

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2022.

Margaretta Board of Education met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2022 at the Margaretta Board of Education, 305 S. Washington Street, Castalia, Ohio.

Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Sutorius, Board President, was excused from the meeting due to another commitment. Therefore, Mr. Schoenegge, Vice-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:	Absent, due to another commitment
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The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited after roll call.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Mr. Hula, and seconded by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the minutes from the Special Board Meeting held on Saturday, August 13, 2022; Roll Call: Mrs. Tucker: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mr. Schoenegge: aye.

Board and Staff Reports

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

Mr. Ryan Bohn, TCS Principal and Superintendent, and Mr. Steve Keller, TCS Compliance Officer, were both excused from the meeting due to other commitments. Therefore Mr. Kurt gave Mr. Bohn's report and shared his handout, reviewing the current TCS statistics [student enrollment as of September 12th was 545, 110 final graduates for this 2021-2022 school year (adding five more graduates that just met all graduation requirements since last meeting)]. Mr. Kurt stated that we are anxiously awaiting our Sponsor rating for last school year, which will be out soon. We also had all the board members complete their annual Sponsor's Conflict of Interests forms that need to be completed by September 30, 2022.

Public Participation

Mrs. Beth Burkett asked what was the final winning logo and mascot for the TCS competition. Mr. Kurt stated that they are the Townsend Thunder, with clouds and a lightning bolt, given their students have weathered the storms of life.

Mrs. Lori Saylor, from the Board of Elections, came to inform the board of the changes and consolidations that are coming to the voting locations in Castalia. She stated that there are four voting locations (2 voting polls at the White Church, 1 at the Village and 1 at the Margaretta BOE). In the short term they are planning on consolidating the Village and BOE location to the Grace Lutheran Church. She also stated that long term the Board of Election would like to have all four polling locations at one location and if possible at one of our locations that will be available when the new facility will be done and operational. Mr. Kurt said that the District will work with her office when the buildings are available and our students are in the new building.

Introduction of Additional Items to the Agenda

Mrs. Keegan stated there were two additional items to hire Jennifer Kuns as a sub kitchen worker, and to approve a consulting agreement for speech pathology coverage.

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 stated that we are reviewing August's results (the second month of the 2023 fiscal year). She stated that the revenue was a total of \$5.6M and expenses of \$4.4M resulting in an increase to the general fund balance of \$1.2M. The beginning cash balance in the total general fund as of July 1, 2022 was \$0.6M and the first month of the year generated a final General Fund cash balance of \$1.9M (or \$0.9M, without the general fund reserve of \$944K).

Treasurer's Report

New Business

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mrs. Tucker, on Resolution number 22-23-12, to authorize Ohio School Council (OSC) to advertise and receive school bus bids for the district's behalf for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mrs. Tucker: aye, and Mr. Schoenegge: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Tucker seconded by Mr. Warner, on Resolution number 22-23-13, to approve Amendment #2 to the Architect Agreement with Fanning Howey Associates, Inc. for the ELPP PK-12 Building Project; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mrs. Tucker: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, and Mr. Schoenegge: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula seconded by Mr. Warner, on Resolution number 22-23-14, to approve the agreement with Erie County Health Department (ECHD) for administering the Individual Health Assessment (IHA) screening and vaccinations for the districts staff for the fall of 2022; Roll Call: Mrs. Tucker: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mr. Schoenegge: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mr. Hula, on Resolution number 22-23-15, 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, Mr. Hula: aye, Mrs. Tucker: aye, and Mr. Schoenegge: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula seconded by Mrs. Tucker, on Resolution number 22-23-16, to approve a written post-issuance compliance policy in connection with the issuance of tax-exempt and tax-preferred obligations by the school district; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mrs. Tucker: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, and Mr. Schoenegge: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Tucker seconded by Mr. Warner, on Resolution number 22-23-17, to approve the agreement with Bricker and Eckler to provide securities and tax law post-issuance Compliance services as requested by the issuer for the building project; Roll Call: Mrs. Tucker: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mr. Schoenegge: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mrs. Tucker, on Resolution number 22-23-18, to approve the renewal of a contract with the North Central Ohio Educational Services Center (NCOESC) for the purpose of providing the District with services for the visually impaired and orientation &

mobility for the 2022-2023 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mrs. Tucker: aye, and Mr. Schoenegge: aye.

Superintendent's Report

Old Business

Motion by Mr. Hula seconded by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the renewal of the OAPSE MOU to utilize a third party transportation services for transportation of Margaretta PEP student for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Kurt thanked the OAPSE union for working with the District in this transportation need; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mrs. Tucker: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, and Mr. Schoenegge: aye.

New Business

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mr. Hula, to approve 2022-2023 School Bus Routes retro to the first day of school, as presented. Mrs. Tucker stated that it's frustrating that some of the bus routes are so long and so early in the morning. Mr. Kurt stated with the bus driver shortage and the physical size of this rural District it unfortunately can't be avoided; Roll Call: Mrs. Tucker: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mr. Schoenegge: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mrs. Tucker, on Resolution number 22-23-19, to approve the consulting agreement with Robin Welch, Beyond the Moment services for CPI training and behavioral services for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Kurt stated that the CPI training is state mandated required training that our staff needs and Robin is certified to teach it; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mrs. Tucker: aye, and Mr. Schoenegge: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mrs. Tucker, to approve Margaretta FFA select members and advisor to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 26-29, 2022. Traveling with Wynford, Colonel Crawford, Buckeye Central, and Lucas via a charter bus and school van. Mr. Warner asked if we were also going to be approving the list of kids and chaperones, to which Mr. Kurt stated it will happen at a future meeting; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mrs. Tucker: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, and Mr. Schoenegge: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Tucker seconded by Mr. Warner, to approve the MTA MOU to create academic challenge advisors for a junior high school (grades 7-8) team, and an elementary team (grades 5-6) for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Kurt stated that he was pleased that we are offering this for our kids and that based on the time effort of these two teams compared to the high school team, that it was settled at 1/3 of the supplemental. Mr. Schoenegge asked if this will go to a Middle School Teacher, to which Mr. Kurt stated that he hopes so; Roll Call: Mrs. Tucker: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mr. Schoenegge: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mrs. Tucker, on Resolution number 22-23-20, to approve the consulting agreement with Ashton Speer, Resilience Therapy Services, LLC for speech pathology services for employee coverage for the 2022-2023 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mrs. Tucker: aye, and Mr. Schoenegge: aye.

Informational Items

Mr. Kurt then gave a Nexus/New Facility Update that the Lorain County Auditor Snodgrass was the only auditor of the thirteen auditors that appealed the Nexus Settlement and it is scheduled on the Board of Tax Appeals (BTA) docket for May 1, 2023, barring no continuance requests or delays. Mr. Kurt stated that he attended the special Lorain County

Commissioners Meeting and signed in to speak against filing the appeal, however he was never afforded the opportunity to speak. The Lorain County Commissioners voted 2 to 1 to go forward with the appeal. He commended the board for their foresight to set aside in reserve approximately 75% of the Nexus tax collections for the new facility. Given we have the cash available to continue the work without having to borrow the funds, it was decided to go forward with the site and utility work. He stated that they are laying the larger gas lines throughout the village to handle the additional capacity needed, moving dirt, digging the retention pond, working on the soil stabilization and potential cement stabilization plans. He also stated that we have the two building constructions signs erected on the north and south sides of the property. Mr. Kurt also mentioned that we are also looking to bid out the below grade work and the footers, so as to be able to go vertical in the spring (with the hopeful intention that the appeal will be behind us).

Mr. Kurt also gave an update on the Wheatsborough solar project PILOT (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes). He stated that it was communicated that the PILOT is moving forward. The Wheatsborough team has made application for the fourth time for the PILOT and is hoping that it will go to a vote with the Erie County Commissioners on September 28, 2022. He stated that the PILOT is worth approximately \$640K per year to the school district.

Mr. Ted Kastor, Margareta's Owner's Representative, was on the agenda, but was unable to attend.

Mr. Rick Jeffrey, Erie County Auditor, was at the meeting and gave the board an update on the two above issues. Mr. Jeffrey stated that in addition to Mr. Kurt attending the Lorain County Special Commissioner's meeting that Alan Hearld, Stark County Auditor, also attended to potentially speak against filing the appeal, but was also not offered the opportunity to speak. Mr. Jeffrey also confirmed that the Wheatsborough team is again making application for the PILOT and that it will go in front of the Erie County Commissioners tentatively on the 28th of September.

Mrs. Tucker appreciated that 12 of the 13 county auditors did not appeal the settlement and asked if the 12 counties that were in favor of the settlement could accept the settlement and move forward. Mr. Jeffrey stated no, it is all counties or no settlement. Mr. Hula asked Mr. Jeffrey if the Tax Commissioner could weigh in on the Lorain County appeal and he stated no, that it is up to the BTA now. Mr. Schoenegge then asked Mr. Jeffrey about the PILOT and whether the Wheatsborough Company could appeal the tax value once the PILOT was in place, and Mr. Jeffrey stated no. Mr. Jeffrey also stated that there are other local incentives in the PILOT agreement that will not occur if this PILOT is not approved before they break ground on the solar project. Mr. Warner and Mr. Hula thanked Mr. Jeffrey for coming to the meeting to help clarify some of these issues surrounding the PILOT and Nexus Appeal.

Personnel Actions

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mr. Hula, to approve the FMLA and unpaid leave requests; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mrs. Tucker: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, and Mr. Schoenegge: aye.

Certified:

Motion by Mr. Hula seconded by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the following as teacher mentor's for the 2022-2023 school year: Jessica Temari - To mentor Elise Chaffins at MES; Ann Stream -

To mentor Alison Butler and Serena Steyens; Mollie Biehl - To mentor Maddie Mullins, Mykenzie Greenler and Jennifer Lyons; Roll Call: Mrs. Tucker: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mr. Schoenegge: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mrs. Tucker, to approve Emily Becks as a Psychologist Assistant not to exceed 10 hours per week for the 2022-2023 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mrs. Tucker: aye, and Mr. Schoenegge: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula seconded by Mr. Warner, to approve extended days, as needed at the discretion of the supervisor, but not to exceed, for the 2022-2023 school year: Tela Yetter - 5 days for Speech Services; Christy Protzman - 5 days for Speech Services; Susan Miller - 5 days for Preschool Step-Up-To-Quality; Heather Wiley - 5 Days for Middle School Counselor; Heather Lott - 10 Days for Counselor; Alison Butler - 25 Days for VoAg; Kevin Kremer - 45 Days for VoAg; Adam Reardon - 9 Days for Band Director; Amanda Reardon - 6 Days for Assistant Band Director; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mrs. Tucker: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, and Mr. Schoenegge: aye.

Classified:

Motion by Mrs. Tucker seconded by Mr. Warner, to hire Sandy Todd, full time cook for a one year contract for the 2022-2023 school year, pending the completion of all State and local requirements; Roll Call: Mrs. Tucker: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mr. Schoenegge: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Tucker seconded by Mr. Hula, to promote Kristi Puckrin to Head Cook for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Warner asked if she was recommended by Mrs. Keller, to which Mr. Kurt stated yes; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mrs. Tucker: aye, and Mr. Schoenegge: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mrs. Tucker, to hire the following substitutes for the 2022-2023 school year, pending the completion of all State and local requirements: kitchen subs: Roberta Crum, JoAnn Rutger, Kelly Barrett, and Jennifer Kuns; Susan Cullen, substitute office aide; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mrs. Tucker: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, and Mr. Schoenegge: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Hula, to accept Kasey Haerr as a volunteer JV/Varsity Volleyball coach for the 2022 season; Roll Call: Mrs. Tucker: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mr. Schoenegge: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula and seconded by Mrs. Tucker, to approve Maree Markley and Geralyn Lippert for board office support for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Kurt stated that due to the busy nature of this last summer and late moves in the kitchen staff, we have not been able to complete all the student scanning imitative, to which we have brought Maree and Geralyn on a temporary basis to complete. He also stated that this is still a cost savings given we did not backfill one of the positions in the multiple moves; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mrs. Tucker: aye, and Mr. Schoenegge: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Tucker and seconded by Mr. Warner, to hire Dave Edwards as a high school / middle school lunch monitor and study hall monitor for the 2022-2023 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mrs. Tucker: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, and Mr. Schoenegge: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Tucker and seconded by Mr. Hula, to approve William Jacoby, intermittent groundskeeper for 2022-2023 school year; Roll Call: Mrs. Tucker: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mr. Schoenegge: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula and seconded by Mr. Warner, to approve Carrie Lewis, Bus Aide and Kelly Barrett as a bus driver, in addition to her custodian and sub kitchen positions for the 2022-2023 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mrs. Tucker: aye, and Mr. Schoenegge: aye.

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

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. with Mrs. Keegan, and Mr. Kurt remaining in the Executive Session.

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

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

Adjourning at 8:30 p.m.

The next regular BOE meeting will be Monday, October 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Margaretta Board of Education, 305 S. Washington Street, Castalia, Ohio. Mr. Schoenegge emphasized that this is a change in date from the previously planned October meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Brian Sutorius
Board President

Diane Keegan
Treasurer