

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER
Board Meeting Notes
Regular Meeting
October 14, 2015

Convened: 6:04 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 October 14, 2015, as amended with an addendum.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes for September 17, 2015, regular meeting as presented.

The following visitors were received:

Stephen Smith, Maplewood Science Instructor and MCCEA Vice President
Present: Randy Griffith, Superintendent; Michelle Seckman, Treasurer

Board President, Donna Karg, reported on the following:

- Mrs. Karg had nothing to report.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- Mrs. Kaley and some of her fellow Board members attended the Northeast Region OSBA Fall Conference in Wadsworth on October 7, 2015. A Youngstown City School Board member gave an update on the Youngstown plan. Discussion took place. A Franklin County Common Pleas Judge ruled today the CEO takeover of the Youngstown City Schools is allowed to proceed. Rumors are circulating the Warren School District is next.
- HB2 – Charter School Reform: The House rejected HB2 as passed by the Senate. HB2 went to conference committee where it was amended and unanimously approved on October 6, 2015. The next day, the Senate unanimously approved the bill and the House approved it by a 91-6 vote. The Senate version of HB 2 contained a reduction in the amount of compensation a charter school governing board member could earn per meeting and for attending training sessions (down from \$425 to \$125).

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

- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *ODE shares facts sheets to explain testing, report card changes*: The state budget directed the Ohio Department of Education to discontinue state tests in English language arts and mathematics developed for the 2014-2015 school year by PARCC. ODE is developing new math and English tests with the American Institute for Research (AIR).
- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *Certain types of cyberattack is on the rise in schools*: A recent study says schools are a primary target of cyberattack. The attacks are regularly launched on schools to expose student records, hold information hostage and cause testing outages. Mrs. Roubic questioned the security of data in our schools.
- OSBA's *Student Success* Student achievement research brief – *The math on hours in schools*: American children spend more time in school than all but three countries. Only elementary students in Chili, Israel, and Australia spend longer days in class each year. Combining primary and lower secondary school hours, the U.S. ranks fourth of 34 countries.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Mr. Griffith reviewed the addendum.
- The Animal Science program is grooming dogs. The prices and types of services are available on the Maplewood website (www.mwood.cc). Mr. Griffith encouraged Board members with dogs to bring them in for grooming.
- Mr. Griffith has offered the cafeteria supervisor's position to Mr. Joseph Hinton. The request for Mr. Hinton's hire will be on the November agenda. Mr. Hinton is a chef and has more than twelve years of experience in the College Food Service industry.

- JP Morgan Chase Bank closed two retainage accounts without providing notice to Maplewood Career Center. Michelle Seckman, Maplewood's treasurer, is the one and only signatory on the accounts. She did not sign off on the release nor was she informed that the monies were paid out and the accounts closed until nine days after the fact. The construction projects are not complete. The retainage accounts were set up specifically for such an eventuality. JP Morgan Chase Bank has created a hardship for Maplewood Career Center and its taxpayers, and has limited Maplewood's ability to ensure the construction projects conclude as designed. Maplewood has contacted legal counsel, the State Auditor's office, the State Treasurer's office, and the Portage County Prosecutor's office. Mr. Griffith sent a certified letter to Mr. Ron Biggs at JP Morgan Chase Bank requesting an explanation for JP Morgan Chase Bank's disbursement of the retainage accounts without authorization and a proposed resolution. Mr. Griffith also requested that JP Morgan Chase Bank take action to reclaim Maplewood Career Center's money or place money back in a retainage account so that the construction projects can be completed. Mr. Biggs called Mr. Griffith earlier today. He offered no explanation or resolution.
- The Board packet included the following: Addendum; Correspondence from Pat Burns, State Board of Education member; and two *The Board* brochures.

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 September 2015.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of September 2015.
- The investments were ratified for the month of September 2015.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of September 2015.
- FY2016 Transfers & Advances.
- Notice of Applications to become a depository.
- Informational items: FY2015 GAAP Conversion and Compliance Audit; OSBA Capital Conference hotel reservations & events; NSBA Annual Conference, Boston, MA, October 9-11, 2015; and Board Pay for Attendance at Approved Training Programs for 2015.

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

- Accepted the resignations of Linda Waldeck (effective October 31st), Robert Earle (effective December 31st), and Beverly Crites (effective October 30th).
- Employed part-time Adult Education and/or ABLE personnel.
- Employed security personnel at \$35.00 per hour for Christmas in the Woods event on November 6-7, 2015.
- Employed student-workers for the 2015-2016 school year on an as-needed basis.
- Employed certificated/licensed substitute teachers for the 2015-2016 school year: Amanda-Kay Dyer, Rebecca Muckridge, Robert Osthoff, Glynis Palmisano, and Pam Stoltz.
- Employed Laure Gauntner as the interim ABLE Coordinator at \$25.00 per hour, as assigned by the Adult Education Director, during FMLA leave of the current coordinator.
- Accepted one donation.
- Commended the staff members who covered the Ravenna Balloon A-Fair booth on September 19, 2015.

Adjourned: 6:39 p.m.