

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 17, 2021.

The Margarettta Board of Education met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 17, 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.

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, April 19, 2021 and the Special Board Meeting held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Board and Staff Reports

Townsend Community School's (TCS) Report

Mr. Ryan Bohn, TCS Principal, reported that the current TCS student enrollment as of May 17th was 754, they have had 97 graduates for this year, and there are 643 students of the 754 that are in the six contiguous counties. He mentioned that they have published a newsletter on current events and the students are currently taking the required STAR Assessments through May 28th. He discussed their individual graduation process and the current state of the school. Mr. Miller thanked Mr. Bohn for all his hard work in turning around TCS.

TCS Margarettta Sponsor's Report

Mr. Steve Keller, Margarettta Compliance Officer, was excused from the meeting. Mrs. Keegan gave an update on the submission needed from TCS on their five year forecast by the end of May and Mr. Kurt spoke about the Epicenter data load that is also due in May to ODE. Blended Learning Plan, the education plan and Credit Flex.

Public Participation

Mrs. Diane Jacoby asked how prom went. Mr. Kurt and the board members stated that they thought it was well received. Mr. Kurt stated that it was covered by BCSN and the kids enjoyed it. Mr. Kurt also informed the group that there will be a senior class parade around the district and bonfire on May 24th at 7:00 pm.

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 April's fiscal year to date results (the tenth month of the 2020/2021 fiscal year). She stated that the fiscal year to date revenue is a total of \$17.4M and expenses of \$15.6M resulting in an increase to the general fund balance by \$1.8M. The beginning cash balance on July 1, 2020 was \$1.3 million and the first ten months generated a net cash increase of \$1.8 million, leaving the final General Fund cash balance of \$3.1 million (which includes the general fund reserve of \$854K). She reminded the Board

that this is a high revenue point in the fiscal year due to the first half local tax collections that will be used to pay expense in the coming months. The revenue is up approximately \$2.1M, primarily due to the incremental Nexus tax revenues this fiscal year versus the prior fiscal year. She stated the employee wages and benefits are unfavorable for this April year to date compared to the same period last year by approximately \$(281) thousand.

Treasurer's Report

New Business

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mrs. Yetter, on Resolution number 20-21-88, to approve expenditures that have exceeded the \$3,000 threshold of the "then and now" provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(d); Roll call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, on Resolution number 20-21-89, to authorize the Treasurer to make Inter-Fund Transfers of Grant funds for the current fiscal year of 2021. Mrs. Keegan informed the board that we have spent out some of the Federal Grant dollars for the year and had small residual balances that needed to be funded from the general fund and received the final Nexus actual payment amounts from the county net of fees, which required a minor adjustment for the 50% allocation in the Facility Reserve account; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Yetter seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution number 20-21-90, to approve the renewal Shared Preschool Itinerant Services contract with Huron School District to share a Special Education teacher for the 2021-22 School Year; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution number 20-21-91, to approve the renewal Shared Preschool Itinerant Services contract with the Perkins School District to share a Special Education teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius seconded by Mr. Warner, on Resolution number 20-21-92, to approve an amended Five-Year Forecast for the 2021-2025 Fiscal Years. Mrs. Keegan stated that the five year forecast comprehends the current level of Nexus payments received to date and assumes it will continue at the current rate and reflects the passage of the renewal levy and reallocation of 50% of the Nexus incremental dollars to the new facility reserve. The five year forecast reflects a positive general fund balance for the first four years of the forecast period, with the fifth year in a negative balance of \$(385) thousand; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner and seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution number 20-21-93, to approve the renewal of a contract with the Northern Ohio Educational Computer Association (NOECA) for the purpose of providing Computer Support services to the District for the 2021-2022 School Year; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Superintendent's Report

Informational Items/Correspondence:

Nexus/New Facility: Mr. Kurt reiterated the current status of the Nexus appeal with the Board of Tax Appeals (BTA) and that we continue to meet with community members, teachers and administrators on the building design and layout of classrooms, etc. He also stated that our best estimate is that we

will be pausing the project in approximately December, waiting on the resolution of the Nexus appeal process. Mr. Kurt also stated that we are evaluating the option to run our own fiber optics to the new building from NOECA, which is something that was done at a previous district.

Mr. Kurt then gave an update on COVID-19 and updated us on the Governor's announcement that the mask mandate would be lifted effective June 2nd. Governor DeWine then came back on Saturday and stated that due to the students not being vaccinated, he highly recommends the continuation of mask wearing. Mr. Kurt stated that Margaretta will continue to wear masks until the last students' day of the year. He also stated that the graduation will be June 5th regardless of weather, if inclement weather than the graduation will be moved inside. Mr. Kurt stated that the graduation, senior parade, etc. announcements will be going out through final forms and one call. He also thanked Mr. Steve Keller again for a great job at handling the Covid Coordinator role so well this year. He stated this year has been tough on all teachers, administrators, and staff, and was proud at how successful the year has been given the pandemic.

New Business

Motion by Mr. Yetter seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution number 20-21-94, to authorize the continued membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) for the 2021-2022 School Year; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge seconded by Mr. Warner, on Resolution number 20-21-95, to approve the consulting agreement with Pat Boogher to provide transition and work study services for the district students beginning May 18, 2021 through the 2021-2022 School Year; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius seconded by Mrs. Yetter, on Resolution number 20-21-96, to approve Bowser Morner as the firm to serve as the consultant to provide geotechnical engineering, construction testing, phase 1 environmental site assessment, and soil exploration services for the New Facility Project. Mr. Miller asked if the consulting services were capped, Mrs. Keegan stated yes and each service is separated due to the possibility of the pause in the project. Bricker and Eckler, LLP has done a very good job in protect the district from unnecessary costs in these contracts; 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 perform the second reading and approval of board policies: 1422 - Nondiscrimination/Anti-Harassment Policies Update - January 2021 Revised Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity, 1623 - Nondiscrimination / Anti-Harassment Policies Update - January 2021 Revised Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment, 1662 - Nondiscrimination / Anti-Harassment Policies Update-January 2021 Revised Anti-Harassment, 2240 - Controversial Issues, 2260 - Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Employment Opportunity, 2260.01 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability, 2266 - Complaints of Sexual Harassment, 3122 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity, 3123 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment, 3362 - Anti-Harassment, 4122 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity, 4123 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment, 4362 - Anti-Harassment, 5336 - Care Of Students with Diabetes, 5517 - Anti-Harassment, 6114 - Cost Principles - Spending Federal Funds, 6144 - Investments, 6146 - Post-Issuance Compliance for Tax-Exempt and Tax-Advantaged Obligations, 6220 - Budget Preparation, 6325 - Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds, 6600 - Deposit of Public Funds: Cash Collection Points, 7440.01 - Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring, 7450 - Property Inventory, 7455 - Accounting System for Capital Assets, 8500 - Food

Services, and 8510 - Wellness; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Personnel Actions

Certified:

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge and seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve the following Administrative contracts: Drew Grahl - Assistant Principal/Athletic Director - 2021-2024, Kathy Hall - School Psychologist/Special Education Supervisor - 2021-2024, Kevin Johnson - Curriculum Director - 2021-2023, Steve Keller - Middle School/High School Assistant Principal - 2021-2024, Rod Smith - Middle School/High School Principal - 2021-2022, Keith Taylor - Elementary Assistant Principal - 2021-2024, Keven Wise - Elementary Principal - 2021-2024; 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. Sutorius, to approve the following certified contracts: Alison Butler - 1 Year 2021-2022, Brian Ferber - 1 Year 2021-2022, Jessalyn Vogt - 1 Year 2021-2022, Mary Jane Bible - 2 Year 2021-2023, Alyssa Fitz - 2 Year 2021-2023, Kristine Jensen - 2 Year 2021-2023, Jenna Kline - 2 Year 2021-2023, Mark Novak - 2 Year 2021-2023, Michael Simonton - 2 Year 2021-2023, Ashley Williams - 2 Year 2021-2023, Jeanine Adams - 3 Year 2021-2024, Samantha Lane - 3 Year 2021-2024; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Yetter and seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to accept the resignation of Trey Gluth, Social Study Teacher at the end of 2020-21 School Year; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Classified

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge seconded by Mrs. Yetter, to approve the following Administrative contracts: Mark Freeh - Technology Supervisor - 2021-2024, Frances Kremer - EMIS Coordinator - 2021-2023, Sarah Ransom - Food Service Supervisor - 2021-2023, Matt Smith - Director of Operations - 2021-2023; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius and seconded by Mr. Warner, to approve the hiring of the following Summer Custodial Workers: Lori Arnold, Karen Gearheart, Kade Gravenhorst, Isabella Riedy; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Additional Superintendent Report out:

Mr. Kurt told the board that Mrs. Lott, Mr. Kevin Johnson and Mr. Rod Smith put a lot of work and stepped up to help straighten out the high school schedule. He was happy to report that they will be going from offering one College Credit Plus (CCP) class in the high school building this year to offering 7 CCP classes next year with Margareta teachers. This is a win-win for our students and district!

Mr. Kurt also gave an update on our current handicap busses. We have three, with the two oldest having 307,401 miles built in 2007 and the other from 2011 with 276 thousand miles. We will need to seriously look at replacing one handicap bus this next year and another regular bus. Normally our replacement plans were only one purchase per year, however due to the two routes for social distancing, we will be pursuing buying one of the buses with ESSER funds.

Mr. Kurt also took the opportunity to thank the community for passing the renewal levy and was proud of the confidence the community had in the school district and wanting to support our children with an 82% passage rate.

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

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. with Mrs. Keegan and Mr. Kurt remaining in the Executive Session.

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

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

Adjourning at 8:30 p.m.

The next regular BOE meeting has been scheduled for Monday, June 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Margaretta Elementary Gym, 5906 Bogart Road W., Castalia, Ohio.

Respectfully Submitted

Kent Miller
Board President

Diane Keegan
Treasurer