

**MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER**  
**Board Meeting Notes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**December 18, 2014**

Convened: 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Jay Kelsey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Vice President, Donna Karg.

Moment of silence.

Roll call: All present.

Featured Program: None

Acceptance and approval of Board meeting agenda for December 18, 2014, as presented with an addendum and changes.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes for November 20, 2014, policy committee and regular meeting, as presented.

**The following visitors were received:**

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

**Board President, Jay Kelsey, reported on the following:**

- Mr. Kelsey said he was happy to announce that Mr. Boltz had been re-appointed to the Maplewood Board for a three year term by Ravenna Schools.
- Mr. Kelsey and three of his fellow Board members attended the second session of the OSBA Leadership Academy held at the ESC of Cuyahoga County. It was a legal and legislative update.
- Mr. Kelsey thanked the Board for allowing him to serve as Board President for the 2014 year. He stated it has been an honor and a privilege that he has enjoyed.

**Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:**

- Neither the Ohio House nor the Senate wrapped up work for the week of December 12, 2015, and both returned this week. The following pieces of legislation were passed by the Senate and headed for the House: HB367 – requires health curriculum in each school district to include instruction in prescription opioid abuse prevention; HB178 – changes in the law regarding school safety drills in public and private schools; and HB290 – provides immunity from civil liability for school districts and schools when permitting members of the public to use the school premises. The House passed SB96 which requires one half unit of world history in the high school Social Studies curriculum. It now heads back to the Senate for concurrence. The Senate Education Committee passed HB113 and HB460 that are now waiting for possible floor votes. HB113 makes changes to excusing students from high school physical education requirements. HB460 authorizes school districts and community schools to initiate a community learning process to assist and guide school restructuring. Members of the House made attempts to amend HB597 which would repeal the Common Core. The amendments were either blocked or called out of order.

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

- OSBA's *Student Success* Student achievement article – *New academy teaches parents concepts being taught in school*: Newark City Schools created an online parent math academy where parents can learn what their children are learning in schools so they can better assist them at home.
- OSBA's *Student Success* Student achievement research brief – *The high cost of principal churn*: 25% of the country's principals leave their schools each year. 50% of new principals quit during their third year and those that remain often chose to leave poverty districts for more affluent districts. On average, it takes five years for a principal to put a vision in place to positively impact a school's performance.

**Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:**

- Mr. Griffith thanked Mrs. Linda Waldeck for arranging the hors d'oeuvres and refreshments this evening. She did a lot of work and it is greatly appreciated.
- Mr. Griffith congratulated Mr. Roger Boltz on his re-appointment to the Maplewood Board.

- At the last meeting, Mr. Griffith spoke of his discussion with Associate school personnel about Career and Technical programming at the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade level. He met with five Associate schools at Mogadore prior to the last Board meeting. Last Friday, he met with Waterloo to explore options. He believes Maplewood will be working with Waterloo to provide lower level Career and Technical training next school year. He will keep the Board informed as things evolve.
- Mr. Griffith thanked the staff at Maplewood for providing students with a clean and supportive environment as well as a quality education. Their work changes the lives of others.
- On behalf of the staff and students at Maplewood, Mr. Griffith thanked the Board Members for their service to Maplewood Career Center and their support of the students Maplewood serves. The Maplewood Board has always supported expenditures for resources and equipment that has allowed Maplewood to be on the cutting edge technologically. The Board's support has been critical in allowing the Maplewood staff to provide quality education.
- Mr. Griffith wished everyone a joyful holiday and a Happy New Year.
- The Board packet included the following: Addendum; *Record-Courier* article, "*Adoring animals*"; *The Gateway News* article, "*Superintendent's experience at Maplewood Career Center 'incredible'*"; Happy Holidays greeting from Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE); and two *The Board* brochures.

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

- Fall OGT Results: 35 students passed all required sections. Six seniors still have required sections to pass. Five have one section and one has two sections.
- The Senior Awards Ceremony will be held at the Kent State University MAC center on Wednesday, May 27, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Morgan thanked the Maplewood staff for their generous donations to The Helping Hand. \$2,400 was collected. The collections helped 12 Maplewood students and their families have a slightly happier holiday season.

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

- Maplewood is already scheduling events into next winter.
- Mr. Lenzo attended the Portage County Safety Council meeting where the Portage County Health Department went over prevention of Ebola and other communicable diseases. Also addressed was the I2P2, illness and injury prevention programs.
- Mr. Lenzo has been working with the security camera company. Maplewood has a sophisticated security camera system but the control program is reaching the end of its useful life.
- Mr. Lenzo has been in detailed discussions with Lesco Architects regarding the repair and/or replacement of Maplewood's asphalt and curbing.

**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 2014.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of November 2014.
- The investments were ratified for the month of November 2014.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of November 2014.
- Additional FY2015 Advance.
- Informational items: Fiscal Year 2016 Proposed Alternative Tax Budget; Calendar Year 2015 IRS Mileage Rate; Pepple & Waggoner, School Negotiations Workshop, Independence, January 29, 2015; NSBA Annual Conference, Nashville, March 21 - 23, 2015

**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 2015: Doug Daugherty, Jennifer Milnes, and Ted Slankard.
- Employed classified employee, Sandra Belcastro, Adult Education Secretary/Receptionist, on a one-year contract and issued a salary notice for the 2014-2015 contract year.
- Employed a classified substitute for the 2014-2015 contract year: Rebecca Flint.
- Accepted the Jennings Foundation grant.
- Accepted six donations.
- Approved the amended contract with Robinson Health Affiliates, Inc., for random drug testing.

**New Business**

- Appointed Jay Kelsey, Board President, to serve as president pro tem for the Board of Education organizational meeting on Thursday, January 15, 2015.
- Adopted the proclamation to name January 2015 as "*School Board Recognition Month*".
- First reading of policies.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**Executive Session (7:55 p.m. to 8:03 p.m.)**

Employment of personnel

**Adjourned: 8:09 p.m.**