

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2011.

The Margarettta Board of Education met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday March 28, 2011 at the Administrative Offices.

Mr. Bodey called the meeting to order with roll call; all present.

Motion by Mr. Myers, second by Mr. Rankin to approve the minutes from February 21, 2011 Regular Meeting; Roll call: all ayes.

The Financial Report and Schedule of Bills

Mr. Hammond told the Board that the financial position of the General Fund has improved by \$35,000 over the same period of time last fiscal year and that the new levy proceeds should increase the General Fund by approximately \$600,000 in next month's financial report. However, the Food Services Fund is down approximately \$35,000 from the same period last fiscal year. We have expended over \$9,000 in equipment repairs for the kitchens. Last fiscal year, we spent less than \$1,000 for the entire year. Fortunately we should have enough carry-over funds not to require a transfer of General Fund dollars.

Board and Staff Reports:

Mr. Kurt introduced the 6th Grade teachers who made a presentation on the Mohican Out of Doors School Class trip. Several of the 6th Grade students reported on their experience and shared what they had learned. The Board was pleased with the report and happy that the district could continue to provide the valuable learning opportunity.

Public Participation:

Mr. Holliday asked the Board and Mr. Kurt if there was a decision on uniforms. Mr. Kurt responded that the district will not be moving forward on requiring uniforms next school year. The on-line survey showed mixed results and it has been decided to wait on taking action on uniforms. Mr. Holliday and Ms. Jacoby asked about the 6th grade moving to the High School next year. Mr. Kurt responded that he was approached by teachers who were interested in establishing a true Junior High with the 6th through 8th Grades in the Junior High building. Mr. Kurt answered several questions and concluded that no decision had been made yet and that he was still doing his due diligence to determine the best alternative for maximizing student achievement.

Introduction of Additional Items to the Agenda:

Mr. Kurt requested that in his report add Sheila Pope and Johnnie Turner as Substitute Bus Drivers pending the completion of all state and local requirements under the Personnel Actions section item number 3.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Stark to adopt Board Resolution Number 10-11-44, to approve expenditures in excess of \$3,000 that have met the "then and now" statutory requirements; roll call: all ayes.

Motion by Mr. Rankin, seconded by Mr. Stark to adopt Board Resolution Number 10-11-45, to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Erie County Budget Commission for tax year 2011; Roll Call: All ayes.

Mr. Hammond reported to the Board the proposed state budget's impact on the financial position of the district. Mr. Hammond stated that one provision that will have a significant financial impact is the proposed acceleration of the phase-out of the state's reimbursement of the loss in Tangible Personal Property taxes. Last year, the district received \$1.7 Million in reimbursement for the General Fund loss in local property tax revenue by the phase out of the Tangible Personal Property taxes. In the budget proposal, the General Fund will lose \$280 thousand in the next fiscal year and an additional \$530 thousand in the second year of the biennial budget.

Superintendent's Report:

New Business:

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Rankin, to adopt Board Resolution number 10-11-46, to approve out of state travel for the Football Coaches to attend the Glazier Football Clinic in Detroit, Michigan; roll call: all ayes.

Mr. Kurt led a discussion on the negotiations with the classified union (OAPSE). After several months of negotiation without progress and given that the contract period would elapse in a few months, it was agreed by the negotiating teams to keep the existing terms of the agreement in place for this contract year from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

Motion by Mr. Stark, seconded by Mr. Rankin, to approve a one year contract with the Margareta OAPSE for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011; roll call: all ayes.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Stark, to approve an agreement with Firelands Red Cross for the use of the district's facilities to provide Mass Care Shelters in the event of an emergency; roll call: all ayes.

Personnel Actions:

Classified Staff:

Motion by Mr. Stark, seconded by Mr. Rankin, to employ Jude Hammond as Treasurer for a five year period commencing August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2016; roll call: all ayes.

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Myers, to employ Debra McEowen as a full-time Bus Driver and the following substitutes, pending completion of all state and local requirements:

Michael Speck - Bus Driver
David Hiss - Bus Driver
Jillian Flanders - Bus Driver
Adam David Birkholtz - Bus Driver
Kyle Trimarche - Bus Driver
Sheila Pope - Bus Driver, and
Johnnie Turner - Bus Driver;

Roll call: all ayes.

Old Business:

Motion by Mr. Rankin, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to amend previous Board action on January 24, 2011, and recognizing that Greg Siesel as Varsity Assistant Track Coach at Level 3, not Level 2 as previously approved; roll call: all ayes.

Informational Items:

Mr. Hammond mentioned to the Board that Mr. Kurt will not be available to attend the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on April 18th. After a brief discussion, it was decided by the Board to move the April Board meeting to Monday April 25, 2011.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to enter into executive session for the purpose defined in Section 121.22 of the Revised Code, preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations with public employees; Roll call: all ayes.

The Board convened into executive session at 7:40 p.m. with Mr. Kurt and Mr. Hammond present during the executive session.

Motion by Mr. Rankin, seconded by Mr. Myers, the board returned from executive session at 9:01 pm. Roll call: all ayes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Jude T. Hammond
Treasurer/Business Manager