**MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 21, 2025.**

Margaretta Board of Education met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 21st, 2025 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 Mr. Hall:

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| 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. Schoenegge, to approve the minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on Monday June 30, 2025; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

**Board and Staff Reports**

Townsend Community School's (TCS) Report & TCS Sponsor's Report

Mr. Ryan Bohn, TCS Superintendent was present and reported the following information:

- Graduates for the 2024-2025 School Year: 125
- Enrollment: 444

Mr. Bohn said there is a possibility to increase the number of graduates through students completing work over the summer. Mr. Bohn stated TCS will add two pre-apprenticeship programs this school year. A student run t-shirt shop centered around finance and a student run coffee shop centered around hospitality. These programs will provide job related experience to students and will count toward students earning their 12 industry recognized credentials for those requiring alternative graduation pathways. Mr. Bohn stated TCS will be adding a hydroponics plant system and CTE curriculum at all four learning centers this year. Mr. Bohn thanked Chris Leibacher for his work in the transportation department and Margaretta for their continued partnership in education.

Mr. Kurt added that the partnership with TCS continues to be beneficial for both schools. He also stated there is a Sponsor School Evaluation webinar on August 14th that the two schools could watch together to continue to be on the same page going forward.

Facility Progress Update

Mr. Kurt informed the board of the progress being made on the new facility. Mosser has 22 masons on sight and the project is roughly 10% complete. To date there have been no soil stabilization issues and no extra costs incurred due to tariffs. The district is working on change orders to lower the mound that impacts visibility when leaving the building on E.

Lucas Street and to add back in the canopy that will cover the sidewalk at the event entrance. Mr. Kurt is very pleased with the progress of the project thus far.

**Public Participation**

A. Safe Routes to Schools - Margaretta Village Council , Barb Weyer

Barb Weyer, Margaretta Village Council member, presented to the Board about the potential for the Village to receive a Safe Routes to Schools grant. The Village would like to collaborate with representatives from the district to prepare a School Travel Plan that would show the state where new sidewalks would be created using this grant to allow students to walk to school safely. The grant would not be available until K-4th grade students are occupying the building so the target date to apply would be the Spring of 2027. Creating the travel plan now allows the Village to be prepared to submit the grant application when that time comes. The District appreciates the Village's effort, cooperation, and foresight with this potential grant.

**Introduction of Additional Items to the Agenda**

There were no additional items introduced.

**Treasurer's Financial Report and Schedule of Bills**

Mr. Hall presented the schedule of bills, bank reconciliations, fund balances, etc., that were included in the Board's packages for review. Mr. Hall stated that the 2025 Fiscal Year to Date (FYTD) revenue through June was a total of $23.9M (which was an increase of $5.7M compared to last year at this time) and expenses of $24.6M resulting in a decrease to the general fund balance of $(672,483). The Fiscal Year beginning cash balance in the general fund as of July 1, 2024 was $1.2M so the ending FY25 general fund balance was $530,919.

**Treasurer's Report**

Informational

1. OSC - Bus Sale

After a failed attempt in the Spring, Mr. Hall informed the Board that Mr. Leibacher was able to successfully sell an old bus. The sale was aided by the Ohio Schools Council. The district will profit $3,200 from the sale.

2. Margaretta's Student Wellness and Success Plan (Included for review and posted to the Margaretta website)

Mr. Hall reported to the Board how the use of Student Wellness and Success funds have impacted our students this past year. The following report was developed by Mrs. Kathy Hall:

1. 20 girls grades 4-7 participated in ROX
2. Family Health Services -
   41 new referrals
   33 kids seen regularly at the 6-12 level
   47 kids seen regularly at the K-5 level
   Total Caseload this year: 80 kids
   36 kids discharged from the 2023-24 school year
3. All kids grades K-12 received Tier I Sources of Strength instruction

4. Bayshore Counseling -
   Through the Whole Child Matters grant, we had behavioral services for students ages 3-8 at the elementary building, impacting around 32 students with a counselor 1-2 days/week.
   We also had a counselor 1-2 days/week in grades 6-8 (approximately 250 students) to assist with integration of the Botvin Life Skills curriculum and Suicide Prevention through HOPE and HELP curriculum.

New Business

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Lippert on Resolution (#25-26-01) to approve a contract between Margaretta and the Erie County Sheriff(s) to provide for SRO services during the 2025-2026 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. Sutorius on Resolution (#25-26-02), to approve expenditures that have exceeded the $3,000 threshold of the "then and now" provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 705.41(d); Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge on Resolution (#25-26-03), authorizing the district's Treasurer to make inter-fund transfers and/or advances for the fiscal year 2026; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

**Superintendent's Report**

New Business

First reading of the Margaretta Middle/High School 2025-2026 Student Handbook.

First reading of amended Policy 5610.05, Prohibition From Extra-Curricular Activities

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Schoenegee, on Resolution (25-26-04), to approve the adoption of an Online Learning Plan for the 2025-2026 School Year; 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 extended school year Orientation and Mobility services agreement with North Central Ohio Educational Service Center retroactive to May 27, 2025; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Old Business

Motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, on second reading and approval of the following 2025-2026 School Year Handbooks: Transportation Department Handbook Polar Cubs Preschool Parent Handbook Margaretta Elementary School Student Handbook Margaretta Elementary School Staff Handbook Margaretta MS/HS Course Description Margaretta MS/HS Staff Handbook Margaretta Student Athlete Handbook; 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 second reading and approval of amended Policy 5136, Personal Communication Devices; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

**Personnel Actions**

Certified

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Hula, on motion to approve the following extended days for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026: Speech Pathologists: Tela Yetter & Hailey Stoll -10 days combined PK Coordination: Susan Miller - Not to exceed 10 days HS Guidance Counselor: Heather Lott - Not to exceed 10 days MS Guidance Counselor: Heather Wiley - Not to exceed 5 days Band/Music: Adam Reardon - 9 days & Amanda Reardon - 6 days MS/HS Art: Jessica Skinner - Not to exceed 4.5 days FFA: Kevin Kremer - 45 days; 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, to table the motion to approve Adult Education (FFA) Supplemental for 2025-2026 School year - Kevin Kremer, for further discussion. 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, to approve Courtney Gysan, as a Pre-Employment Transition Services Provider (Pre-ETS OOD Grant program) as a Pilot Pre-ETS OOD program for the 2025-2026 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Classified

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Hula, to approve the hiring of Troy Miller, Special Education Aide and Strength and Conditioning coach for the 2025-2026 school year pending completion of all state and local requirements; 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 approve the hiring of Ann Hay, First Aide Responder for the 2025-2026 school year; 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. Sutorius, to approve Sara Jackson, as a Pre-Employment Transition Services Provider (Pre-ETS OOD Grant program) as a Pilot Pre-ETS OOD program for the 2025-2026 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.

Mrs. Tucker stated the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Margaretta Board of Education office, 305 S. Washington St. Castalia, Oh 44824.

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. with Mr. Hall and Mr. Kurt remaining in the Executive Session.

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Hula, 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.

The Board exited the Executive Session at 8:02 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Lippert, 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.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Angie Tucker
Board President

Keegan Hall
Treasurer

**Certificate Section 5705.412, Ohio Revised Code**
It is hereby certified that the Margaretta 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 fear 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.

Margaretta Treasurer

President, Board of Education

Margaretta Superintendent