

**MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2018.**

The Margarettta Board of Education met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday November 19, 2018 at the Board Office.

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. Miller, to approve the minutes from the October 29, 2018 Regular BOE Meeting; 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. Pete Bartkowiak, TCS Superintendent, made his monthly report to the Board. Mr. Bartkowiak stated that Townsend has had 1,029 graduates, active students totaling 1,462 and 82.66% of TCS students are 'At-Risk' students. Percentage of special education students is at 23.67%, which is down 2-3%. He also referenced some of the statistics of the student population; currently there are 16 homeless students, 26 transient students (which is defined as moving more than 2 times in this school year already), and 703 students 1+ grade levels behind. Mr. Bartkowiak also mentioned that we have officially been told by ODE that we are an "Effective" Sponsor.

TCS Sponsor's Report

Mr. Mock reported out on the Sponsor activity, given Mr. Grahl was unavailable tonight. Mr. Mock passed out a three page status of TCS/Margaretta activities and highlighted that we submitted the required ODE corrective action plan by the November 12<sup>th</sup> due date. As of the night of the Board meeting, there wasn't any response from ODE on the acceptability of the plan that was submitted. Mr. Warner then asked Mr. Bartkowiak if he is moving forward with the corrective action plan as submitted. Mr. Bartkowiak responded yes, he stated the online correction plan will be easier to accomplish than the 51% of learning time in the building. Mr. Bartkowiak also mentioned currently there are 34 Sponsors and just two years ago there were 68 Sponsors. Mr.

Mock then asked how many of the current Sponsors are 'For Profit' companies. Mr. Bartkowiak stated that there is 6 or 7 'For Profit', 19 School Districts, and 8 ESC's.

Mr. Mock also passed out a draft of the Annual Sponsor Report that is due to ODE by November 30, 2018 and that our attorney is checking into what ODE is requiring this year to be included in the report. Mr. Mock introduced that the Board needs to approve the draft tonight in order to keep it on track for submission on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Mock also mentioned that we will bring the Sponsorship Renewal Notice for approval to the December Board meeting, given it needs to be approved six months prior to its expiration.

### **Public Participation**

Mr. Jason Brake raised concerns about the combining of bus routes that are starting on November 26, 2018. He is concerned about the 70 minute ride for his children and that multiple parents' letters state the same time for getting on the bus and based on the distance between those houses and his, he thinks it is not accurate. He also raised concerns about how tired his children will be due to the length of the ride. He inquired about signing a waiver to allow his children to cross State Route 101 to shorten their bus route. Mr. Mock raised the safety concerns crossing a busy State Route. He also asked if the previous bus driver could do the old morning and afternoon route and just shorten her daily aide position time. Mr. Warner said that she has responsibilities for the Aide position that would not allow that and If it were even possible, it would push them into daily overtime. Both Mr. Mock and Mrs. Keller stated that the rearranged routes seem doable. Mr. Schoenegge also reminded Mr. Brake that the times on the letters are only estimates and need to run the route to work the details out and specific times for pick up. Mrs. Keller also reminded the participants that all parents are expected to have their children at the bus stop 5 minutes prior to their pick up time. Mr. Mock also stated that approximately 65-70% of the kids that should be riding the bus are involved in extracurricular activities after school, which could also help shorten the length of the students' rides. Mrs. Yetter and Mr. Warner both asked for Mr. Brake's patience and to let the route run for a while and see how it works out. Mr. Mock stated that he would talk to Mrs. Dresser about the times on the letters.

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

Mr. Mock introduced additional items, to the agenda, as follows: 1). Athletic facility update, 2). TCS Community School Sponsor Annual Report motion to approve the draft of the report and the

need to upload the final report to the Epicenter by November 30, 2018.

### **The Financial Report and Schedule of Bills**

Mrs. Keegan asked if there were any questions on the schedule of bills and Mrs. Keegan stated that the financial reports in the Board members packages reflect the fourth month of this fiscal year (July 1, 2018 through October 31, 2018). Mrs. Keegan stated that the District's General Fund revenue was down compared to last year \$(1.3) million and expenditures were also down \$385 thousand compared to last year. The general fund revenue exceeded expenditures by approximately \$0.5 million after the fourth month of October for this fiscal year. Last year during the same period, the General Fund revenues exceeded expenditures by approximately \$1.5 million. There was an improvement in expenses of \$285 thousand, primarily driven by improvements in the supplies and materials account this year due to the purchase of textbooks in the previous year. Revenue was down due to the delay in billing TCS for the current year agreements. There was some discussion about the way to bill items on the TCS invoice. The billing has been caught up and paid in full in November, so it is just a timing issue.

### **Treasurer's Report**

#### **New Business**

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge seconded by Mrs. Yetter on Resolution number 18-19-31, to approve a Shared Services Contract with Perkins Local Schools to provide Work Study services to Margaretta students attending North Point Multi-handicapped units at Huron City Schools for the 2018/19 school year; Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mrs. Yetter, on Resolution number 18-19-32, to authorize the Treasurer to advertise for bid the purchase of one handicapped school bus and to begin the procurement process; 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. Miller, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution number 18-19-33, to approve the Shared Preschool Itinerant Services with the Danbury School District to share a Special Education teacher for the 2018/19 school year; 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, to adopt Board Resolution number 18-19-34, to approve the parent transportation agreement for the 2018/19 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 Mr. Miller, to adopt Board Resolution number 18-19-35, to support the Republic Wind Project, for Sandusky and Erie Counties of Ohio. Mr. Warner asked if there were any discussion and Mr. Mock stated that the gentleman met with Mrs. Keegan and him and he stated that it could generate \$300 thousand in tax revenue. Mr. Mock also mentioned that the Bellevue School Board has supported it as well; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: abstain, Mr. Warner: aye.

### **Personnel Actions**

#### Certified/Classified:

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Yetter, to approve the following employees for the after school program: Treena (Kilhken) Baer, Elisa Boles, Heather Campana, Alyssa Fitz, Tonya Foes, Jason Gearheart, Jackie Henline, Natasha McCowan, Donna McGory, Mary Schaeffer, Jessica Temari, Ashley Williams; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

#### Classified:

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to approve the following volunteers: James Beal - Volunteer Wrestling, Jalen Skutt - Volunteer Wrestling, Nick Basting - Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach, Jason Caponi - Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach, Derrick Bailey - Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach; 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, to accept the resignation of the following employees: David Whinnery - Custodian I, Julie Guerrero - Special Education Aide, Natasha McCowen - Bus Driver and Lunch Aide, Andrea Yaussy-Higgins - Head Volleyball Coach, Kathy Yaussy - Varsity Assistant Volleyball and Freshman Volleyball 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. Schoenegge, to approve Natasha McCowen as a Special Educational Aide and Sub Bus

Driver; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

#### Old Business

Mr. Mock gave an update that Mr. Sutorius, Mrs. Yetter and Mr. Miller and he attended a Nexus presentation at the Capital Conference and our attorney, Becky Princehorn, from Bricker and Eckler was one of the presenters. The group also was able to meet Marvin Founds from Umbaugh who is working on the facility financing issues. At the presentation, Nexus did confirm that there is gas flowing currently, this will result in a valuation of the pipeline in 2019 and will begin to receive tax revenue in 2020. Mr. Mock stated that one of the Districts in attendance at the presentation asked if the pipelines don't cut through their District how much tax revenue could they receive. Mr. Mock stated the answer was none of it would impact that particular district. Mr. Mock stated that he heard at the Nexus presentation that nexus would not be able to appeal the valuation, given it is a utility company and that they can only apply for tax exemptions and abatements. Mr. Mock stated we will need to confirm what he heard at the conference. Mr. Mock also stated there was approximately 100 people at that presentation.

#### Informational Items/Correspondence

Mr. Mock gave an update on Margaretta's Continuous Improvement Designation that was given by ODE. Both grades K through 5 and grades 6 through 12 received an 'Independent' designation. Mr. Mock explained that if Margaretta would have received a lower rating as a 'Focused' designation, it could potentially jeopardize the ability to get federal grants. Therefore, it is good that we were given the 'Independent' designation, which gives us the ability for them to assist us.

Mr. Mock updated on the athletic facility. There was a meeting with Mr. Freeh, Mr. Grahl, Mr. Mock and Vassu on the reprogramming of the entry system to the weight room. The plan is to deactivate the current entry system and use the key fob system that is already in place at the school buildings. The intention is to ultimately open the doors to the public from 6:15 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. and then again from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on week days, no weekends. The other times would require to have a school key fob. The implementation timing is still to be determined.

Mr. Mock mentioned the draft of the Sponsor's Annual Report that was passed out earlier at the Board meeting. Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mrs. Yetter, to approve the draft of the

Sponsor Annual; 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, to enter Executive Session to discuss matters that require to be kept confidential by federal laws, rules or state statues and the appointment or dismissal of public employees; Roll Call: Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Warner: aye. The Board entered Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. Mr. Smith, Mr. Mock and Mrs. Keegan remained in the Executive Session.

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

The Board adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Board office.

Respectfully Submitted

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Andy Warner  
Board President

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Diane Keegan  
Treasurer