MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 20, 2026.

The Margaretta Board of Education met for a regular session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday April 20, 2026 at the Margaretta Elementary Cafeteria.

Mrs. Tucker called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Tucker asked Mr. Hall for a roll call:

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

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, and seconded by Mr. Hula, to approve the minutes from the Regular BOE Meeting held on March 16, 2026; 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

Mr. Ryan Bohn, TCS Superintendent, was excused from the meeting. Mr. Kurt reported the following on his behalf:

- Graduates for the 2025-2026 School Year: 65
- Enrollment: 443
- TCS has completed their three-year One Plan and are submitting to DEW for review
- Mr. Bohn completed a two-day road trip last week through EnvisionEdPlus and had the opportunity to view and learn from career tech educational experiences at four different schools in the state of Ohio (Edison High School in Richmond, OH; Berkshire High School; Riverside High School; Perry High School). These observations will help with the future expansion of career tech offerings for students at Townsend.
- End of Course testing will go through the end of this week (4/20 - 4/24)
- TCS next board meeting is 4/21/2026 at 7:00 PM

TCS Sponsor's Report

Mr. Kurt noted the district and TCS continue to meet monthly and that the district reviews TCS' monthly financials to confirm accuracy. Mr. Kurt is scheduling his second site visit to TCS in the coming weeks. He added that Margaretta and TCS are continuing to work through the state sponsor evaluation.

Facility Progress Update/Existing Facilities Information

Mr. Kurt stated that the expected completion date of December 2026 has been pushed to March 1st, 2027 due to lost work days over the harsh winter. Mr. Kurt also shared that tours for current staff will be offered on May 5th and June 1st.

Mr. Kurt shared with the board preliminary budgeted estimates for options regarding the HS/MS gym and pool. Mr. Kurt shared initial estimates for options that included a complete demo of the HS/MS, partial demo of the HS/MS retaining the pool and gym, and an option of building a new natatorium at the new facility site.

Mrs. Diane Keegan, district financial consultant, added that the team has done good work to get the preliminary budget estimates and need to dive into the options to make the best decision for the district.

Mr. Ted Kastor, district owner's rep, is happy with the team's due diligence as they have gone through this process to ultimately lead to the best decision for the district.

Work Session Discussion
Mr. Kurt suggested the board schedule a work session to discuss the options presented in depth.

Public Participation
There was no public participation.

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 2026 Fiscal Year to Date (FYTD) revenue through March was a total of $17M (which was a decrease of $750k compared to last year at this time) and expenses of $15.5M resulting in an increase to the general fund balance of $1.5M. The Fiscal Year beginning cash balance in the general fund as of July 1, 2025 was $530,919 so the current FY26 general fund balance is $2M.

Treasurer's Report
Informational
Mr. Hall shared with the board a clarification on the arbitrage situation obtained from Becky Princehorn of Bricker Graydon. She clarified that if the district did miss on the spending benchmarks, it was not then a guarantee the district would have to pay back any interest earned from the COPs investments. If the district was yielding above the arbitrage yield then there would be a chance the district would have to repay earned interest. The current arbitrage yield is 4.88% and the district is currently yielding at 4.03%.

New Business

Motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge on Resolution (#25-26-66), 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. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Sutorius, to accept The 2026 - School Bus Safety Grant in the amount of $33,861.00; 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 (#25-26-67), to approve the renewal contract with the Erie County Health Department to provide building nursing services for the 2026- 2027 School Year; 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 following NEOLA Policies: Po.2431.06 Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) in Athletics, Po.3440 Job-Related Expenses, Po. 4440 Job-Related Expenses, Po, 5112 Entrance Requirements, Po.5200 Attendance, Po. 5421 Grading, Po. 5430 Class Rank, Po.6220 Budget Preparation, Po. 6320 Purchasing and Bidding, Po. 6325 Procurement- Federal Grants/Funds, Po. 6423 Use of Credit Cards, Po. 6424 Procurement Cards, Po.6460 Vendor Relations, Po.6465 Affinity, Rewards, or Other Discount Programs and Po. 7540.09 Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Motion by Mr. Hula, seconded by Mr. Lippert on Resolution (#25-26-68), to approve a sales agreement with Northern Ohio Educational Computer Association for the purchase of eligible broadband internal connection components, switches and access points, through the E-Rate program, retroactive to March 20th, 2026; 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. Schoenegge on Resolution (#25-26-69), to approve a sales agreement with Northern Ohio Educational Computer Association for the purchase of eligible broadband internal connection components, network module and power supply, through the E-Rate program, retroactive to March 20th, 2026; 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.Hula regarding reading and approval of updated Policy 8500, Food Service; 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 on Resolution (#25-26-70) to approve MOU agreement with Unity Behavioral Health for counseling services for the 2026 summer program; 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.Hula on Resolution (#25-26-71), to approve an MOU agreement with Rhodes College for the purpose of providing opportunities for students to enroll in the dual credit College Credit Plus (CCP) Program for the 2026-2027 School Year; 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 (#25-26-72), to approve the Primary Service Agreement for 2026-2027 with the ESC of Lorain County; 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 on Resolution (#25-26-73), to approve the Natatorium agreement with Sandusky City Schools effective for the 2027-28 and 2028-29

swimming seasons, if needed; 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. Sutorius, on Resolution (#25-26-74), to approve a contract with North Point Educational Service Center (NPESC) for services of a Multi-Agreement Cooperative Contract (including Developmental Disabilities programs) for the 2026-2027 school year; 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 2027-2028 School Year Calendar; 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 (#25-26-75), to approve an agreement with Terra State Community College Credit Plus Program for the 2026-2027 school year; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye.

Personnel Actions:

Certified Staff:

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge, seconded by Mr. Hula to accept the retirement of Cheryl Troxel, First Grade Teacher effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year; 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 accept the resignation of Olivia Wimmer, Second Grade Teacher effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year; 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. Schoenegge to approve the final Agriculture Education 5th Quarter Funding of $2,510.46 for the 2025-2026 School Year and distribution to VoAg, Kevin Kremer; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye and Mrs. Tucker: aye

Classified

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge to approve employment agreement with OAPSE included for board review; 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 hire Carrie McDonald, Substitute Bus Driver retro to March 16, 2026 for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year pending completion of all state and local 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. Hula to accept the retirement of Sandy Ramicone, Special Education Aide effective June 1, 2026; 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 accept the retirement of Denise Knipp, Special Education Aide effective June 1, 2026; 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 hire Denise Knipp, Special Education Aide for the 2026-2027 school year pending completion of all state and local requirements; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, and Mrs. Tucker: aye

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Schoenegge to approve Barb Bouy, Volunteer Track Coach for the 2026 season; 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. Hula to amend three-year employment contract to a one-year for Chris Leibacher, Transportation Director effective August 1, 2026; 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. Lippert to amend three-year employment contract to a two-year for Ali Downing, Administrative Assistant to The Superintendent effective July 1, 2026; Roll Call: Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye and Mrs. Tucker: ayeMr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye and Mrs. Tucker: aye

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Hula to hire Hannah Smith, Bus Driver for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year retro to April 13, 2026; 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 hire the following Adult Summer Workers for the 2026 season: Rockell Kuns, Jana Berg, Julia Berg, Eden Palomo, Donna McGory, Jen Lowther and Meredith Hinds; 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 accept the resignation of Dan Gearheart, Bus Mechanic, effective June 30, 2026; Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye and Mrs. Tucker: aye

Motion to Enter Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Sutorius, seconded by Mr. Lippert to enter into executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion or compensation of public employees; Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Hula: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye and Mrs. Tucker: aye

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:13 P.M. with Mr. Kurt and Mr. Hall remaining in the Executive Session

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

The Board exited the executive session at 7:21 P.M.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Angie Tucker
Board President

Keegan Hall
Treasurer