

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER
Board Meeting Notes
Regular Meeting
March 17, 2016

Convened: 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Melissa Roubic.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Vice President, Bonnie Lovejoy.

Moment of silence.

Roll call: Donna Karg was absent.

Featured Program: Criminal Justice

Superintendent, Mr. Randy Griffith, escorted the Board to the Criminal Justice lab where he introduced instructor, Ms. Maria Macaluso. Ms. Macaluso gave a presentation highlighting the Criminal Justice program.

The meeting recessed at 7:02 p.m. and reconvened at 7:18 p.m.

Acceptance and approval of Board meeting agenda for March 17, 2016, as presented on BoardPaq.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes for February 18, 2016, regular meetings as presented.

The following visitors were received:

No visitors were present.

Present: Randy Griffith, Superintendent; Michelle Seckman, Treasurer

Board President, Melissa Roubic, reported on the following:

- Mrs. Roubic had nothing to report.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- According to *The Columbus Dispatch*, Ohio voters approved 77 percent of the 68 school levies on the ballot statewide Tuesday. That is down from last year's 85 percent passage rate, but still the second-highest approval rate for a primary election in the last decade. It also marked the fewest number of levies on a primary ballot since at least 2006. The previous low mark was last year's 101 levy requests. Voters approved 52 tax issues for schools and rejected 16. Requests for new money for schools fared worse than levies to renew or continue existing taxes. Voters approved nearly 9 in 10 renewal levies on Tuesday's ballot but just half of the levies to generate additional taxes.

Student Achievement Liaison, Chelli Yoho, reported on the following:

- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *Amazon launches math education movement*: Amazon.com has launched a resource, "With Math I Can" (<https://www.amazon.com/gp/withmathican>), to help students with negative attitudes about learning math. It is technology based. They have also included free resources for educators.
- OSBA's *Student Success* Student achievement research brief – *Literacy program showing signs of success*: Northwestern Elementary School is using a program developed by the Ohio State University to improve reading. 100% of their third graders passed the reading test in the latest testing. They have been using the program for more than ten years. It focuses on long term professional development as well as improving student reading levels. Districts using the program must have two teachers trained as literacy coaches. The program focuses on individual student needs and involves one-to-one teaching. Northwestern is also saving money because less students are being referred to special education programs.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Mr. Griffith reviewed Mr. Morgan's report. 26 students are competing in the SkillsUSA State Competition in Columbus on April 26-27, 2016. Six students are competing in the FCCLA State Competition in Columbus on April 27-29, 2016.
- February Students of the Month are Junior, Danielle Tuttle, Early Childhood Education, Garfield and Senior, Geana Gerry, Hospitality Service Careers, Ravenna.
- Mr. Morgan's report lists the upcoming end of year events. Mr. Griffith encouraged the Board members to attend awards ceremonies if they are available.

- Maplewood has installed a projector in the Board room. Maplewood hosts many events and allows numerous groups to use the facilities. The projector will enhance technology access to all groups. Both Streetsboro and Crestwood will be using the Board room for their negotiations this spring.
- Mogadore sixth graders and their parents visited Maplewood on February 24, 2016. They were wonderful guests. The sixth graders were excited and uninhibited when visiting programs. They were much more animated than the eighth graders usually are. One young man did perm wraps in Cosmetology while his buddies watched. He did a great job. Mogadore superintendent, Dr. Dinklocker, sent a thank you letter regarding the visit which is included in the Board packet. Maplewood is planning to host the event again next year.
- The GPD architectural firm has not yet completed the plans for the equipment building or the asphalt project. Details are currently being worked out for the equipment building. Mr. Griffith hopes to have a proposal for the Board to go out to bid on the projects at the April Board meeting.
- The Streetsboro High School sign project is still on target. The designs were well received by the Streetsboro staff and the Board of Education. Mr. Daulbaugh narrowed the pool of prospective designs down to approximately nine and invited Mr. Griffith to present them to Streetsboro's Board of Education at last Thursday's Board meeting. Mr. Griffith presented the designs and spoke about the programs and processes involved in producing the final product. Though critical of his own presentation skills, Mr. Griffith said the audience was very receptive to the ideas of Maplewood's students. Mr. Griffith will be meeting with Mr. Daulbaugh tomorrow to narrow down the designs a little more and move forward finalizing the design. Mr. Viola thanked Mr. Griffith for coming to Streetsboro and enlightening everyone on what Maplewood has to offer.
- Dinner with the Teacher is April 6, 2016. Sophomore students enrolled for next school year and their parents will be visiting Maplewood to spend time with program and academic teachers and to become acquainted with their classmates.
- Maplewood's associate school superintendents will be visiting on April 18, 2016. They will have breakfast in the Maple Leaf Restaurant, visit a lab to do hands-on activities with students from their districts, and reconvene in the Maple Leaf Restaurant for Maplewood announcements to end the visit.
- Mr. Griffith said he is very proud of the accomplishments of the Maplewood students. At this evening's National Honor Society ceremony, twelve students were inducted and eight current members participated. Mr. Griffith congratulated all of Maplewood's National Honor Society students. A list of the current NHS students and the new inductees are included in the Board packet.
- The student handbook is up for Board's review. Each Board member received a copy with the changes highlighted. Mr. Griffith formed a committee of administrators and instructors to review and make changes to the handbook. The committee met four times.
- The Board packet included the following: Correspondence from Director Denise Baba, Leadership Portage County; Correspondence from Superintendent Dr. Christina Dinklocker, Mogadore Local School District; *Record-Courier* article, "Portage County part of NEO economic recovery"; National Honor Society information; Ohio Auditor of State Award; and six *The Board* brochures.
- Mr. Kelsey asked if it would be possible to start bringing more students in earlier grades to visit Maplewood programs. Mr. Griffith said the associate schools feel it is too expensive and some are no longer bringing their eighth graders. Discussion followed.
- Mr. Griffith said he introduced the possibility of a manufacturing track to the Portage County Superintendents. He said it was well received. Maplewood is beginning the manufacturing program in Adult Education and will look into offering it to day school in the future.
- Mrs. Kaley requested Mr. Griffith update the Board on what has occurred with the Portage County Developmental Disabilities Board. Mr. Griffith said the Portage County Developmental Disabilities Board recently met and passed a resolution rescinding there previously approved changes. The task force of the Portage County Developmental Disabilities Board and Portage County Superintendents will meet in April to begin working towards a solution.

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

- Mr. Morgan was not present.

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

- Mr. Lenzo was not present.

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 February 2016.
 - The expenditures were approved for the month of February 2016.
 - The investments were ratified for the month of February 2016.
 - The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of February 2016.
 - Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan Resolution.
 - FY2016 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources and Amended Appropriations.
- Informational Items: Fiscal Year 2015 Financial Audit Release; OSBA Northeast Region Spring Conference, Wellsville Junior/Senior High School, March 30, 2016; NSBA Annual Conference, Boston, April 9-11, 2016; and OSBA Board Leadership Institute, Hilton/Polaris, April 29-30, 2016

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

- Accepted the resignation of the following classified personnel: Russ Corley, 3rd Shift Custodian, effective March 31, 2016, for the purpose of retirement.
- Employed ABLE/Adult Education instructors.
- Employed certificated/licensed personnel, Rachel Bice, Animal Science Instructor, effective February 22, 2016.
- Employed two certificated/licensed personnel for the remainder of the 2015-2016 contract year: Kristen DeGross and Edward Perdian.
- Accepted three donations.
- Approved "*Take Your Child To Work Day*", on April 28, 2016.
- Approved an overnight field trip for SkillsUSA students and advisors to attend competition in Columbus, Ohio, on April 26-27, 2016.
- Reviewed the 2016-2017 Student Handbook.

New Business

- Authorized the advertisement and public auction of Maplewood Career Center property.
- Approved the Maplewood Career Center and Habitat for Humanity of Portage County HOUSE BUILD partnership agreement.

Executive Session: Employment of Personnel (8:13 p.m. to 8:27 p.m.)

Adjourned: 8:27 p.m.