

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER
Board Meeting Notes
Regular Meeting
December 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.

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

Acceptance and approval of the minutes for November 19, 2015, regular meeting as presented and policy committee minutes.

The following visitors were received:

Cynthia Pennock-Hanish, former Board Member; 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 thanked her fellow Board members for the opportunity to serve as Board President for the 2015 year. She said it was truly a pleasure and an honor to serve.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- President Barack Obama signed into law a bipartisan bill to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965. The new reauthorization legislation is known as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The law reaffirms the importance of local governance, protects federal investments under Title I for disadvantaged students and prevents the diversion of public tax dollars for private use. The House passed the ESSA bill December 2, 2015, with Senate approval coming December 9, 2015, and the President signed it on December 10, 2015.

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

- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *Granville EV creates an ecological center for food, learning*: Granville High School houses a small tilapia farm and herb garden. The tilapia and herbs are being incorporated into the cafeteria menu. Student participation has increased since their introduction.
- OSBA's *Student Success* achievement research brief – *Creating trauma-informed classrooms*: An October video showing a South Carolina High School resource officer yanking a student from her seat garnered national attention. Educators are seeking to mitigate similar situations. The brief recommends educators approach a student with "How can I help?" versus "What's wrong with you?"

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Mr. Griffith thanked Mr. Joe Hinton and the cafeteria staff for arranging the hors d'oeuvres and refreshments this evening. Mr. Hinton is a great leader in the cafeteria. He plans to introduce more fresh foods into the menu and to bring in food service providers for tastings. Mr. Hinton provided the Board members with a copy of the homemade BBQ meatball recipe that was prepared by the Maplewood Culinary Arts students.
- Mr. Griffith thanked Mrs. Donna Karg for serving as the Board President this year. She has been a joy to work with. Mr. Griffith also thanked Mrs. Melissa Roubic for serving as the Board Vice President and on negotiations, and Mr. Jay Kelsey and Mrs. Bonnie Lovejoy for serving on negotiations.
- Mr. Griffith thanked all the Board members for their service on the Maplewood Board of Education. The support provided by the Board of Education is critical to providing positive educational experiences for Maplewood's students.
- Mr. Griffith thanked the Maplewood staff. This has been a good school year and the staff has been working very hard to ensure student success.
- Mrs. Newhauser was not able to attend this evening because of health reasons. Mr. Griffith expressed his and Maplewood's appreciation for Mrs. Newhauser's fifteen years of service on the Maplewood Board. Mrs. Newhauser has been a Board member at Maplewood since January 9, 2001 through December 31, 2015. Maplewood is sending Mrs. Newhauser a plaque recognizing her years of service.
- Three firms responded to Maplewood's request for architectural design services: Theodore G. Manfrass, AIA / Architects & Planners, Inc., from Ravenna, Ohio; BSHM Architects, Inc., from Youngstown, Ohio; and GPD Group, Glaus, Pyle, Schomer, Burns & DeHaven, Inc., from Akron, Ohio.
- Mr. Griffith asked the Board members if they would like to receive the Board agendas through an online system instead of the mail. Discussion took place among the Board members. Possible systems mentioned were Board Docs, Google Docs, or a drop box. Discussion also took place regarding devices to be used at Board meetings and whether Board members would bring their own or use something in-house. Mr. Griffith said he would do research and possibly start an online system for the January Board meeting.

- The Board packet included the following: Addendum; and two *Record-Courier* articles: "Maplewood students visit Coleman clients" and "School board bids farewell to Boltz and Newhauser".

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

- Fall OGT Results: 39 students passed all required sections. Eleven seniors still have required sections to pass.
- The Senior Awards Ceremony will be held at the Kent State University MAC center on Thursday, May 26, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.
- Important upcoming dates.
- November Students of the Month: Senior, Shiann Penna, James A. Garfield, Medical Assisting; Junior, Holly Thompson, Windham, Dental Assisting.
- Mrs. Roubic questioned Mr. Morgan on what Maplewood does to assist students in passing OGTs. Mr. Morgan explained that Maplewood has a dedicated remediation instructor. Students are pulled out of study hall or lab for remediation. Remediation is mandatory and depending on how many sections a student needs to pass, may occur twice weekly. Students are only excused if both their parent and their high school principal sign a document excusing them. Students receive personalized instruction and have access to online software from the Ohio Department of Education.

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

- Mr. Lenzo was not able to attend the Portage County Safety Council meeting. Mrs. Earle was in attendance for Maplewood.
- Maplewood hosted the Portage County Business Directors' meeting and had the largest turnout to date. These are a great group of people that are always willing to share ideas and vendor information.
- Mr. Lenzo has assisted Jennifer Milnes with the technology upgrades to the dental lab. They are updating the imaging capabilities by digitizing this process. Electrical work will be done over the break.
- Mr. Lenzo is reviewing the responses for the request for qualifications for design firms for the summer permanent improvement projects and should have a firm picked by the January regular meeting.
- Mr. Lenzo has worked with Jennifer Milnes with the video camera server and software. Two new servers are going online over break that will house the upgraded software for the security cameras. This was necessary as the prior software was unsupported and at its end of life.
- Projects over the break include detailing and carpet cleaning, finishing the floors in the Auto Collision Technology Lab, completing bus and van repairs, repairing the PA system with a new amplifier, installing white boards, and a great deal of preventive maintenance.

Streetsboro Board member, Brian Violi, referred to the session he attended at the OSBA Capital Conference put on by the Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding. He stated that Streetsboro City Schools is sending an invoice to the Ohio Department of Education for past charter school deductions from state funding in the amount of approximately \$3.8 million. Mr. Violi suggested other schools invoice the Ohio Department of Education also. Mrs. Kaley (Southeast) stated her treasurer was currently researching the amount to invoice.

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 November 2015.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of November 2015.
- The investments were ratified for the month of November 2015.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of November 2015.
- Informational items: FY2017 Proposed Alternative Tax Budget; Calendar Year 2016 IRS Mileage Rate; Position Bonds; Indirect Cost Rate Application FY2016; Pepple & Waggoner, School Negotiations Workshop, Independence, January 28, 2016; 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:

- Authorized and directed the Board President and Treasurer to give written notice to the following administrators whose contracts expire in June 2016: Michael Lenzo, Craig Morgan, and Jackie Pritchett.
- Employed one adult education instructor.
- Accepted one donation.
- Approved amended contract with Robinson Health Affiliates, Inc., for random drug testing.

New Business

- Appointed Donna Karg, Board President, to serve as president pro tem for the Board of Education organizational meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2016.
- Adopted the proclamation to name January 2016 as "School Board Recognition Month".
- First reading of policies.

Adjourned: 8:14 p.m.