

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2020.

The Margarettta Board of Education met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2020 at MES Gym 5906 Bogart Road West, Castalia, Ohio.

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 Mrs. Yetter seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve the minutes from the Regular BOE Meeting held on Monday, August 17, 2020 and from the special BOE meeting held on Friday September 4, 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. Jeff Thompson, TCS Superintendent, gave a report out of the current information on TCS (They are in week 4 of school, current student enrollment approximately 700, continuing to implement VLA and DASL, upcoming employee Professional Day, 40% of the students are taking at least one VLA course, etc.). Mr. Thompson also mentioned that they are still waiting on the ODE/TCS settlement agreement and there is a tentative zoom meeting with Paulo, State Superintendent on Wednesday.

TCS Margarettta Sponsor's Report

Mr. Steve Keller, Margarettta's Compliance Officer was excused from attending this month, due to another commitment. Mr. Kurt informed the board that Margarettta sponsor report has been in the last two years of 'Effective' and while they are not rating the Sponsors this year, we would have received an 'Effective' again. He also mentioned about the ODE/TCS settlement and the meeting with the State Superintendent.

Public Participation

No one had any comments.

Introduction of Additional Agenda Items

Mr. Kurt asked the board to adjust the wording on VIII.A.2 to eliminate the two words 'rescind and'

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 the August results are the second month of the new fiscal year. She stated that the month's revenue was approximately \$6.0 million, which was favorable \$2.2 million was compared to last year, due to Nexus pipeline revenue. Mrs. Keegan reminded the Board that Nexus paid us at the 47% valuation amount and that they did appeal the Ohio Department of Taxation ruling to the Board of Tax Appeal. The operating expenses were unfavorable by approximately \$(129) thousand, due to previous personnel changes. Mrs. Keegan also mentioned that there were general fund transfers out to the Facility and General

Fund Reserves for approximately \$1.3 million. The beginning cash balance on July 1, 2020 was \$1.3 million and the first two months generated a net cash increase of \$2.2 million, leaving the final General Fund cash balance of \$3.5 million.

Treasurer's Report

New Business

Motion by Mrs. Yetter seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution number 20-21-11, approving the contract with the Erie County Sheriff(s) to provide for a SRO at the HS/MS and MES campuses during 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. Miller seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution number 20-21-12, approving contract renewal with the North Central Ohio Educational Services Center (NCOESC) for the purpose of providing the District with ESY services 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 Mrs. Yetter seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution number 20-21-13, to approve the new Verizon contract to procure hotspots for internet services to families without internet access. Mrs. Keegan also mentioned that these Verizon Hot Spots and the Buckeye internet (which is the next resolution) will be paid for by the CARES Act grant for Broadband; 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 20-21-14, to approve the new Buckeye Broadband agreement to provide families with internet services, that currently do not have internet access; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Superintendent's Report

New Business

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge seconded by Mrs. Yetter, to approve the graduation of Tara (Hamon) Gremling with the class of 2020, having met all state and local requirements. Mr. Kurt explained the Ohio 22 plus Adult Diploma requirements and that the educating District, Sandusky High School, informed Margaretta that Tara had completed all necessary requirements for a diploma; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius and seconded by Mrs. Yetter, to approve the revised Board policies: Policy 2431 Interscholastic Athletics, Policy 3220 Standards-Based Teacher Evaluation, and Policy 5200 Attendance; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Mr. Kurt introduced the first reading of the following revised policies; Policy 1520 - Employment of Administrators, Policy 1530 - Evaluation of Principals and other Administrators, Policy 2270 - Religion in the Schools, Policy 3124 - Employment Contract, Policy - 5410 Promotion, Academic Acceleration, Placement, and Retention, Policy - 5610 Removal, Suspension, Expulsion, and Permanent Exclusion of Students, Policy - 5611 Due Process Rights, Policy 6144 - Investments, Policy 6152 – Student Fees, Fines, and Charges, Policy 6152.01 - Waiver of School Fees for Instructional Materials, Policy 6325 - Procurement -Federal Grants/Funds, Policy 6424 - (Replacement) Procurement Cards, Policy 8800 - Religious/Patriotic Ceremonies and Observances.

Motion by Mrs. Sutorius and seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, on Resolution number 20-21-15, to adopt the Bus Routes recommended by the Superintendent and Transportation Supervisor for the 2020-2021 School Year. Mrs. Diane Jacoby asked how many students are on the buses. Mr. Kurt explained that we first split the bus into two routes instead of one route (like in the past). This was done to reduce the density on the buses if we were having all the students in the buildings every day in a traditional learning model. The dual routes helped to reduce the numbers on the bus into approximately 50% of the ridership. And currently with being in Hybrid learning, we are only bringing half of the normal daily riders then if we were in the traditional learning model. Therefore currently we are having approximately 25% of the students on the buses compared to last year's one route. Mr. Kurt also reminded that we can get funding for transportation on mileage or number of riders, whichever is higher. Therefore we will be funded on mileage for this year. He also stated that even though the numbers of riders are currently low due to running the school in a Hybrid learning model, we have to be prepared to be able to handle all the riders if we go back to a traditional learning model and we are unable to change the routes and transportation during the school year. Mrs. Kim Miller asked if we would consider changing the start times in the two buildings to be closer together. Mr. Kurt again said that we wouldn't do that, given when we go back to traditional learning we will need that amount of time for the bus routes. Roll Call: Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Old Business

Mr. Kurt gave an update on the restart/reopening plans for school. Some of his talking points were:

- We gave out 1,200 and 1,335 bag and go meals for the first and second weeks of school respectively.
- We are being reimbursed for the bag and go meals through a USDA Food Grant through the end of December or sooner if the funds are used up.
- Everyone stepped up and we are very happy with how well the entire staff is doing and the effort levels, we have also had a few new open enrollment students that have joined Margaretta while we have been in Hybrid.
- We will be sticking to the current Hybrid learning model for the entire first nine weeks
- We will be evaluating and making the decision for the second nine weeks on October 9th, which will be three weeks before the second nine weeks begins
- The students truly seem very happy to be back in school and in front of their teachers

Personnel Actions

Certified:

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve the unpaid leave of absence for Mary Schaeffer, Intervention Specialist, 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. Sutorius seconded by Mrs. Yetter, to approve the hiring of Jessalyn Vogt, Preschool Itinerant Teacher, for a one year contract, effective August 3, 2020 (2020-2021 School Year). Mrs. Myers asked if this was a new position and we explained that Jessalyn worked through our substitute teacher company last year to cover our preschool identified itinerant students and was hired to cover that for the District; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Yetter and seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve the following supplemental positions: Jamie Bonnigson - National Honor Society Advisor, Vicki Meyers - Yearbook Advisor, Cyndi Hedden - Senior Class Advisor, Marnie Hallett-Szymanski - Student Government Advisor, Marnie Hallett-Szymanski - Junior Class Advisor, Marnie Hallett-Szymanski - Swimming/Diving

Head Coach, Lauren Drossman-Martin - Head Diving Coach, Mollie Biehl - Swimming/Diving JH Assistant Coach, Steve Gravenhorst - Volunteer Lifting Coach, Ryan Bohn - 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Steve Keller - Boys Basketball Head Coach; Roll Call: Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve additional extended days, as needed at the discretion of the supervisor, but not to exceed 5 additional extended days for Amy Bogard 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 and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve additional extended days, as needed at the discretion of the supervisor, but not to exceed 5 additional extended days for Tranette Novak 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 Mrs. Yetter to approve Tim Tucker, part time COVID-19 Assistant Athletic Director/Coach as needed on a daily per diem basis, effective September 14, 2020; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Classified

Motion by Mr. Sutorius seconded by Mrs. Yetter, to approve the following Substitute Kitchen workers: Kelly Barrett, Tammy Brown, and Peggy Zura for the 2020-2021 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Yetter, to approve the following supplemental workers for the 2020-2021 school year, pending all necessary pre-employment requirements are met: Kim Miller – SADD, Christy Miller - Swimming/Diving Varsity Assistant Coach, Kaycee Hallett – Swimming / Diving JH Coach, Eric Kochendoerfer - Girls Basketball Head Coach, Ray Neill - Varsity Girls Basketball Assistant Coach, Dan Hedberg - JV Girls Basketball Coach, Denny Bailey - Freshman Girls Basketball Coach, Greg Wiedenheft - 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Jake Wagner - Girls Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach, Lisa Kochendoerfer - Girls Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach, Tony Haerr - Girls Basketball Volunteer JH Coach, Joe Bias - Girls Basketball Volunteer JH Coach, Derick Bailey - Freshman Boys Basketball Coach, Ryan Spicer - 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Austin Spicer - 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Ron Chapman - Wrestling Head Coach, Jim Beal - Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach, Kaden Keegan - Volunteer JH Wrestling Assistant Coach; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Miller to enter Executive Session to conference with our attorney concerning disputes involving pending or imminent court action; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. with Mrs. Keegan and Mr. Kurt remaining in the Executive Session.

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Yetter, 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 8:10 p.m.

The next regular BOE meeting has been scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Andrew Warner
Board President

Diane Keegan
Treasurer