

## **MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2021.**

The Margarettta Board of Education met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 13, 2021 at the BOE Office, 305 S Washington St., 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. Warner:	Present
Mrs. Yetter:	Present
Mr. Miller:	Present

Mr. Sutorius: Was excused from attending

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Motion by Mrs. Yetter and seconded by Mr. Warner, to approve the minutes from the Special BOE Meeting minutes held on Wednesday, August 24, 2021; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

### **Board and Staff Reports**

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

Mr. Ryan Bohn, TCS Superintendent, and Mr. Steve Keller, Margarettta Compliance Officer, were not available for the board meeting and therefore, Mr. Kurt gave the report for both. Mr. Kurt stated that we continue to have our monthly joint meetings between TCS and Margarettta, with either Mrs. Smith or Mr. Edwards attending. At our joint meeting Mr. Bohn reported out that they have been averaging 150-180 students per day in the TCS building and that they have had a very successful reopening. He stated that the previous fiscal year of 2021 FTE (Full Time Equivalent) audit was completed with a final FTE of 542.66 FTEs resulting in no paybacks for the FY2021 year. He also stated that we were just made aware that ODE will be performing another FTE audit for FY 2022 as well. Mr. Kurt stated that TCS is also feeding their students through summer seamless federal subsidy this year and is going well.

### **Public Participation**

Mr. Ted Patrick discussed his disappointment in specific High School staff and administrators and questioned their integrity as it related to the handling of his daughter's National Honor Society application. He also communicated a derogatory text messages that appear to be between Mr. Warner and Gary Barrett that Mr. Barrett copied and pasted to his personal Facebook and discussed the behavior of board members.

### **Introduction of Additional Items to Agenda**

Mr. Kurt stated that there were none.

### **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 and reminded the board that August results are for the first two months of the fiscal year. She also discussed the new House Bill 110 School Funding Formula and that it will not be effecting the district until the October state payment. She stated that the August revenue is a total of \$5.8M and expenses of \$2.8M resulting in a favorable cash increase of \$3.0M. She reminded the board that this is the high water mark for our general fund cash given we just collected all our second

half personal property taxes in August. The cash balance on July 1, 2021 was approximately \$1.6 million, leaving us with a new ending balance of \$4.6M at the end of August (which includes the general fund reserve of \$854K). Mrs. Keegan also acclimated the board to the new layout of the food services report and reviewed the Revenue and Expenses for the past seven years.

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **New Business**

Motion by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mrs. Yetter, on Resolution number 21-22-16, to authorize the Treasurer to make Inter-Fund Transfers for the Reserves set up for the incremental Nexus revenue funds for the current fiscal year of 2022; Roll call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge seconded by Mrs. Warner, on Resolution number 21-22-17, to approve the purchase of two Conventional 72 passenger buses from the bids received through the Ohio Schools Council on April 29, 2021. Mrs. Keegan stated that this is being covered by the districts ESSER Federal Funds as laid out in our submitted plan and communications; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner, and seconded by Mrs. Yetter, on Resolution number 21-22-18, to authorize OSC to advertise and receive school bus bids on the district's behalf for the remainder of the 2021/2022 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

## **Superintendent's Report**

### **New Business**

Motion by Mr. Warner, and seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, on Resolution number 21-22-19, to approve the Student Field-Based Experience Agreement with University of Findlay, for Emily Becks Psychologist Practicum for the 2021/2022 school year; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Mr. Kurt presented the second Reading of new NEOLA special released policy for Online and Blended Learning Changes from the Budget Bill Policy. Mr. Kurt stated that the direction on blended and online learning is very fluid and this keeps us in play if needed in the future.

Motion by Mrs. Yetter and seconded by Mr. Warner, to approve Margareta FFA select members and advisor to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 27-30, 2021. Traveling with Wynford, Colonel Crawford, Buckeye Central, and Lucas via a charter bus or school van. Mr. Kurt reminded the board that he can authorize in state trips, however the board is required to authorize out of state trips; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

### **Old Business**

#### **Update information regarding the first two weeks of school**

Mr. Kurt stated that we had a good start to the school year. He reiterated the mask policy that strongly recommends our students wear masks, however it is ultimately the parents' decision and that it is federally mandated on the buses. He did state that effective September 7th the district is requiring staff to wear masks. He also stated that the current direction from the Erie County Health Department (ECHD) is that if a staff member or student is in contact with a COVID positive person and is masked, that the ECHD is stating that the masked person does not have to be quarantined. He also stated that the district has been remote, hybrid and in-person and we believe the best educational model for the students is in-person learning and that we cannot replicate the magic of a teacher in front of their students. We are

trying very hard to keep our students in front of our teachers in-person. He also stated that Mr. Keith Taylor and Mr. Steve Keller are handling the COVID Coordinator positions in their respective buildings. Mr. Kurt also gave an update on our literacy initiatives and that Mr. Kevin Johnson and the literacy team will be participating in additional training Thursday September 16<sup>th</sup> with the University of Findlay and the current college students that are learning about the evidence-based science of reading program.

Mr. Kurt then gave an update on the Fiber Project that we are studying how we would run cable/fiber optics from our IT center, NOECA, to our buildings to establish the most reliable connections and cost effective option for our future new building. He stated we have Sigma designing our fiber loop with the support of independent consulting help from Martin White. We are just beginning to develop the costs and there will be future updates going forward.

### Personnel Action

#### Certified:

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge seconded by Mr. Warner, to approve Serena Steyns as the International Club Advisor and the Sophomore Class Advisor for the 2021/2022 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Yetter seconded by Mr. Warner, to approve Chrystal Liskai's, Second Grade teacher, FMLA which will continue into an unpaid leave for the remainder of the 2021/2022 school year; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

#### Classified

Motion by Mrs. Yetter, and seconded by Mr. Warner, to approve Emily Becks as a Psychologist Assistant for approximately 5-10 hours a week for the 2021/2022 school year, pending completion of all pre-employment requirements; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner, and seconded by Mrs. Yetter, to approve the following Substitute positions for the 2021/2022 school year, pending completion of all pre-employment requirements: Aides: Margaret (Peggy) Young, David Edwards, and Emily Becks; Bus Aide: Tara Riggs; Kitchen: Jody Bartish, Jordan Grueshaber, Amanda Lowis, and Becky Lorenz; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, and seconded by Mr. Warner, to rescind the previously approved Fall 2021 Weight Room Advisor supplemental position for Eric Jordan; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Yetter and seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to approve Madison Mullins for the fall 2021 Weight Room Advisor supplemental; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to approve the hiring of Jena Chiow, as a Bus Driver, for the 2021/2022 school year, pending completion of all pre-employment requirements; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Yetter, and seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to approve Shaina Trimarche into an unpaid leave status effective August 31, 2021; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge and seconded by Mr. Warner, to approve GERALYN LIPPERT, part time Board Office Secretarial support for the 2021/2022 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Yetter, and seconded by Mr. Warner, to enter Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion or compensation of public employees, with no action to follow; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. with Mrs. Keegan and Mr. Kurt remaining in the Executive Session.

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

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

Adjourning at 8:10 p.m.

The next regular BOE meeting has been scheduled for Monday, October 18, 2021 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Margaretta Board of Education, 305 South Washington St., Castalia.

Respectfully Submitted

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Kent Miller  
Board President

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Diane Keegan  
Treasurer