

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 29, 2020.

The Margarettta Board of Education met in regular session and videoed at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2020.

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. Sutorius seconded by Mrs. Yetter, to approve the minutes from the Regular BOE Meeting held on Monday, May 18, 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. Steve Keller stated he is working with TCS Quality Practices into the Epicenter upload for July 15th. Mr. Keller discussed the new rating system and that due to COVID-19 ODE will only give out a compliant or non-compliant rating (no exemplary, or effective, etc.) this year.

Mr. Jeff Thompson, TCS Superintendent, was not available for the meeting and update.

Submitted Public Participation

No public participation.

School Restart

Mr. Rod Smith and Mr. Keven Wise gave a current update on the restart/reopening of schools in the fall, 2020 planning. The two buildings have been collaborating with Margarettta administration, teachers, students, parents, and Northpoint ESC and the Erie County schools, etc. to determine what the restarting of schools will look like. Mr. Wise stated that the first focus is to communize to the same IT platform and training for all stakeholders (teachers, students and parents). Mr. Wise also addressed the District taking on the initiative to provide each student with a Chromebook or the one-to-one initiative. This is a very fluid process and will continue to be adjusted and recalibrated as needed.

Introduction of Additional Agenda Items

Mr. Mock stated there were no additions tonight.

The Financial Report and Schedule of Bills

Mrs. Keegan directed the Board to their financial packers of the schedule of bills, bank reconciliations, or fund balances, etc. She then reviewed the Budget versus Actual

financial report that compares this year-to-date results to last year-to-date for the same period. May year-to-date from last year reflected \$14.4 million compared to this May year-to-date of \$16.1 million, the \$1.7 million increase which is related to the Nexus pipeline. To reframe the history Nexus has been forecasting the first year of taxes at \$6.3 million for a while, in the fall of 2019 the Department of Taxation valued the assets to generate over \$8 million in taxes in year one, and now Nexus is appealing the taxes down to \$4 million or 47% of the original valuation. Mrs. Keegan also informed the Board that Nexus is now appealing down to 38%. The report reflects the eleventh month of the fiscal year (July 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020). Last year's expenditures at the end of May were \$15.7M and this year the total operating expenditures were \$15.3M favorable from the overall expenditures of \$974 thousand. The favorable variance is primarily due to wages and benefits and purchased services, that were reduced last year during our budget cuts, versus last year at the same time period. Total revenue is higher than expenditures at the end of May by approximately \$0.8 million. She then explained that given the Board approved a resolution which allocated the Nexus dollars to 25% for the general fund for day-to-day operations, 25% into a general fund reserve of approximately \$440 thousand and then 50% into a capital improvement and new facilities account outside of the general fund of approximately \$882 thousand. Therefore, after the Nexus capital transfer and the District's beginning General Fund cash balance was \$787 thousand on July 1, 2019 and with the current year improvement, leaves the ending May cash balance of \$2.0M.

Mrs. Keegan then reviewed the State Foundation payments for the entire 12 months of this 2020 fiscal year to same twelve month period of last fiscal year (FY 2019). She stated that we did receive a cut in our State Foundation revenue of \$(221) thousand in the last three payments from the state (or in the last one and a half months of the year). Also as she stated at the previous meeting, the Open Enrollment 'In' to the District is down and the Open Enrollment 'Out' of the District is up, causing an unfavorable reduction for both open enrollments, which caused a reduction in our revenue of approximately \$(217) thousand. She also mentioned that we did have a few positive variances year over year, one being the new funding for the Student Wellness and Success payment of approximately \$49 thousand. The total final net change in State dollars was approximately \$(227) thousand.

Mrs. Keegan then gave a report out of the final meal pick up and deliveries that were distributed between mid-March to mid-June due to the COVID-19 school shutdown. The District was able to pass out approximately 58 thousand meals (breakfast and lunch) to our children. She also thanked all of the staff who volunteered their time to help with this initiative (i.e., the teachers, custodians, aides, bus drivers, administration, etc.), who made it possible! In addition, we were able to consistently reach over 50% of our social economically disadvantaged students and through a special grant (Summer Seamless Program) we were able to get reimbursed for all meals.

Treasurer's Report

New Business

Motion by Mrs. Yetter seconded by Mr. Miller on resolution number 19-20-84, to approve the renewal of the contract with the Positive Education Program (PEP) located in Cuyahoga County for the purpose of providing educational services to Margareta students placed in the PEP educational units for the 2020-2021 School Year; Roll Call:

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

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge and seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution number 19-20-85, to approve the renewal agreement with Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority (SORSA) to provide comprehensive liability insurance coverage for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Yetter, on Resolution number 19-20-86, to authorize the Treasurer to make the proposed budget modifications and supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year 2019-2020; Roll Call: Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, on resolution number 19-20-87, to authorize the Treasurer to make the proposed Inter-Fund Transfers of funds for the current fiscal year of 2019-2020; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Yetter seconded by Mr. Miller, on resolution number 19-20-88, to adopt a Temporary Appropriation measure as proposed for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year commencing with expenses incurred beginning July 1, 2020; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on resolution number 19-20-89, to approve the renewal of a contract with the Erie County General Health Department for the purpose of providing nursing services to the district for the 2020-2021 School Year; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on resolution number 19-20-90, to approve the renewal contract with the Educational Services Center (ESC) of Lorain County for the 2020-2021 school year for Speech Supervision; Roll Call: Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Superintendent's Report

New Business

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve the Modified MTA Contract Rollover MOU effective September 1, 2020; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius seconded by Mrs. Yetter, to approve the MTA MOU Adjusting Teacher Contracted Days expanding the number of staff days to 3 days and maintaining the staff days at a total of 3 days. This was presented incorrectly. Mrs. Meyers asked for us to correct the days to 4 days for in-service days (adding 2 days) and keeping the Staff days at 2 days, as documented in the final MOU. Mrs. Keegan clarified that this is moving 2 additional days for in-service days in August for the staff and the students will still start at the same date in September on the 1st. This plan will give the students and staff an additional 2 days off at the winter break (December 21st and 22nd); Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Mr. Mock introduced the first reading of the following Handbooks: Polar Cubs Preschool Parent Handbook 2020-2021 School Year (SY), Margaretta Elementary School Student Handbook 2020-2021 SY, Margaretta Elementary School Staff Handbook 2020-2021 SY, Margaretta Middle School/High School Student Handbook 2020-2021 SY, Margaretta Middle School/High School Staff Handbook 2020-2021 SY, and Margaretta Athletic Handbook for 2020-2021 SY.

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on resolution number 19-20-91, to approve the NWOET Services for the 2020-2021 SY; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge to approve the one-to-one student Chromebook initiative, through the CARES Act/ESSER Funds, and charging an annual technology fees to \$50 per student beginning the 2020-2021 school year. Mrs. Keegan clarified that the majority of the Chromebook purchases are being funded by the COVID-19 C.A.R.E.S. Act Federal funding of approximately \$121 thousand to be used on technology and potential costs related to COVID-19 efforts. Mrs. Yetter asked what if this annual \$50 fee is a hardship for the student, to which Mrs. Keegan responded that if the child is on the free lunch program, that their annual fee would be waived.; Roll Call: Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Miller on resolution number 19-20-92, to approve the renewal of subscription license agreement with Newsela for a PRO License for the 2020-2021 School year; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mr. Miller, to grant permission to a Special Educational One-on-One Aide, to administer authorized/prescribed medications to students during the 2020-2021 SY; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Mr. Mock introduced the first reading of the Attendance board policy po5200 and Academic Acceleration Policy

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mrs. Yetter, to approve the Margaretta Elementary Third Grade Reading Guarantee Plan; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Old Business

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approval of the following board policies: Policy 1520 - Employment of Administrators, Policy 2464 - Gifted Education and Identification, Policy 3120 - Employment of Professional Staff, Policy 3120.04 - Employment of Substitutes, Policy 3120.08 - Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities, Policy 4120 - Employment of Classified Employees, Policy 4120.08 - Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular / Extra-Curricular Activities, Policy 4124 - Employment Contract, Policy 4162 - Drug and Alcohol Testing of CDL License Holders and Other Employees who Perform Safety Sensitive Functions, Policy 5460 - Revised Graduation Requirements, Policy 5460.02 -

New Students At-Risk of not Qualifying for a High School Diploma, Policy 6107 - Authorization to Accept and Distribute Electronic Records and to use Electronic Signatures; Roll Call: Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter, Mr. Warner: aye.

Personnel Actions

Classified

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mrs. Yetter, to approve the hiring of Matt Smith, Transportation and Fleet Mechanic Supervisor, effective August 1, 2020, pending all necessary pre-employment requirements are met. Mr. Mock and the Board welcomed Matt to the District; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Certified:

Motion by Mr. Miller motioned and was seconded by Mrs. Yetter, to accept the resignation of George Hossler - Interventional Specialist, effective 8/23/20; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge motioned and was seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve the hiring of the Intervention Specialist, Brian Ferber for the 2020-2021 School Year, pending all necessary pre-employment requirements are met; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Yetter motioned and was seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to approve the hiring of the part time VoAg teacher, Alison Butler for the 2020-2021 School Year, pending all necessary pre-employment requirements are met; Roll Call: Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Miller motioned and was seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve the final Agriculture Education 5th Quarter Funding of \$9,023 for 2019-2020 School Year and distribution to VoAg, Brett Kneeskern and Kevin Kremer; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Informational Item

Mr. Mock updated the Board on the new facilities update that the Controlling Board of the OFCC Commission approved on June 25, 2020 the ELPP (Expedited Local Partnership Plan) and now goes to the Executive Committee for approval in July or possibly in August. Fanning and Howey also gave us some ideas on the building for discussion.

Mr. Mock updated that the Governor was supposed to give an update last Thursday on how schools were to reopen in the fall, that was delayed until tomorrow and now we are told that he will communicate to us on this Thursday. There is a lot of speculation on what that will include. The District has been engaged with the local Health Department and the other local school Districts.

Mr. Warner announced that this is Mr. Mock's last day and meeting and thanked him for all his service. Mr. Warner presented him with a card and gift.

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

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:17 p.m. with Mrs. Keegan and Mr. Kurt remaining in the Executive Session.

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

Adjourning at 8:45 p.m.

The next regular BOE meeting has been scheduled for Monday, July 20, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Andrew Warner
Board President

Diane Keegan
Treasurer