

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2020.

The Margaretta Board of Education met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 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 that was held on Monday, September 21, 2020 and the special BOE meeting held on Monday, September 28, 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, reported that the current TCS student enrollment as of October, 2020 is 868, with new students applying regularly. Mr. Thompson also spoke of the recent approval and execution of the ODE/TCS settlement agreement. He also mentioned that TCS will be having a sponsor's site visit tomorrow, with Ed Kurt and Steve Keller.

TCS Margaretta Sponsor's Report

Mr. Steve Keller, Margaretta Compliance Officer reiterated that tomorrow's site visit is a half day visit and is the first of two visits that need to be performed this year. He also mentioned that there are several items that are currently due in Epicenter (for example, the Sponsor's Annual Report, the TCS Budget, and Special Education requirements, etc.).

Public Participation

Mrs. Diane Jacoby asked as the colder weather is coming, what will kids do with their coats in addition to their book bags if they do not have the use of lockers or hooks in the hallways. Mr. Kurt responded that both buildings will begin to use the student lockers and hallway hooks starting the second nine weeks.

Introduction of Additional Agenda Items

Mrs. Keegan introduced additional items to the agenda that will be covered in later actions as follows: 1). Added Winter Sports Supplementals in section VIII.C.Certified.3. And VIII.C.Classified.2. and 3 below; and 2). Resolution (#20-21-26), to approve the second 2020 Amendment to the Amended and Restated TCS Sponsor Contract. Mrs. Keegan stated that this amendment is necessary for changes in the law and as part of the ODE Settlement Agreement.

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 September results (the third month of the new fiscal year). She stated that the fiscal year to date

revenue is up due to Nexus taxes (that they paid at 42% of the tax values assessed), she also reminded the board that the taxing values were upheld in Nexus' first appeal and Nexus has now appealed to the next level, the Board of Tax Appeal. She also stated that the open enrollment into the district is continuing to trend down this year versus last year in the first three months by \$(31)K and the open enrollment out is also continuing to trend unfavorable in the same period by \$(80)K. She also mentioned the people cost is unfavorable versus last year at this time primarily due to the number of pay periods this year is higher than last year for the same period. This timing issue occurs due to the employee paychecks being paid every two weeks and depending how the payrolls fall within the months, can cause a timing variances. The beginning cash balance on July 1, 2020 was \$1.3 million and the first three months generated a net cash increase of \$1.8 million, leaving the final General Fund cash balance of \$3.1 million.

Treasurer's Report

New Business

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution number 20-21-18, to approve the Official Budget/Permanent Annual Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 commencing with expenses incurred beginning July 1, 2020; Mrs. Keegan mentioned that this should have been approved at the September Board meeting and was inadvertently missed due to the COVID and Restart plans focus. Roll call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Yetter seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution number 20-21-19, to approve the Shared Diving Coach and Facility Use agreement with the Huron City School District in accordance with the terms and conditions identified in the agreement for the 2020-2021 Swimming Season; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius seconded by Mrs. Yetter, on Resolution number 20-21-20, to approve the nursing contract with Erie County Health Department for the purpose of providing nursing affiliation services to administer flu shots and other services for staff during 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 Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution number 20-21-21, to authorize the Treasurer to make Inter-Fund Transfers of funds for the current fiscal year of 2021; 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, on Resolution number 20-21-22, to adopt a Five Year Forecast for the fiscal years 2021-2025; 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. Miller, on Resolution number 20-21-23, to approve the Master Electric Energy Sales agreement between the District and Power4schools' endorsed electric supplier, Engie Resources, LLC; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Superintendent's Report

New Business

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve the updated Student Suspension / Expulsion Procedures Handbook; Mr. Kurt stated that it was brought to our attention that our forms and process for Student Suspension/Expulsions was outdated and therefore we are updating to the current regulations. The handbook has been shared to the building principals and will make it available

to TCS also; Roll Call: Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius seconded by Mrs. Yetter, on Resolution number 20-21-24, to approve the Letter of Intent to amend the contract Service Provider Contract Internet Services Contact Number: MARG17-22 pending acquisition of E-rate funding. Mr. Kurt mentioned that this will only go into effect if we get awarded the e-Rate funding. If we get the funding then the upgraded bandwidth worth \$10,000 would ultimately only cost the District \$4,000 ; 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, on Resolution number 20-21-25, to approve the Data Sharing Agreement with Ashland University and Mary K. Schaeffer for the purpose of providing research data analysis. Mr. Kurt stated that Mary is a counselor at Western Reserve, that is studying the economic disadvantages students and its relationship to passing the Third Grade Reading Guarantee; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye

Motion by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Yetter, on Resolution number 20-21-26, to approve the second 2020 Amendment to the Amended and Restated TCS Sponsor Contract; 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 plans for the second nine weeks plan. Mr. Kurt stated that we are currently planning on coming back five days per week starting November 2, 2020. Therefore this will cause parents to decide to either come back five days per week or they would have to choose the NOVA 100% remote option and that the Google Remote option will no longer available. He stated that we will still keep the Google classroom available if students have to stay home due to COVID or a calamity day home learning. Mr. Kurt stated that we have been very pleased with our nurses at each of the buildings and then Mr. Keller reiterated that statement. Mr. Keller stated they have appreciated all the nurses support and that we will continue to publish the District's COVID metrics every two weeks or more frequent if needed. He stated that the Erie County Health Department helps in each COVID event with tracing and who needs to be effected. Mr. Keller was happy to report that we have had no employees or students that have tested positive, however there have been some quarantines. Mr. Kurt stated that he had a local Superintendent meeting and that approximately 88% are coming back fulltime. He mentioned that he receives the Erie County Health Department metrics for Erie County and our school district every Thursday and will monitor the metrics and adjust accordingly.

Mr. Kurt introduced the Second Reading and motion to adopt Board Policies as follows: 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. Mr. Kurt also mentioned that we contract with NEOLA and they meet with us and give recommended policy changes due to changing laws; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Yetter and seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution number 20-21-27, to approve the final executed Ohio Department Education Settlement Contract, with the Board, and TCS. Mr. Kurt also mentioned that it was recommended by our attorney to approve the settlement again given it is fully executed at this time; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Personnel Actions

Certified:

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge and seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to rescind Steve Gravenhorst, as a Volunteer Lifting Coach and approve him as a Volunteer Swim Coach; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Schoenegge to approve Bob Toney as a part time Remote Learning Consultant. Mr. Kurt stated we will utilize Bob Toney on a part time to help with remote students that are struggling. We will also encourage the parents and students that are struggling to have the student come back to fulltime in the buildings; 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. Sutorius, to approve Drew Grahl, ½ of the Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, for the Winter 2020/2021 Session; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Classified

Motion by Mrs. Yetter and seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve Becky Lorenz, Substitute Kitchen positions 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. Miller and seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to approve the following Boys Basketball Coaching positions, for the Winter 2020/2021 season: Jake Miesler, ½ of the Varsity Assistant Coach Mike Raifsnider, JV Coach; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge and seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the following Volunteer Club Bowling Coaching positions, for the Winter 2020/2021 season: Audra Rooker, Volunteer Head Coach Barry Carlson Volunteer Assistant Coach. Mr. Miller stated that he went to one of the matches last year and it was really a fun environment and would recommend checking it out; Roll Call: Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Yetter, seconded by Mr. Sutorius to enter Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion or compensation of public employees; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Warner: aye. The Board entered Executive Session at 6:58 p.m. with Mrs. Keegan and Mr. Kurt remaining in the Executive Session.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mrs. Yetter, to return to Open Public Session; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: 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: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Adjourning at 8:00 p.m.

The next regular BOE meeting has been scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Margaretta Elementary School Gym.

Respectfully Submitted

Andrew Warner
Board President

Diane Keegan
Treasurer