

**MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2024.**

Margaretta Board of Education met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 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. Sutorius, and seconded by Mr. Hula, to approve the minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on Monday October 21, 2024 and Special Board of Education Meeting held on Wednesday November 6, 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 Mr. Bohn’s report to the Board, which communicated that TCS has 19 graduates for the 2024-2025 school year. The current students as of November 18, 2024 is 492 students and the average students attending at each location. Mr. Bohn’s report also reviewed upcoming dates of events and the conversations with Terra State for a class location for their Fremont kids.

**TCS Margaretta Sponsor’s Report**

Mr. Kurt informed the board that the two schools have done and will continue to perform safety trainings and planning together given the building sites close proximity. Mr. Kurt also gave an update on the first TCS site visit for the school year.

**Curriculum and Instruction - Heather Campana**

Mrs. Campana gave the board an update on the curriculum and instruction initiatives that are being implemented at all grade levels. She also explained the building blocks that are continued from each grade level to the next grade level.

**Public Participation**

Mr. Gary Smith from LifeWise gave an update of their organizations activities with the Margaretta students whose parents authorized their participation in the LifeWise program. He reviewed the outside organizations number of participants, beginning of the school year activities, etc.

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

None

## **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 2025 Fiscal Year to Date (FYTD) revenue through October was a total of \$6.8M and expenses of \$6.5M resulting in an increase to the general fund balance of \$0.3M. The Fiscal Year beginning cash balance in the general fund as of July 1, 2024 was \$1.2M so the current August general fund balance was \$1.5M.

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **Informational**

Mrs. Keegan discussed and supplied the board with the audited Financial Statements for the period ending June 30, 2024, she stated that the agenda had a typo when it referenced June 30, 2023 when it should have been 2024. She also stated that the statements are also posted on the Margareta website for the community review.

Mrs. Keegan reported that our Bus #6 (purchased in 2008) was being auctioned on GovDeal.com and the bids close October 24, 2024 and our final proceeds from the sale was \$3,200.

Mrs. Keegan stated that we are out for repair quotes for Bus #7 that was involved in an accident (the bus driver was not at fault) on September 25, 2024. We have submitted the estimate to the other company's insurance company for reimbursement.

## **New Business**

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Lippert, on Resolution number 24-25-34, to approve the purchase of one conventional 72 passenger bus (Cardinal Bus) from the bids received through the Ohio Schools Council. Mrs. Tucker asked for clarification on the number of seats on the bus and Mrs. Keegan stated it is 72; 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. Sutorius, on Resolution number 24-25-35, to renew the agreement with Stacy Builders, Snow and Ice Control Division, for the District's salting parking lots and on an as needed emergency basis for snow plowing 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. Hula, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution number 24-25-36, to approve expenditures that have exceeded the \$3,000 threshold of the "then and now" provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(d); 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. Lippert, on Resolution number 24-25-37, to adopt a Five Year Forecast for the fiscal years 2024-2028. Mrs. Keegan reviewed the five year forecast and the assumptions that it was built on. She stated that the school's revenue forecast includes the Nexus past due settlement payments and Nexus paying at the settlement amount going forward at 58% of the original tax bills, the Solar project PILOT

(Payment In Lieu of Taxes) revenues beginning with the first half 2026 tax payments, and utilizing the reappraisal percentages received from the county auditor which puts us on the 20 mill floor. We also included in the general fund expenses cost savings initiatives (i.e., cost reductions) of \$300K in FY26, 3% wages and 8.5% insurance increases each year. Mrs. Keegan also stated that she is following the board's resolution to allocate 75% of the Nexus payments to the new facility reserve account, when possible without causing the general fund balance to go into deficit spending. With all the above assumptions, she stated that she was only able to afford moving 60% in year three (FY 27) and 59% in year five (FY29), or moving \$750K in FY27 and \$770K in FY29 back into the general fund to keep the balance positive; 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. Schoenegge, on Resolution number 24-25-38, to adopt and enforce nutrition standards governing the types of food and available for sale at school, per the requirements of Ohio Revised Code 3313.814; 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, on Resolution number 24-25-39, to approve Julian and Grube Audit agreement modification for the cost of a single audit additional expenses of approximately \$2,500 for the fiscal year 2024 audit. Modification is required due to the District's Federal Funding being greater than \$750K; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

## **Superintendent's Report**

### Old Business

New Facility Update - Nexus Payments are scheduled to come in for the first three years of appeal settlement payments in early December and the last two years will be part of the first half tax settlement paid and settled by March 2025. Mr. Kurt also stated that he and Mrs. Keegan have meetings scheduled with Mike Sudsina to go over the financials of the project and a meeting with Moser, our CMR (Construction Manager at Risk) to review the LFI's (Locally Funded Initiatives) versus alternatives for the project, and meeting with Fanning and Howey as well. Mrs. Keegan stated that if we need to take a bond to the ballot in May, we will need the first resolution approved by as soon as January 28<sup>th</sup> but no later than Feb 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Kurt reminded the board that we are having significant maintenance costs at the MS/HS building and the pool continues to be a big expense as well, reminding us of our need for the new school.

### New Business

Organizational Meeting for January was discussed and Mr. Kurt proposed Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6:30pm. After discussions, it was decided to have it on January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

### Personnel Actions

Motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve FMLA/unpaid leave requests; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

### Certified

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to approve Chris Smith, SADD Advisor supplemental 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. Hula, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to approve Dana Belak, 5th/6th Grade Academic Challenge Advisor (50%) 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. Hula, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to amend Jennifer Coffman supplemental, 5th/6th Academic Challenge Advisor (50%) for the 2024-2025 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: Aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

### Classified

Motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to amend Jennifer Colvin's contract to Substitute Kitchen/Substitute Custodian/Substitute Education Aide position, retroactive to October 10, 2024; 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. Schoenegge, to approve Lucas Poggiali, Head Boys Track Coach for the 2024-2025 season; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve Sara Jackson and Jen Lowther, as a Pre-Employment Transition Services Provider (Pre-ETS OOD Grant program) as a Pilot Pre-ETS OOD program for the 2024-2025 school year. Mrs. Keegan stated that this is the second year of implementing this initiative for our students; 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, to enter Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion or compensation of public employees; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Mrs. Tucker stated the next BOE Regular Meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at The Margareta Board of Education office, 305 S. Washington St., Castalia, Oh 44824

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. with Mrs. Keegan, and Mr. Kurt remaining in the Executive Session.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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Angie Tucker  
Board President

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Diane Keegan  
Treasurer

**Certificate Section 5705.412, Ohio Revised Code**

It is hereby certified that the Margareta 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.

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Margareta Treasurer

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President, Board of Education

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Margareta Superintendent