

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2024.

Margaretta Board of Education met in regular session at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, December 16, 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 5:15 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 November 18, 2024 and Special Board of Education Meeting held on Tuesday November 26, 2024 and Thursday December 5, 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 the following:

- Graduates for the 2024-2025 School Year: 24
- Enrollment: 504
- Townsend is planning on opening a new Fremont learning center at Terra State Community College in January of 2025. TCS has discontinued meeting with students at Pontifex due to plumbing issues. Fremont students are being bused into TCS in Castalia on a temporary basis.
- Townsend is seeing slow yet continuous growth at the learning center at Lorain County Community College.
- Thank you Margaretta for your continued partnership in education.

Mr. Bohn's report also reviewed upcoming dates of events as follows:
Tuesday, December 17th: TCS Board Meeting; Monday, January 6th: PBIS & "Check and Connect" PD with Josh Preece, SST2; Monday, January 13th: Belongingness Workshop with Gaelin Elmore (Day #2); Wednesday, January 22nd: TCS Board Meeting; Wednesday, February 12th: Steered Straight Assembly @ MHS (10:30-11:45 AM).

TCS Margaretta Sponsor's Report

Mr. Kurt informed the board that the two schools have great collaboration on Professional Development (PD) days with TCS attending our PD and Margaretta being invited to TCS' PD events as well. Mrs. Keegan also reported out that TCS' five year forecast was due into Epicenter by December 2nd and was completed and uploaded on November 20th. Mrs. Keegan also stated that we had completed the School Annual Report that is given to the students' parents and even though it is no longer needed to be uploaded into Epicenter, we still completed it as done in previous years.

New Facility Progress Update - Ed and Diane

Mr. Kurt reported out that we had a meeting on December 11th with Ted Kastor, Moser and Fanning Howey (FHA) to discuss the current building project status and begin the review of the technology and security of the building. During that meeting FHA stated that the completion of the drawings building code updates would not be completed until March 30th, instead of the previously communicated date of mid-February. We communicated that was unacceptable and needed to get it completed sooner. The district is concerned that getting our bid packages out in early spring is imperative to beat the summer rush of projects and potentially impacting our pricing with additional increases. Mr. Kurt also stated that we had drafted a letter that will be signed by the board President and Vice-President to FHA about our timing concerns.

Proposed Board Meeting dates for January 2025 through December 2025

The sheet of the board meeting proposed dates were passed out for review and will be approved at the January 2nd Organizational Meeting. One requested change from the third Monday of the month was for August to be moved to August 11, 2025 and it was also mentioned that the June meeting is moved to the end of the month to accommodate yearend requirements.

Public Participation

None

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 November was a total of \$7.3M (which was the same as last year at this time of \$7.3M) and expenses of \$8.0M resulting in a decrease to the general fund balance of \$(0.7)M. The Fiscal Year beginning cash balance in the general fund as of July 1, 2024 was \$1.2M so the current general fund balance was \$0.5M.

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Lippert, on Resolution number 24-25-40, to approve expenditures that have exceeded the \$3,000 threshold of the "then and now" provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(d). Mrs. Keegan reminded the board that the report out at the last board meeting by Mr. Lucas Poggiali about the blocked/broken pipes at the High School, caused the need for this Then and Now for the Wilkes Plumbing billing that was not pre-approved; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Superintendent's Report

New Business

Mr. Kurt introduced the first reading of Policy 2265 Protections of Individuals Beliefs, Affiliations, Ideals or Principles of Political Movements of Ideology. He also stated that we have a meeting on January 10th with NEOLA to discuss the new or changed policy recommendations that will need to be brought to the board this spring.

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution number 24-25-41, to approve the second amendment to the 2023 renewal contract for TCS. Mr. Kurt reminded the board that this is needed for the new location at Terra State College; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Personnel Actions

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

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Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to approve Bill Minshall, Volunteer Indoor 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.

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Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve Lucas Poggiali, Supervisor of District Operations, contract amendment for the 2024-2025 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: abstain.

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to approve Carrie Keller, Food Service Director, contract amendment 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, to accept the retirement of Diane Keegan, Treasurer, effective February 14, 2025; 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. Sutorius, to hire Keegan Hall, Assistant Treasurer, for the period January 6, 2025 to February 14, 2025 pursuant to the employment agreement; 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 hire Keegan Hall, Treasurer, effective February 15, 2025 pursuant to the employment agreement; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

The board welcomed Keegan Hall to the Margaretta School District, as he and his wife were in attendance.

Motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Sutorius, 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 BOE Organizational Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 2, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at The Margarett Board of Education office, 305 S. Washington St., Castalia, Oh 44824. The board also wished Mr. Schoenegge a happy birthday, which was the day of the board meeting.

The Board entered Executive Session at 5:35 p.m. with Mrs. Keegan, and Mr. Kurt remaining in the Executive Session.

Motion by Mr. Lippert, 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 6:15 p.m.

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