

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON
JANUARY 24, 2011.

The Margarett Board of Education met in Regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday January 24, 2011 at the Administrative Offices.

Mr. Bodey called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Hammond to take the roll. All members were present.

Mr. Stark noted that in the minutes from the January 11, 2011 Organizational Meeting there were a couple of times where Mr. Rankin voted, and he was not in attendance. Mr. Hammond said that he would correct the minutes from his notes.

Motion by Mr. Myers, second by Mr. Lippert, to approve the minutes as amended from the January 11, 2011 Organizational Meeting; Roll call: All ayes.

Financial Report/Schedule of Bills

Mr. Hammond reported that the financial position of the district as of December 31, 2009 is on target for what was anticipated at the half way point of the fiscal year. He did mention that the number of students open enrolling outside of the district is higher than what was first shared from the state. He anticipates that we will need to modify the budget to reflect this increase in the months to come.

Board and Staff Reports

Mr. Kurt told the Board that Robin Hansen from Lorain County ESC will be in the district on Thursday to facilitate an Ohio Improvement Plan (OIP) meeting. The goal of the OIP is to improve the testing results of students on Individual Education Plans (IEP). He also gave the Board an update on the district's Race to the Top Grant.

Public Participation

Mr. Holliday had questioned the Board about the possibility of the district going to a uniform in the future. Mr. Kurt mentioned that there is a survey for parents and children to respond to on the district's website. At this point, no decision has been made on whether the district will require students to wear uniforms. There was a discussion about the need for uniforms and the pros and cons of having a uniform requirement. Mr. Holliday was asked to go on line, complete the survey and submit the results.

Mr. Zang asked the board about the status of the modular classrooms at the Elementary building. Mr. Hammond stated that the lease will expire at the end of June. The Board has ninety days to notify Innovative Modular Solutions, the owner of the units, their intention to renew the lease or to terminate the lease. No decision has been made at this point. The lease and utilities cost the district approximately \$60,000 per year.

Introduction of Additional Items to the Agenda

No changes to the agenda were presented.

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Mr. Rankin, seconded by Mr. Stark, to approve Resolution No. 10-11-38 authorizing the Treasurer to pay certain bills that exceed \$3,000 that have met the "Then and Now" provision of the statutes; Roll call: All ayes.

Mr. Hammond told the Board that there are two versions of the next proposed resolution, number 10-11-39. One version is to propose a "replacement" of the district's 7.75 mill Current Expense levy, and the other version is to propose a "renewal" of the district's 7.75 mill Current Expense levy. Mr. Hammond distributed an analysis of the two versions. If the voters were to approve a replacement of the levy, the district could anticipate an increase in property tax revenue of \$351,000 per calendar year. A property taxpayer who owns a \$100,000 home could anticipate a \$71 per year tax increase. A renewal would allow the levy to collect without an increase in the amount of property taxes currently being charged.

Motion by Mr. Stark, seconded by Mr. Rankin, to approve Resolution No. 10-11-39 to place before the electorate of the district the question to "renew" a 7.75 mill property tax at the May 3, 2011 election; Roll Call: All ayes.

Superintendent's Report

New Business

Personnel Actions

Classified:

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to employ:

Andrew Viana as a substitute bus driver,
Greg Siesel as Varsity Boys Asst. Track Coach at Level 2,
Jim Johnson as JV Baseball coach at Level 2, and
Mathew Old as Jr. High Boys Asst. Track Coach at Level 3;

Roll call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Stark, to approve:

Tom Crawford as Student Teacher with Tom Pope,
From February 8 through May 10, 2011; and

To approve the following volunteers:

Eric Kaman and Leroy Carroll with the Baseball team;

Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Stark, to accept the resignation of Jerold Leibacher, Custodian, effective March 31, 2011; Roll Call: all ayes.

Certified:

Motion by Mr. Rankin, seconded by Mr. Stark, to approve the following supplemental contracts:

Brittany Pickett for Asst. Jr. High Girls Track at Level 1,
Chris Miller for Varsity Asst. Baseball Coach at Level 6;

Roll Call: All ayes.

Old Business

No Old Business was presented.

Informational Items/Correspondences

Mr. Hammond mentioned that he and Mr. Kurt will be attending a special meeting of the Erie County Chamber of Commerce Business/Government Exchange at EHOVE on Friday January 28, 2011 the guest speaker will be Representative Randy Gardner from Bowling Green, Ohio.

The Board's Facilities Committee will meet on Friday February 4, 2011 with representatives of HEAT Solutions to review the House Bill 264 proposal.

Motion by Mr. Rankin, seconded by Mr. Lippert to move into Executive session for the purpose to discuss contract negotiations, with no business to follow; Roll Call: All ayes.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Stark to return to Open Session was made. Roll Call: All ayes.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:53 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Stark, second by Mr. Myers, to adjourn the meeting having no further business to come before the board; Roll call: all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Jude T. Hammond
Treasurer