

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

The Margarettta Board of Education met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 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
Mr. Warner:	Present
Mr. Sutorius:	Present

Mrs. Tucker was excused from the meeting

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited after roll call.

Graduation of Betty L. Gurtz Thompson

Motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Warner, to approve the graduation of Betty L. Gurtz Thompson who left high school to support her family when the war began; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

Mr. Kurt presented Mrs. Thompson with her diploma and recited the following about her life:

This evening we are honored to present Betty L. Gurtz Thompson with her High School Diploma. Under R.C. 3313.616, a woman may be awarded a high school diploma if she left high school during WWII: to join the workforce to support her family or to join the war effort, or due to family circumstances and subsequently joined the workforce or war effort. Betty was born on February 27, 1925 to Harold & Grace Gurtz. They resided on Northwest Rd Castalia, Ohio. Betty’s father Harold passed away on January 1, 1938. Betty attended Margarettta Schools until leaving in 1941. She was a sophomore. She left school to work at Trojan Powder Factory to support her siblings & widowed mother during the depression and to support the war effort. Betty married Joseph E. Thompson on August 6, 1946. Joseph was a veteran of WWII in a division of the Army/Air Force. They had 4 children: Frederick, Thomas, Timothy (who passed in infancy) and Teresa. They built a new home in 1964 where she still resides with her daughter as her caregiver. After raising her family, Betty went back to work in 1966 at Sears Roebuck. She retired in 1992 after 26 years of service as the head of telephone sales. Joseph drove Betty everywhere, and when he was diagnosed with macular degeneration, Betty got her first driver’s license in 1998! Betty and Joseph were married for 55 years until his passing in 2001. Joe was a devout Catholic and it was after his passing that Betty entered the RCIA or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults in order to carry on in his faith and traditions. She became a Catholic on the Easter vigil of 2002. Betty is the proud grandparent to 4 grandsons and welcomed her first great granddaughter in 2021! A Cavs fan since their inception in the 1970’s, Betty was able to “Witness” the 2016 Championship! She was able to attend such a monumental win due to the successful efforts of Dr. Braun being able to remove a brain tumor the previous year. Betty became his oldest patient to date that he performed brain surgery on. She had quality of life and was still living alone at 90 years young. Her only regret she stated” was never finishing high school!” Today, you ARE a Margarettta graduate Betty. Your class motto of 1943 was “Build for character, not fame”. That’s exactly what you did. You sacrificed for your family and never once expected fame. We commend you for your tireless efforts not only for our country, but for your family and all of the people you have served

throughout the years. We present to you this rose which was your class flower and the lavender and silver ribbons which were your class colors. And now, it is with great honor as Superintendent, on behalf of the Margaretta Board of Education, I present you with your high school diploma. Congratulations!

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mr. Hula, to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, February 14, 2022; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

Board and Staff Reports

Townsend Community School's (TCS) Report

Mr. Ryan Bohn, TCS Principal and Superintendent, reported that the current TCS student enrollment as of March 14th was 537, they have had 35 graduates for this 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Bohn explained to the audience how the TCS students can graduate throughout the school year once the appropriate credits are earned. He also mentioned that they are preparing their students for the end of course testing which will begin March 29th. Mr. Bohn also stated that TCS has enhanced their focus on the students being career ready and are focusing on their CBI (Career Based Intervention) program.

TCS Margaretta Sponsor's Report

Mr. Steve Keller, TCS Compliance Officer, stated that we are continuing to work on the extensive uploads that are due into Epicenter for the Quality Practices in May and Compliance upload in June. He also thanked Mrs. Keegan for helping with the Epicenter uploads. He stated the Epicenter uploads are on track.

Public Participation

Mr. Jeff Gallatin thanked the board and the District for lifting the mask mandate on the school buses and praised the district for making it optional on the buses as soon as it was possible to do so.

Mr. Gary Smith thanked the board for taking his suggestion of saying the pledge of the allegiance before the board meetings to heart and began doing that. He also stated that he has been subbing in the buildings and has been listening to the employees and their concerns. He then questioned why the kitchens are using so much Styrofoam, with the price of petroleum and the effect on the environment. Mrs. Keegan stated that when we began to feed students in their classrooms and other areas, due to COVID, we went to Styrofoam boxes to keep the food warm and ease of clean up in the rooms. In addition the kitchens have experienced labor shortages that have made it difficult to go back to trays at the elementary.

Mr. Tim Tucker asked if the board would consider giving coaches a bonus payment above their supplemental contracted amounts, if they advance and have extended seasons.

Introduction of Additional Items to the Agenda

Mr. Kurt introduced a new personnel item for X.C.Certified.4 Adding Tyler Henderson as volunteer track 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 February's Fiscal Year To Date (FYTD) results (the eighth month of the 2022 fiscal year). She stated that the fiscal year to date revenue is a total of \$13.6M and expenses of \$11.2M resulting in a increase to the general fund balance of \$2.4M. 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 eight months of the year generated a final General Fund cash balance of \$3.1M (without the general fund reserve of \$944K). She

mentioned that this is the high balance period due to the property tax revenue that is collected in February, with the final tax revenue settlement with the counties in March. Mr. Schoenegge then asked about the 5% cap that is on the General Fund Reserve and what has been happening to the Nexus money that was intended to be included at 25% for the reserve, which Mrs. Keegan stated that extra percentage amount would stay in the General Fund. This then allowed us to Segway into the first resolution. Mr. Schoenegge then gave some historical information on the annexing of Venice Road School and how Margareta came about owning the land on Route 101. Then a discussion was the purchase price, which was referenced to be approximately \$100K.

Treasurer's Report

New Business

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mr. Hula, on Resolution number 21-22-52, to approve the revised reallocation of the Nexus payments to allow 25% remaining in the General Fund, up to 5% of preceding year revenue in the General Fund Reserve (but no more than 25%) and the remaining Nexus payment in the 070 Capital Facility Reserve; Roll call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, on Resolution number 21-22-53, to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Erie County Budget Commission for the purpose of property tax collections in calendar year 2022; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, on Resolution number 21-22-54, to authorize the Treasurer to make Inter-Fund transfers of funds for the current first half of the 2022 taxes payable, for the Nexus and General Fund Reserves. Mrs. Keegan stated this resolution transfer is in line with the allocation methodology that was agreed to in the first resolution 21-22-52; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge seconded by Mr. Hula, on Resolution number 21-22-55, to modify the substitute rates to include current employees performing summer custodian support to \$15.00 per hour; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

Informational Item:

Mrs. Keegan stated that when Nexus paid their February 2022 taxes for the valuation from 2021, that they paid at 66% of the assessed values compared to 42% in year one and approximately 47% in year two. This is believed to be encouraging information.

Superintendent's Report

Old Business

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mr. Hula, to approve the following new 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; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

New Business

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Margareta Teacher's Association for retirement Incentive; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

Personnel Actions

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

Certified:

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge seconded by Mr. Hula, to approve the hiring of Brian Ringholtz, Science Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year, pending completion of all State and local requirement; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula seconded by Mr. Warner, to approve Brian Ringholtz, Assistant Football Coach, for the 2022-2023 Football Season; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to approve Tim Tucker, Part time Assistant Athletic Director and/or Spring Coach, for the 2021-2022 School Year as needed on a daily per diem basis, effective March 11, 2022; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge seconded by Mr. Hula, to approve Angie Tucker and Tyler Henderson, Volunteer Track Coach, for the spring 2022; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, Motion to approve Tanya Dvorsky, Volunteer Junior High Track Coach, for the spring 2022; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mr. Hula, to accept the resignation of Michael Yantz, Head Cross Country Coach, effective February 28, 2022; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge seconded by Mr. Warner, to accept the Retirement at the end of the 2021/2022 school year from: Steve Gravenhorst - 34 Years, Laurie Keefer - 24 Years, Janet Skaggs - 14 Years. Mr. Kurt reminded the board that they have a collective 72 years of experience amongst them and he thanked them for their years of service; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

Classified:

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mr. Hula, to approve Steve Craig, JV Baseball Coach (50%), for the 2022 Spring Season, pending all pre-employment requirements are met; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mr. Hula, Tasha Gama, Substitute Bus Aide, effective March 1, 2022, pending all pre-employment requirements are met; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge seconded by Mr. Warner, to approve Taylor Parkhurst, Junior High Girls Track Coach, for the spring 2022 season, pending all pre-employment requirements are met; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula seconded by Mr. Warner, t to approve Tim Heffernan, Varsity Assistant Football Coach, for the 2022-2023 football season, pending all pre-employment requirements are met; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula seconded by Mr. Warner, to approve Susan Cullen, Substitute Office Aide/ISI Monitor/Secretary, effective March 11, 2022; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner and seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to approve Gloria Pooch, Substitute Kitchen, for the remainder of the 2022 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye.

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

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:06 p.m. with Mrs. Keegan and Mr. Kurt remaining in the Executive Session.

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

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

Adjourning at 8:15 p.m.

The next regular BOE meeting will be Monday, April 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Margaretta Board of Education, 305 S. Washington Street, Castalia, Ohio

Respectfully Submitted

Brian Sutorius
Board President

Diane Keegan
Treasurer