

## **MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2020.**

The Margarettta Board of Education met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 21, 2020 at MES Gym 5906 Bogart Road West, Castalia, Ohio.

Mr. Warner called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 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 Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Yetter, to approve the minutes from the regular BOE meeting that was held on Monday, November 16, 2020; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

**Apex Clean Energy Presentation/Wheatsborough Solar** Mr. Kurt and Mr. Warner introduced Roger Hunker, Development Associate, who had requested to present to the Board their Wheatsborough Solar Project. If their assumptions and figures are correct and if they are approved for the PILOT program, it is estimated that Margarettta would receive approximately \$777 thousand per year. Mr. Hunker also mentioned that the panels are low profile, there will be set backs from homes, and there is money set aside for future decommission costs. Mr. Hunker is looking for a board resolution of project support.

### **Acknowledgement and Certificate Award for grant awards**

Mr. Kurt presented Keven Wise and Keith Taylor with certificates of accomplishment for proactively writing and receiving grant proceeds of over \$101,700 in grants in the last few years. Most recently they received \$13,237 in grants for the MES summer reading program to help avoid the backwards slide of summer.

### **Board and Staff Reports**

#### **Townsend Community School's (TCS) Report**

Mr. Ryan Bohn, TCS Principal, reported that the current TCS student enrollment as of December 18<sup>th</sup> was 792. He also stated that TCS is working closely with Margarettta to complete all the necessary compliance issues in the ODE Settlement agreement and thanked Margarettta for their continuing support and partnership. Mr. Bohn also mentioned that they have installed public WIFI at TCS, through the Broadband Grant and welcomed Margarettta students to utilize it in the parking lots.

#### **TCS Margarettta Sponsor's Report**

Mr. Steve Keller, Margarettta Compliance Officer, briefly reviewed the items covered at our joint TCS/MLSD meeting and that we had been working on the details of the Sponsor contract renewal between TCS and Margarettta. He also stated that we continue to work through all the requirements for the May and June uploads to the ODE Epicenter.

### **Public Participation**

No public participation.

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

Mr. Kurt clarified that we should add that X.A.1 should specify that it is for the 2020-2021 school year only.

### **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 November results (the fifth month of the fiscal year). She stated that the fiscal year to date revenue is up due to Nexus taxes for the first half taxes of \$2M. She also stated that the open enrollment into the district is continuing to trend down this year versus last year in the first five months by \$(54)K and the open enrollment out is also continuing to trend unfavorable in the same period. She also mentioned the people cost (wages and benefits) is unfavorable versus last year by approximately \$(87)K. The beginning cash balance on July 1, 2020 was \$1.3 million and the first five months generated a net cash increase of \$0.7 million, leaving the final General Fund cash balance of \$2.0 million.

### **Treasurer's Report**

#### **New Business**

Motion by Mrs. Yetter seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution number 20-21-38, to set the date and time of the Board's Organizational meeting and budget hearing, which needs to occur prior to January 15<sup>th</sup>. It was decided to meet on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.; Roll call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Yetter, on Resolution number 20-21-39, to amend Board policies to permit virtual Board meetings. Mrs Keegan mentioned that this was just an updated resolution for the extension of virtual meetings option; 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 20-21-40, to declare the intent to proceed with election to levy a renewal tax (Levying a 7.75 mill operating levy for five years) in excess of the ten-mill limitation; 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 20-21-41, to approve the renewal of Corporate Health Center consortium drug screening agreement for 2020-2021 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Yetter seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution number 20-21-42, authorizing the Treasurer to make Inter-Fund Transfers for the CARES Act grant funds for the current fiscal year of 2021. Mrs. Keegan also mentioned that this will require a transfer from the general fund to cover the negative balance in the CARES Act Federal Grant and with the purchase of the last 200 Chrome books (touchscreens) for kindergarten and first grade and this will finish all the remaining CARES funds, except the Broadband CARES fund; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

### **Superintendent's Report**

#### **New Business**

Motion by Mr. Sutorius and seconded by Mrs. Yetter, to approve the waiving of all eligibility requirements (OHSAA) effective October 29, 2020, 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 Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve the MTA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to change the Parent Teacher Conference Day on January 22nd to a regular student day. Mr. Kurt stated that he and Mrs. Meyers discussed the importance of more student days this year. He also stated that there has been great communication between the teachers and the parents and with the recent conferences, it was determined that a student day was more appropriate; 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, to approve that the teachers, school counselors, administration and superintendent evaluations will occur without value-added, high quality student data or student metrics, for the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Kurt stated that the evaluations would include the individual performance of the employees; however it will not include student performance data. Mr. Kurt also stated that he was asked by Mrs. Meyers if this required an MOU, he committed to look into the necessity of an MOU; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Yetter, on Resolution number 20-21-43, to approve the renewal of the TCS/Margaretta Sponsor Contract as amended and restated. Mr. Kurt stated that we will be approving the contract with a future approval of an amendment when TCS completes the rest of the Educational Plan; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Warner: aye

### Old Business

Mr. Kurt reviewed the third nine weeks of school learning plan. He stated that the start of the second semester is January 19<sup>th</sup> and that we will make the decision for the second semester on January 8<sup>th</sup> based on the direction and guidance from the Erie County Health Department. Mr. Kurt stated that he is continually trying to balance the students' emotional and social needs, continuing to promote students' academic progress, the dynamics of students' families and families' needs as well as the safety of our students and employees. He also stated that he does not want to yo-yo between different learning plans as best as we can. He will continue to monitor all issues and adjust accordingly. Mr. Kurt asked if Mr. Steve Keller, our Covid Coordinator, if he had anything to add. Mr. Keller reminded everyone that the District is making all quarantining decision based on the guidance and direction of the two health departments. The health departments are the experts and we rely on their medical experience and guidance.

### Personnel Actions

#### Certified:

Motion by Mrs. Yetter seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to rescind 7th Grade Class Advisor of Lindsey Miller and approve Mollie Biehl as 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Advisor for 2020-2021 school year; 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. Sutorius, to approve Adam Reardon as the Pep Band Advisor for the 2020-21 school year. Mr. Warner stated that it was nice hearing them at the ball games; 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 approve Kay Hartley as a Remote Instructor at Tutor Rate for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year; pending completion of all employment requirements. Mr. Kurt stated that we have a student that has special needs and we only have one existing teacher that is certified to perform this position and the current employee is not interest in

coming back from leave for this position. Therefore we had to look outside the district; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye, Mr. Warner: aye.

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Motion by Mrs. Yetter seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve Cameron Gessner, Junior High Wrestling Coach for 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. Sutorius, to approve Kade Gravenhorst and Dane Smith as Sub Custodians 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 Mr. Sutorius seconded by Mr. Miller, to enter Executive Session to prepare for, conduct, or review negotiations. Specialized details of security arrangements where disclosure of matters discussed might reveal information that could be used for the purpose of committing or avoiding prosecution for a violation of the law. The employment, dismissal, discipline or compensation 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 7:41 p.m. with Mrs. Keegan and Mr. Kurt remaining in the Executive Session.

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

Adjourning at 8:30 p.m.

The next regular BOE meeting for the Organizational Meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Margareta Board of Education office.

Respectfully Submitted

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Andrew Warner  
Board President

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Diane Keegan  
Treasurer