

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON  
JANUARY 25, 2010.

The Margarett Board of Education met in Regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday January 25, 2010 at the Administrative Offices.

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

Motion by Mr. Bodey, second by Mr. Myers, to approve the minutes from the January 9 special board meeting and the January 11, 2010 Organizational Meeting as presented; 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.

Board and Staff Reports

There were no board or staff reports presented.

Public Participation

Mr. Rick Rotsinger spoke about a concern he has regarding a recent disciplinary action given to his wife Brenda Rotsinger. Mr. Rotsinger refuted the claims stated in the written disciplinary action and felt that his wife was being picked on since she is the only remaining aide from the Bogart Elementary building. He suggested that the board or administration remove the disciplinary document. He stated that Brenda has been a loyal employee of the district for over fifteen years and should not be treated unjustly. Mr. Lippert commented that it is the position of the board not to comment about employee disciplinary actions in a public meeting.

Introduction of Additional Items to the Agenda

Mr. Kurt stated that in the agenda under the Superintendent's Report under New Business, Personnel Actions, Classified to add Michele Bolinger as substitute lunchworker.

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Bodey, to approve Resolution No. 09-10-54 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.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Stark, to approve Resolution No. 09-10-55 authorizing the Treasurer to make budget modifications as presented; Roll Call: All ayes.

Mr. Hammond stated that the next three items on the agenda were separate resolutions that request the Erie County Auditor to certify the mills necessary to generate a specific amount of property tax revenue if a levy were to be approved in the May 4, 2010 primary election. Taking action on these resolutions is a necessary statutory step in the process of placing a levy on the ballot in May. By taking action on the resolutions does not mean the board is prepared to make a decision on what amount to ask for in May or even whether to place a levy on the ballot in May; once the board takes action the resolutions will be delivered to the Erie County Auditor who will have ten days to prepare the certificates. The certificates will be part of the resolution prepared for the February 15, 2010 regular board meeting where at that time the board could take action to place any of the levy options on the May 4, 2010 ballot. Mr. Hammond stated that the board could act on any, all or none of the resolutions.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Rankin, to approve Resolution No. 09-10-56 requesting the Erie County Auditor to certify the mills necessary to generate \$1,024,500 in property tax revenue; Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Myers, to approve Resolution No. 09-10-57 requesting the Erie County Auditor to certify the mills necessary to generate \$1,198,150 in property tax revenue; Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Stark, seconded by Mr. Bodey, to approve Resolution No. 09-10-58 requesting the Erie County Auditor to certify the mills necessary to generate \$1,453,400 in property tax revenue; Roll Call: All ayes.

## Superintendent's Report

### New Business

Mr. Kurt discussed with the board that the Elementary building is experiencing an increase in the amount of cell phone usage. He recommends that the Elementary building adopt the same policies with respect to cell phone and other electronic devices as the High School has in place. Mr. Kurt did respond to the questions or concerns of the board summarizing that he contacted other schools in the area who have handle the situation the same way.

Motion by Mr. Rankin, seconded by Mr. Myers, to approve Resolution No. 09-10-59 to amend the Elementary Student Handbook

regarding electronic devices and cell phones; Roll Call: All ayes.

Mr. Kurt presented the board a proposed 2010-2011 school calendar. The proposal would have school start on August 30, 2010 and conclude on June 2, 2011. Mr. Kurt told the board that during the 2010-2011 school year, the number of calamity days that would not be needed to be made up reduces from five to three. The Board may want to move back graduation day a week to allow for potential make up days in the future. One concern the board expressed is the start date being the Monday after the Sandusky County Fair. Mr. Kurt told the board that this schedule has been sent to the teachers for input and that he would attempt to present a schedule to be approved at the next regular board meeting in February.

### Personnel Actions

#### Classified:

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Rankin, to employ the following substitutes:

Stephanie Jackson - Lunchroom,  
Sherri Warren - Lunchroom, and  
Michelle Bolinger - Lunchroom;

Roll call: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Stark, to approve a Supplemental Contracts for Larry Lippert, Girls Varsity Assistant Track coach at Level 1;

Roll Call: All ayes, with the exception of Mr. Lippert who abstained.

### Old Business

No Old Business was presented.

### Informational Items/Correspondences

Mr. Kurt presented each Board member a Certificate of Recognition for their service as School Board members in recognition of School Board month. Mr. Kurt thanked each board member as he presented each certificate.

Mr. Kurt told the Board that he has been approached by Nick Hamilton who is working on obtaining his Eagle Scout status and would like to build a pavilion at the Land Lab property. Mr. Kurt said that Tim Niemeyer is helping Nick and that all plans would be approved by an architect to insure that the structure will be safe and secure.

Mr. Hammond told the Board that he and Mr. Kurt met with the Executive Director of the Erie-Ottawa Counties Mental Health and Recovery Board, Kirk Halliday, regarding Margareta Schools applying for an Innovative Grant intended to Integrate Schools and Mental Health Systems. He said that Mr. Halliday will be working on preparing the grant application and that the application should be ready for execution by the Board at the February 15, 2010 regular meeting.

Motion by Mr. Bodey, seconded by Mr. Rankin 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 7:25 p.m.

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

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:12 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Jude T. Hammond  
Treasurer