading Program for second semester 2022 (paid through Title I Federal Funds); Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mrs. Tucker: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula seconded by Mr. Warner, to rescind Tanya Dvorsky Girls Junior High Track Coach; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mrs. Tucker: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mr. Hula, to rescind Tom Link 50% JV Baseball Coach; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mrs. Tucker: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

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

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:57 p.m. with Mrs. Keegan and Mr. Kurt remaining in the Executive Session.

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

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

Adjourning at 8:30 p.m.

The next regular BOE meeting will be Monday, March 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Margareta Board of Education, 305 S. Washington Street, Castalia, Ohio

Respectfully Submitted

Brian Sutorius
Board President

Diane Keegan
Treasurer