

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 15, 2024.

Margaretta Board of Education met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2024 at the Margaretta Board of Education, 305 S. Washington Street, Castalia, Ohio.

Regular Board Meeting

Mrs. Tucker, Board President, then called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. requesting roll call by Mrs. Keegan:

Mr. Hula:	Present
Mr. Lippert	Present
Mr. Schoenegge:	Present
Mr. Sutorius:	Present
Mrs. Tucker:	Present

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited after roll call.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, and seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve the minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on Monday, June 24, 2024; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Board and Staff Reports

Townsend Community School’s (TCS) Report

Mr. Ryan Bohn, TCS Principal and Superintendent was excused from the meeting and Mr. Kurt passed out his handout and gave the report update. Mr. Kurt stated that TCS has 95 graduates for the 2023-2024 school year, and 468 current students as of July 15, 2024 and that the teacher/stadium parking lot paving is scheduled to be paved by Erie Blacktop starting on July 26th to the 29th.

TCS Margaretta Sponsor’s Report

Mr. Kurt gave an update on our monthly meetings being held and that everything is running smoothly and their next board meeting will be held Tuesday night the 16th of July.

Public Participation

Mr. Gary Smith reminded the board of the student-led vigil that will be held for the Miller family on Thursday July 18th at 9:10 p.m. on the football practice field.

Introduction of Additional Items to the Agenda

Mr. Kurt introduced an additional resolution number 24-25-06, to approve the independent consulting agreement with Seven T Services, LLC, for mechanical repairs and training services for the 2024-2025 school year

In addition, Mr. Kurt gave the board an update on the MES wind turbine. Contractors were at MES on Monday, July 15, 2024 to begin the decommissioning and dismantling of the storm-damaged, inoperable wind turbine.

Treasurer's Financial Report and Schedule of Bills

Mrs. Keegan presented the schedule of bills, bank reconciliations, fund balances, etc., that were included in the Board's packages for review. Mrs. Keegan stated that the 2024 Fiscal Year (FY) revenue through June was a total of \$18.2M and expenses of \$18.0M resulting in an increase to the general fund balance of \$157K. The Fiscal Year beginning cash balance in the general fund as of July 1, 2023 was \$1.0M so at Fiscal Yearend of June 30, 2024 the general fund balance was \$1.2M. Mrs. Keegan stated that the biggest change in the revenue for this fiscal year to date versus last year at this time is the \$(551)K in tangible personal property, which is primarily due to Nexus paying us a lower percentage of their tax bill this year versus last year at this time. She also stated that our employee wages and benefits are unfavorable this year versus last year by \$(375)K and she reminded the board of the 9.6% increase in the healthcare premiums this year in comparison to last year. She stated that the supplies and materials are favorable \$96K due to the purchase of two curriculums for math and English Language Arts (ELA), which the majority of the curriculum was purchased in FY2023.

Mrs. Keegan also reviewed the fiscal year the Food Service Account and stated that the program has had some significant head winds to overcome this year with the inflationary increases in the price of food, the loss of the free commodity products (fresh fruits and vegetables) from the government, milk carton shortages, and having to pay for the one-time installation costs of the new Point of Sale (POS) system with PaySchools this year. Even with all those obstacles that they faced, they still were able to finish the 2024FY with a positive (in the black) cash balance in Food Services of \$92,004. Mrs. Keller and the whole food service team has stayed focused on this goal all year and finished the fiscal year strong.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Keegan began the discussion of the \$34,000,000 School Facilities Bond issue. Beginning by signing and certifying the Certificate of Estimated Life and Maximum Maturity to the Board of Education prior to the passage of the next resolution.

Motion by Mr. Hula seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, on Resolution number 24-25-01, declaring the necessity of bond issue in the amount of \$34,000,000 and to submit the question of such bond issue to the electors; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

The resolution was certified to the Erie County Auditor, Richard Jeffrey, prior to the Board of Education's passage of the Resolution to Proceed.

Mr. Richard Jeffrey was in attendance at the meeting and as such, completed the Certificate of County Auditor (Form DTE 130) for the Board's review before proceeding to the next resolution. Mrs. Keegan stated that the DTE-130 certified that the \$34M bond is calculated to be a 3.220 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$113 for each \$100,000 of home appraised value.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius seconded by Mr. Lippert, on Resolution number 24-25-02, to proceed with an issue of bonds in the amount of \$34,000,000 and certifying the same to the Board of Elections; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Hula, on Resolution number 24-25-03, to authorize the Treasurer to make Inter-Fund Transfers/Advances of funds for the current fiscal year 2025; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Superintendent's Report

New Business

Mr. Kurt introduced the first reading of the following 2024-2025 School Year Handbooks: Polar Cubs Preschool Parent Handbook, Margaretta Elementary School Student Handbook, Margaretta Elementary School Staff Handbook, Margaretta MS/HS Student Handbook, Margaretta MS/HS Staff Handbook, Margaretta Athletic Handbook. He stated that the board and staff should continue to review the handbooks so they are ready to be approved at the August board meeting so as to be ready for the start of the school year.

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, on Resolution number 24-25-04, to approve the adoption of an Online Learning Plan for the 2024-2025 School Year. Mr. Kurt stated that the Ohio DEW changed the language from may to shall have an online plan. He stated that while the administration realizes that the best possible learning is face-to-face, this plan is if an unforeseen issue requires us to close school; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to approve the foreign exchange student for the 2024-2025 School Year, Ayman Shadhil, from Tanzania. Mr. Kurt stated that the two exchange students from last school year were a blessing to the school and student body and is hoping for another great experience with Ayman as well; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve the graduation of Joshua Silverwood effective June 11, 2024 having completed all state and local graduation requirements; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius seconded by Mr. Lippert, to approve amendment to 2024-2025 School Calendar - moving end of 3rd grading period back one school day to March 21, 2025, as well as Staff Data/In-Service Day to Monday, March 24, 2025. Mr. Kurt stated that it was overlooked that the day off for students would have landed on a Tuesday, which was not ideal. Thus the requested change of the staff in-service day; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Mr. Kurt then introduced a draft of the calendars for the 2025-2026 school year and the 2026-2027 school year for review and he stated that it was also shared with the administration and staff for review.

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, on Resolution number 24-25-05, to approve the first amendment to the 2023 renewal contract for Townsend Community School. Mr. Kurt stated that this amendment was needed to incorporate the new TCS learning location at the Lorain Community College and revising the monthly rent for the Fremont site as well; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Hula, on Resolution number 24-25-06, to approve the independent consulting agreement with Seven T Services, LLC, for mechanical repairs and training services for the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Kurt ; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Personnel Actions

Certified

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to hire Sydnee Perram, Fourth Grade Teacher, for the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Kurt stated that Sydnee is replacing Jessica Temari who resigned to take a position closer to home and he stated that the other fourth grade teachers also participated in the interview process; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: Aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to hire Jeff Keck, (Retire/Rehire) 3/4 Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mr. Hula, to approve the following extended days: Speech Pathologists: Tela Yetter & Hailey Stoll-10 days combined; PK Step Up to Quality: Susan Miller-3 days; Guidance Counselor: Heather Lott - 10 days & Heather Wiley - 5 days; Band/Music: Adam Reardon - 9 days & Amanda Reardon - 6 days; FFA: Kevin Kremer - 45 days & Allison Butler - 25 days; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mr. Hula, to approve the following Supplemental positions for the 2024-2025 school year: Unit Leaders: Preschool - Susan Miller; Kindergarten - Sarah Lochotski; First Grade - Beth Steager-Burkett; Second Grade - Elizabeth Jacoby; Third Grade - Kristy Jensen; Fourth Grade - Tonya Foos; Fifth Grade - Carolyn Cook; Intervention Specialist - Erica Grahl; Specials - Andrea Yaussy-Higgins; Resident Educator: Teal Balduff; Home Instruction: Mark Novak; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Classified

Motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to hire Melinda Kromer, Handicap Bus Aide for the 2024-2025 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to hire Kristin Solze, Accounts Payable/Treasurer Assistant, effective July 22, 2024; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Hula, to approve Carrie Lewis, Handicapped Bus Driver for the 2024-2025 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to hire Gloria Pooch, part time Substitute Librarian Aide, for no more than two day per week for the 2024-2025 School Year; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Lippert, 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, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:04 p.m. with Mrs. Keegan, and Mr. Kurt remaining in the Executive Session.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to return from Executive Session to open session; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Lippert seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to adjourn the meeting having no further business to come before the Board; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Tucker informed the public that the next BOE Regular Meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2024 at 6:30pm at The Margarett Board of Education office, 305 S. Washington St. Castalia, Oh 44824

Respectfully Submitted

Angie Tucker
Board President

Diane Keegan
Treasurer

Certificate Section 5705.412, Ohio Revised Code
It is hereby certified that the Margarett Local School District Board of Education, Erie and Sandusky County, Ohio, has sufficient funds to meet the contract agreement, obligation, payment, or expenditure for the above, and has in effect for the remainder of the fiscal year and succeeding fiscal year the authorization to levy taxes which, when combined with the estimated revenue from all other sources available to the district at the time of certification, are sufficient to provide operating revenues necessary to enable the district to operate an adequate educational program on all days set forth in its adopted school calendar for the current fiscal year and for a number of days in the succeeding fiscal year equal to the number of days instruction was or is scheduled for the current fiscal year.

Margarett Treasurer

President, Board of Education

Margarett Superintendent