

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21, 2011.

The Margarettta Board of Education met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday November 21, 2011 at the Administrative Offices.

Mr. Bodey called the meeting to order with roll call:

Mr. Lippert: present  
Mr. Myers: present  
Mr. Rankin: present  
Mr. Bodey: present.

Mr. Stark was absent from the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Myers, second by Mr. Lippert, to approve the minutes from the October 24, 2011 Regular Board Meeting; Roll call: Mr. Myers: aye, Mr. Rankin: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Bodey: aye.

The Financial Report and Schedule of Bills

Mr. Hammond stated that within the summary of checks written for the month of October was a \$40,000 to Townsend Community School as an advance to allow for the Community to start up. Once funds are received from Columbus, the Community School will payback the funds.

Board and Staff Reports:

Mr. Kurt discussed the status of the Race to the Top Grant Federal Grant program and the Ohio Improvement Process. Mr. Kurt presented to the Board a report presented to the Townsend Community School Board. Mr. Kurt told the Board that there are now 88 students enrolled in Townsend Community School, of which 37 are on an Individual Education Plan (IEP).

Mr. Kurt introduced Deanna Faber who presented a new Margarettta School logo. Mrs. Faber told the Board that a successful graphic artist from New York created the logo at a cost of \$300. The design follows similar logos the illustrator used for professional sports teams. The Board did not take action to make the logo the official logo for the School but they did like the logo and suggested that we begin using the logo and gage the feedback from the community before taking any official action.

Public Participation:

There was no public participation.

Introduction of Additional Items to the Agenda:

There were no changes to the agenda as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to approve Board Resolution number 11-12-26, approved the expenditure of items that exceed \$3,000 that have met the "then and now" statutory requirements; Roll Call: Mr. Rankin: aye, Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Myers: aye, Mr. Bodey: aye.

Motion by Mr. Rankin, seconded by Mr. Myers, to adopt Board Resolution number 11-12-27, authorizing the procurement of a school bus; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye, Mr. Myers: aye, Mr. Rankin: aye, Mr. Bodey: aye.

Mr. Hammond introduced the next item on his report by stating that the District has a 1.50 Mill Property Tax for Permanent Improvement purposes that is expiring with the collection of taxes in calendar year 2012. Mr. Hammond presented legislation to have a renewal on the March 6, 2012 ballot in two forms. One form would be to renew for five years in keeping with the current five-year term of the levy, and one form to renew the levy for a "continuous period" of time.

Either of the two versions of the levy would mean that the current tax burden would not increase if they were approved by the voters. However, if the continuous period version were to be approved, the voters would not have the opportunity to terminate the levy by a majority vote. The advantage to the continuing period version would be to allow the Board to levy debt to make capital improvements of a significant nature. The example that Mr. Hammond used was to construct science labs at the High School by borrowing up to \$875,000 and payoff the debt over twenty years from the proceeds of the Permanent Improvement levy.

There was significant discussion about the two versions of the levy and the timing of the ballot. Mr. Hammond explained that currently there is a March primary and a June primary approved by the State General Assembly. In order to be on the March primary, the ballot resolution would need to be filed with the Board of Elections by December 7, 2011.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to approve Board Resolution number 11-12-28 which would place a 1.50 mill Permanent Improvement property tax renewal for a "continuing period" of time on the March 6, 2012 primary election; Roll call: Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: nay; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Mr. Hammond informed the Board that although a majority of the Board members has approved the resolution, the statute to place the ballot before the voters requires four affirmative votes. Since we only have three affirmative votes the resolution cannot be filed with the Board of Elections.

The Board talked about possibly scheduling a special Board meeting before December 7 to raise the matter again. No further action was taken at this time.

Superintendent's Report:

New Business:

Motion by Mr. Lippert, seconded by Mr. Rankin to adopt Board Resolution 11-12-29 to approve the graduation of Lurah Hatfield with the Class of 2011; Roll call: Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Mr. Kurt presented a summary of the tentative changes in the Ohio Association of Public School Employees (OAPSE) Local #379 collective bargaining agreement with the Board. In summary, the OAPSE members have approved a two year contract commencing July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013 which would give all employees a 2% increase effective January 1, 2012 and no subsequent base increases, the employees would take Health Insurance concessions effective January 1, 2012, the Special Education Aides would be reclassified on the salary schedule, and some of the restrictions for the use of personal leave were eliminated.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Lippert to approve a two-year contract with OAPSE effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013; Roll call: Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Personnel Actions:

Classified Staff:

Motion by Mr. Rankin, seconded by Mr. Lippert to employ Tammyu Carroll as a substitute custodian and Lori Arnold as a substitute Mail Courier;

Roll Call: Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Motion by Mr. Myers, second by Mr. Rankin, to approve the resignation of Pamela Justi as Mail Courier; employ Arnold Hamilton as Mail Courier, and Sarrah Palmer as Varsity Softball Coach;

Roll call: Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Old Business:

There was no old business pending with the Board.

Informational Items:

Mr. Kurt mentioned that the Food Services Department has received a Stellar Award Honorable Mention from the Ohio Department of Education. Ed distributed a correspondence received from New London Schools thanking the Board and the Transportation Department for assisting them when their bus to Townsend School

broke down. Mr. Kurt recognized the Transportation department for putting children first even when the students are from another district. Mr. Kurt distributed a correspondence from Baker and Bonnigson Realty and Auctioneers for the use of the High School parking lot to conduct an auction on Lowell Street. Mr. Kurt distributed a post card received from the Charles Adkins family thanking the Board for recognizing Charles and providing space at the Elementary building for funeral services for Charles who died serving our nation in Afghanistan.

Mr. Kurt asked the Board if they wished to move the December Regular meeting to accommodate a recognition dinner for Mike Myers and Roger Stark. It was decided to move the December Board meeting to Wednesday December 21, 2011 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Administrative Office.

Motion by Mr. Rankin, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to enter into executive session to discuss negotiations; Roll Call: Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

The Board convened into executive session at 7:40 p.m.

Mr. Kurt and Mr. Hammond were requested to attend the executive session by the Board.

Motion by Mr. Myers, second by Mr. Rankin, the board returned from executive session at 8:13 p.m. Roll call: Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Motion by Mr. Myers, second by Mr. Lippert to adjourn the meeting having no further business to come before the board; Roll call: Mr. Rankin: aye; Mr. Lippert: aye; Mr. Myers: aye; Mr. Bodey: aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Jude T. Hammond  
Treasurer