

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER
Board Meeting Notes
Regular Meeting
November 19, 2015

Convened: 7:31 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Donna Karg.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Vice President, Melissa Roubic.

Moment of silence.

Roll call: Joanne Newhauser was absent.

Featured Program: None

Acceptance and approval of Board meeting agenda for November 19, 2015.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes for October 14, 2015, regular meeting as presented.

The following visitors were received:

Danny Darby; P. Ken Howe; Craig Morgan, Career Technical Director; Michael Lenzo, Supervisor of Business Affairs
Present: Randy Griffith, Superintendent; Michelle Seckman, Treasurer

Public Participation:

Mr. P. Ken Howe, 3149 Queen Road, Ravenna, Ohio 44266 addressed the Board of Education:

- Mr. Howe thanked the Board members for all that Maplewood does. He said he is very honored to be associated with Maplewood Career Center. He comes to the school to eat, get his hair cut, and get his car worked on. He described the teachers as phenomenal and the students as very polite and respectful. Mr. Howe said he has been in contact with someone from NASCAR. He said his plan is to see if Rick Hendrick and possibly some other drivers would show an interest in Maplewood. He said he would like to have them come here and do something with the students. He said he would look into seeing if the team owners and drivers could bring their cars to Maplewood. He will also see if financial backing might be available. Mr. Howe promised not to misrepresent Maplewood in any way. He said Maplewood is a great investment for this community.

Board President, Donna Karg, reported on the following:

- Mrs. Karg and several of her fellow Board members attended the OSBA Capital Conference in Columbus. One of the sessions she found most informative was dealing with dangerous apps. The speakers were two attorneys, Christina Peer, Walter Haverfield Law Office, and Rhonda Porter, in house counsel for Akron Public Schools. The two went over several apps that are seemingly harmless but are used by sexual predators and cyberbullies. They also spoke of social media apps that use GPS and the concept of geofencing schools. Yik Yak is an app that can turn a school into a virtual chat room and is often used for cyberbullying. Another app with a calculator face can be used as a photo vault with a password. Mrs. Karg commended Mr. Griffith and the Maplewood administration for trying their hardest to keep cell phone use to a minimum at Maplewood. Once a student arrives home, the parent can monitor the student's internet activity. Unsupervised access at school can subject the student to cyberbullying.
- Mrs. Karg asked her fellow board members if they would like to report on their conference experience. Mr. Brian Violi reported on a session he attended after the first general session on Monday of the conference. The session was put on by the Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding (<http://ohiocoalition.org>). Information was given about the website <http://knowyourcharter.com>. On the website you are able to search by school district to see how much of the school's funding has been sent to charter schools. For each student that leaves a public school to go to charter school, the district loses more than just state funding. It loses local funding also. In Wadsworth, if one student leaves the district to go to a charter school the district loses state funding for eleven students. School districts are passing resolutions and invoicing the Ohio Department of Education for past charter school deductions from State funding.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- Mrs. Kaley attended the OSBA Legislative Update at the conference. Ohio Senator Joe Schiavoni and Ohio Senator Peggy Lehner spoke on Senate Bill (SB) 230. Senate Bill (SB) 230 addresses the Youngstown community and Youngstown City Schools concerns with House Bill (HB) 70. Senate Bill (SB) 230 will not restore Board control but it will increase community involvement. It was mentioned during the update that we always hear about the poor performing public schools from the State but we never hear about the poor performing charter schools.

Student Achievement Liaison, Melissa Roubic, reported on the following:

- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *Report: Ohio Schools adopt blended learning*: About 58% of Ohio schools have adopted some form of blended learning. About one-third of the schools that have not adopted blended learning say they plan to in the future.
- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *Do students benefit from four-day school weeks?*: A Montana study compared schools that adopted a four-day week to those that had a five-day week. The schools that adopted a four-day week increased their math scores by seven points.
- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *How school administrators can use Twitter effectively*: An article on the OSBA's website offers suggestions for administrators using Twitter.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Mr. Griffith gave an update on the construction project. Recently, the center piece at the entrance was installed. Unfortunately, it was not installed properly. There are edges sticking up and it is not level. Mr. Griffith is searching for someone to correct the problems.
- On the agenda, there is an item for the Board's approval to request qualifications for an architect or engineer to begin the asphalt replacement process and to construct an equipment storage building. Equipment is currently being housed in the bus garage areas, the storage building wash bays, and the warehouse. Storage in those areas does not allow for the intended use of those facilities and another building is needed. The sidewalk replacement was completed before moving to the asphalt but because of the experiences over the summer, a new architect or engineer is being sought. Mr. Griffith will keep the Board informed as these projects move forward.
- Sophomores visited last Thursday to learn about the programs Maplewood offers. Staff and students represented their respective programs well. As of 2:00 p.m. today, 175 sophomores have signed up for next year. This evening, eighth graders, sophomores, and their parents were given the opportunity to enjoy a spaghetti dinner and visit labs of interest. Once again, program instructors, their students, and our business partners have worked to showcase our programs, the need for skilled workers, and potential careers that begin with programming offered at Maplewood. Mr. Griffith thanked the students and staff for their hard work recruiting new students. Mr. Griffith also thanked Maplewood's local business partners. Over the years, local business partners have become more active in the recruitment process and their collaboration with Maplewood has been very productive. In 1999, Maplewood drew students from a pool of 1,600 sophomores. This year, the pool of sophomores was 1,211 according to EMIS. However, the number is more likely around 1,100 because all of the students in EMIS do not necessarily attend the home schools. The student population in Portage County has shrunk significantly over the past 16 years. Maplewood is in the process of working with charter and on-line schools to offer vocational education, although, first priority will continue to be given to the associate schools.
- Mr. Griffith thanked Mrs. Donna Karg for her positive comments about Maplewood's policies and procedures for student cell phone use.
- The Board packet included the following: Honor Roll List; two *Record-Courier* articles: "*Christmas in the Woods slated at Maplewood Career Center*" and "*Ravenna Chamber visits Maplewood Career Center*"; Correspondence from Governor John R. Kasich in regards to the Academic Distress Commission Reform; *Record-Courier* picture, "*2 join Ravenna Chamber Board*"; and two *The Board* brochures.

Career and Technical Director, Craig Morgan, reported on the following:

- The Medical Assisting program is holding a Blood Drive on November 24th and 25th.
- Student Perfect Attendance: 94 students had perfect attendance for the first nine weeks. The Board was given student information.
- Mr. Morgan thanked the entire staff for all of their efforts in preparing for Sophomore Showcase Day and a special thanks to Mrs. Michelle McPherson for all of her hard work and dedication. 83% of sophomores visited on November 12th. The Board was supplied with student attendance by district.
- Parent/Teacher conferences were held on October 7th. 22.1% of parents attended.
- Mr. Morgan thanked the guidance counselors for their hard work ensuring OGT testing went very smoothly.
- September Students of the Month: Senior, Amanda Galati, Waterloo, Dental Assisting; Junior, Mason Friess, James A. Garfield, Electricity; Junior, Chad Jay, Field, Hospitality Service Careers.
- October Students of the Month: Senior, Rikki Davis, James A. Garfield, Animal Science; Junior, Ceara Witte, Field, Medical Assisting.

Supervisor of Business Affairs, Mike Lenzo, reported on the following:

- Mr. Lenzo was not able to attend the Portage County Safety Council meeting. He did send a staff member. The presentations are always informative and regular attendance at them helps Maplewood secure a BWC discount.
- As of this evening, Maplewood has wrapped up a flurry of large building events. Mr. Lenzo thanked all of the custodial staff that helped to make all of the events run smoothly. He also thanked Mrs. Anita Kelley for her work on Christmas in the Woods. The event went very well and Mrs. Kelley should be recognized for her efforts.
- Mr. Joe Hinton is the new Food Service Supervisor. He has a background in working with university food service operations. He has been working hard to keep the student lunches coming and his transition is going well.
- Mr. John Deak is the new maintenance person for the building. He comes to Maplewood from Rootstown Schools. Mr. Lenzo said that though this is a big loss for Rootstown's Maintenance department, Maplewood is very fortunate to have him.
- The retirements of Linda Waldeck and Bob Earle are happy occasions for them and they are both great people. Maplewood will miss them very much.
- The Health department was in to inspect Maplewood. There were no concerns from the inspector and he complimented the building as looking "very good".
- On the agenda there is an RFQ for architectural services. With the Board's approval, planning will begin for phase two of the permanent improvements.

The following recommendations were made by the Treasurer and motions were acted on by the Board:

- The District Financial Report was approved and filed for audit for the month of October 2015.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of October 2015.
- The investments were ratified for the month of October 2015.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of October 2015.
- FY2016 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources, FY 2016 Amended Appropriations.
- Depository Agreements.
- Board Attendance at Training Sessions CY2015.
- Informational items: FY2015 GAAP Conversion and Compliance Audit; OSBA Capital Conference expense reimbursements; 2015 Christmas in the Woods revenue report; ESC of Cuyahoga County and OSBA Leadership Academy, Independence, December 9, 2015; and NSBA Annual Conference, Boston, MA, April 9-11, 2016

The following recommendations were made by the Superintendent and motions were acted on by the Board:

- Employed part-time Adult Education and/or ABLÉ personnel.
- Employed cafeteria supervisor, Joseph Hinton, on a two-year administrator contract and issued a salary notice for the 2015-2016 contract year.
- Employed maintenance personnel, John Deak, on a one-year classified contract and issued a salary notice for 2015-2016 contract year.
- Approved payment to the Christmas in the Woods security personnel at \$35.00 per hour (employed without names at the October meeting): Richard Bennett and Scott Paolucci.
- Approved the termination of Shirley Moss's paid leave effective at the end of the day on November 30, 2015.
- Accepted one donation.
- Commended the staff members and students who participated in the Christmas in the Woods event on November 6 -7, 2015.
- Commended the staff members who participated in the Maplewood Showcase event on November 12, 2015, and the Career Night on November 19, 2015.

New Business

- Approved convening the Board of Education organizational meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. with the regular Board meeting to follow.
- Approved advertising a Request for Qualifications for Architectural Design Services.

Executive Session (8:26 p.m. - 8:53 p.m.)

Employment of Personnel

Adjourned: 8:54 p.m.