

**MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER
Board Meeting Notes
Regular Meeting
September 17, 2015**

Convened: 7:30 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: Patricia Brett and Joanne Newhauser were absent.

Featured Program: Mechanical, Groundskeeping, and Construction

Career Technical Director, Mr. Craig Morgan, escorted the Board to the Mechanical, Groundskeeping, and Construction lab where he introduced instructors, Mr. Jon Hall and Mr. Matt Monsman. Mr. Hall and Mr. Monsman gave a presentation highlighting the MGC program.

The meeting recessed at 7:32 p.m. and reconvened at 7:54 p.m.

Acceptance and approval of Board meeting agenda for September 17, 2015, as amended with an addendum.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes for August 20, 2015, regular meeting as presented.

The following visitors were received:

Craig Morgan, Career Technical Director; Michael Lenzo, Supervisor of Business Affairs
Present: Randy Griffith, Superintendent; Michelle Seckman, Treasurer

Board President, Donna Karg, reported on the following:

- Mrs. Karg reported that she and some of her fellow Board members attended the OSBA Treasurers' Clinic at the Northeast Ohio Medical University in Rootstown on Wednesday, September 16, 2015.
- Mrs. Karg reported that she and some of her fellow Board members attended the Pepple and Waggoner School Law Update Seminar in Canton earlier in the day. She offered her handouts to anyone who did not attend. Attendees discussed the seminar. Reasons for entering into executive session cannot be just personnel.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- SB3 would qualify an individual for an alternative resident educator license even if the person has not completed coursework in the subject area to be taught. It would also require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to submit to the legislature by December 31, 2015, a proposal whereby school districts that have not received CFAP funding could apply for and receive funds for technology, building expansion, and physical alterations to improve school safety and security.
- HB212 would prohibit the State Board of Education from using any assessment developed by PARCC, the Smarter Balanced assessment, or any other assessment related to or based on the Common Core Standards. It would eliminate the kindergarten readiness assessment, and directs Districts to select either the IOWA state assessment prior to 2010 or the Massachusetts' state assessments prior to 2010. It would also require ODE to develop a method to compare scores on the exams for report card ratings, teacher evaluations, and determining eligibility for graduation.
- HB64 was adopted by the Ohio General Assembly on June 30, 2015. It included new Revised Code §3781.106 which requires the Ohio Board of Building Standards (the "Board") to adopt rules for the use of devices that prevent both ingress and egress through school doors in an emergency situation or during active shooter drills. These rules must be in place by March 2016. The Board has begun the rule development process.
- Statewide Issue 2 is an anti-monopoly issue. It will prevent citizen-initiated amendments that favor private interests.
- Statewide Issue 3 would legalize the use of marijuana for medicinal and recreational use for individuals 21 years and older. OSBA, OASBO, and BASA oppose the issue along with many other organizations. Proponents say it will provide better oversight, transparency, and use. They say it reduces the role of drug dealers and could provide \$500 million in tax revenues. Opponents say it creates a cartel or monopoly. They say it creates additional issues for employers in regards to employee absenteeism, productivity, safety, and insurance. It also increases access to the drug for young people.

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

- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *Fab labs help expose Gahanna-Jefferson City students to latest tech tools:* Gahanna-Jefferson is a larger wealthier district northeast of Columbus. They have a laser engraver and a 3-D printer they purchased through a grant they received from the Ohio Department of Education's Straight A Fund.
- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *Are young students being assigned too much homework?:* First- and second-grade students are being assigned three times the recommended homework load.
- OSBA's *Student Success* Student achievement research brief – *The connection between class size and student learning:* A Massachusetts report finds the best way to increase student learning is by reducing class size. The report recommends targeting the early grades and students with the greatest needs. Students of color and low-income students particularly benefit from class size reductions. Teachers should be highly qualified. When California reduced class sizes using under qualified teachers, their results fell short.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Mr. Griffith reviewed the addendum.
- Mr. Jon Hall and Mr. Matt Monsman have done a great job for Maplewood and their students. Maplewood is researching purchasing a tractor to replace an older tractor in the Mechanical, Groundskeeping, and Construction program. The new tractor will be a Massey Ferguson because the controls are standard across the industry. It will be purchased from White's Farm Supply using government cooperative purchasing pricing. Power Equipment Mechanics will go over the old tractor, complete repairs, and the tractor will be auctioned.
- The school year has been off to a smooth start. The extra time between bells has been a tremendous plus for the staff and students. The increased time between bells has allowed students to be on time. It has reduced student discipline and allowed teachers to focus more on instruction.
- Mr. Griffith thanked the support, custodial, and maintenance staff. They did a tremendous job preparing the building over the summer. It is a pleasure to hear visitors comment on the condition of the facilities and how Maplewood's staff takes pride in the building. Mr. Griffith thanked those individuals who make the school safe and clean.
- Mr. Griffith thanked the administrators and instructional staff for an extremely smooth start to the school year. Mr. Griffith stated this year's start was the most seamless start during his tenure. Maplewood's staff has been positive, collegial, and working diligently to provide the student with the best educational experience possible. Mr. Griffith thanked the licensed staff for their hard work.
- Maplewood has been approved by the U.S. Department of Education to offer financial aid for Adult Education. Maplewood must first be accredited by COE to offer the aid. COE is expected to visit in February 2016 and hopefully, accreditation will occur in June 2016.
- The Adult Education maintenance program involves commitments from six local companies and is slated to begin in January. The equipment is expected to arrive in October. Advertising and an open house will occur once the lab is completely set up.
- Mr. Hinton, the Adult Education Director, is considering the start-up of some preliminary real estate courses and trucking classes which would lead to a CDL.
- The Board packet included the following: Addendum; Staff Perfect Attendance for 2014-2015 School Year; Staff Years of Service Recognition; three *Record-Courier* articles: "*Maplewood Honors Rutan For Service*", "*Maplewood Career Center Employees Honored For Service*", and "*Maplewood Career Center Welcomes New Employees*"; and two *The Board* brochures.

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

- September enrollment (589). The junior enrollment is down this year at 303. This could be attributable to the staggered starts of many of the district's school years or because of funding being based on percentage of school year in attendance.
- Ohio Graduation Test is scheduled for October 26 - November 6. This is supposed to be the last year juniors will take the OGT. Maplewood has 187 students that still have to pass the OGT. The Board was supplied with total student information by regular and special education, by district and grade.
- Junior Orientation Night had a 79.89% attendance rate.

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

- Mr. Lenzo thanked the maintenance and custodial staffs. Due to their efforts, the building looks great. Mud and dust were all over the property this summer and they still had the building clean and ready for the arrival of students.
- Conference Room B's reconfiguration is complete with the exception of a few more ceiling tiles to replace. The audio-visual presentation equipment is greatly improved and will balance the usage of the two large conference rooms more equitably.
- The new bottle storage in the back of welding is complete and new counters have been installed in Cosmetology West. Two offices that formerly housed student services have been changed to meeting rooms. These types of small projects benefit students and parents every day.
- Mr. Lenzo attended the Summit County Safety Council meeting in Ravenna. A presentation was put on by the Zurich Insurance Company on how to prevent slips, trips, and falls. Slips, trips, and falls are one of the top causes of injury in the workplace.
- Leader Alert forms.

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 August 2015.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of August 2015.
- The investments were ratified for the month of August 2015.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of August 2015.
- Then and Now Certificate, SME Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc., Construction Observation, & Testing
- FY2016 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources, FY2016 Permanent Appropriations
- Five Year Financial Forecast & Assumptions
- Informational items: FY2015 GAAP Conversion and Compliance Audit; OSBA Capital Conference registrations and hotel reservations; OSBA Northeast Region Fall Conference, Wednesday, October 7, 2015, The Galaxy Restaurant, Wadsworth, OH; NSBA Annual Conference, Boston, MA, October 9 - 11, 2015.

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

- Accepted the resignation of Ashley Roche, Tutor, effective August 28, 2015.
- Employed part-time Adult Education and/or ABLÉ personnel.
- Employed the following certificated/licensed tutors for the 2015-2016 school year: Leigh Ann McCray and Cynthia Simmons.
- Granted a supplemental contract to English instructor, Lisa Gorog, for the Pre-Professional Legal Academy for the 2015-2016 school year.
- Moved certificated/licensed instructors, Joelle Carnes and Linda Hunter, on the teachers' negotiated salary schedule due to acquiring additional semester hours.
- Employed certificated/licensed substitute teachers for the 2015-2016 school year: Jo Anna Dancy, Serita Eiland, Robert Kline, Philip Kozar, Lisa Lawson, Leigh Ann McCray (8/25 - 8/28 only), Philip Rogers, Ryan Trescott and Tami Young.
- Approval the E-Rate grant application from Ohio SchoolNet.
- Accepted five donations.
- Commended the cafeteria, secretarial, maintenance, custodial, Adult Education, administration, and technology staff on the work they completed to prepare for the beginning of the school year.
- Commended the instructional staff and day school administrators for their positive attitude and excellent start to the new school year.
- Commended the staff who covered the Portage County Randolph Fair booth August 25 - 30, 2015.
- Approved the Partnership Agreement between the Children's Advantage and Maplewood Career Center for four hours a week of subsidized school-based consultation services for the 2015-2016 school year.
- Approved the overnight field trip for Hospitality Service Careers (HSC) and Mechanical, Groundskeeping, & Construction (MGC) students and advisors to Carrollton, Ohio, October 12 - 14, 2015, for Ohio FFA camp, an annual teambuilding and leadership experience.
- Approved paying the increase in the OACTS (Ohio Association of Career Technical Superintendents) membership dues from \$2,500 to \$3,500 for the 2015-2016 school year.

New Business

- Approved a resolution which opposed the elimination of school board oversight for Youngstown City Schools and seeks amendments to House Bill 70.

Adjourned: 8:36 p.m.