

**MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER**  
**Board Meeting Notes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**February 19, 2015**

Convened: 7:31 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: Carpentry program was cancelled due to weather conditions.

Acceptance and approval of Board meeting agenda for February 19, 2015, as amended with an addendum.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes for January 15, 2015, organizational and regular meetings, as presented.

The following visitors were received:

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

**Board President, Donna Karg, reported on the following:**

- Mrs. Karg congratulated Treasurer, Michelle Seckman, for her Ohio Auditor of State Award.
- Mrs. Karg and some of her fellow Board members attended a Leadership session at the ESC of Cuyahoga County on February 10, 2015. The session was on shared services and was presented by the Pepple & Waggoner law firm. It was stressed that agreements should include what services are being provided and the hours that will be spent in each district.
- Mrs. Karg attended and judged the Maplewood Chili Cook-Off on February 12, 2015. She said the students did a great job and were very professional. She was particularly impressed with the chicken chili and seafood chili.

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

- Simulation spreadsheets were released on the Governor's proposed biennial budget. Districts are reviewing them to see if they are gaining or losing funding.
- HB2 deals with sponsorship and management of community schools.
- HB7 would prohibit student scores on the new PARCC assessments for this school year from being used to make promotion or retention decisions or to grant course credit.
- HB25 would require the State Board of Education to adopt rules regarding the sale of beverages and food during the regular school day in connection with a school-sponsored fundraiser.
- SB3 would exempt high performing school districts from certain laws; revise the law regarding the administration of state assessments; permit school districts to contract with hospitals, healthcare professionals, and educational service centers for school health services; revise the competitive bidding threshold for school building and repair contracts; and require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to develop a legislative proposal assisting high-performing school districts in purchasing technology, building expansion, and physical alterations to improve school safety or security.
- Mr. Kelsey asked Mrs. Kaley to investigate HB54 which would revise the law regarding terms of office of members of certain joint vocational school district boards of education.

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

- OSBA's *Student Success* Student achievement article – *How school leaders can determine if technology is being used effectively*: Many districts are trying to decide if they should purchase iPads or Chromebooks. Technology should be used in innovative ways to build student capacity and broaden their perspectives.
- OSBA's *Student Success* Student achievement research brief – *Reading in third grade; a state-by-state breakdown*: Fourteen states plus D.C. require retaining third-grade students who do not meet grade-level expectations in reading. The report emphasizes the need for all teachers being capable and competent to teach reading.

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

- Mr. Griffith is working with Mogadore and Crestwood to complete CTE26's that will fund courses for their 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Originally, the plan was to work with Waterloo to start both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes to be held at Maplewood, but since Mr. Montgomery has secured a Superintendent's position in a different district, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Griffith agreed that this was not the time to initiate the program.
- The Board agenda includes a request for qualifications for architectural services. Projects being discussed for the summer and long term are for outdoor and indoor surface repairs. Presently being considered are sidewalk and catch basin repairs and replacement and surfacing repairs to some concrete outside as well as three lab floors. Also being considered are doing point and tuck on the brick exterior and repairs to lentils. Mr. Griffith will keep the Board informed of plans moving forward.
- The approval of the 2015-2016 school calendar is also on the agenda. Currently, Maplewood only has two calamity days for next school year. Given this fact, Maplewood will begin making up calamity days during the proposed spring break next school year. Mr. Griffith is looking for ways to remedy the limited amount of calamity days available for next school year and if a solution is discovered, the calendar may be revisited. Mr. Griffith is considering speaking to the home school Superintendents about extending the student school day by six minutes.
- Arbitration over last school year's growth measures will take place on June 15, 2015. The first day will be a review of arbitrability. If the Board receives a favorable finding, the arbitration will conclude. If not, the merits will be reviewed two weeks later. Mr. Griffith will keep the Board informed as the process progresses.
- The Board packet included the following: Addendum; Maplewood Newsletter; and two *The Board* brochures.

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

- Second 9 weeks perfect attendance incentive breakfast held on January 29, 2015 – 87 students recognized.
- Upcoming dates: SkillsUSA Regional Competition is February 28, 2015; FCCLA Regional Hospitality Service Careers Competition is February 28, 2015; FCCLA Regional Early Childhood Education Competition is March 7, 2015; DECA State Competition is March 13-14, 2015; SkillsUSA State Competition is April 14-15, 2015; and NHS induction is March 18, 2015, 6:30 p.m. in Conference room A.
- Parent/Teacher conferences were February 11, 2015. Nearly 15% of parents attended.
- Students of the Month for January: Senior-Cheryl Lutz, Cosmetology West, Crestwood, and Junior-Jessica Evans, Cosmetology West, Southeast.

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

- Mr. Lenzo reported that Maplewood is running out of places to put the snow.
- Mr. Lenzo attended a Portage County Safety Council meeting on February 12, 2015. The meeting was on "*Keeping your workers motivated with safety.*" Mr. Bob Maeder, Environmental & Safety Coordinator, from Swagelok was the presenter.
- The Summit County Business Directors have developed an online system for sharing information and documents.
- Mr. Lenzo is working on Maplewood's Comprehensive Safety Plan. Maplewood has a safety plan in place but the Attorney General requires it to be more comprehensive and include aspects related to community disasters.

**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 January 2015.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of January 2015.
- The investments were ratified for the month of January 2015.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of January 2015.
- Rates and amounts resolution.
- FY2015 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources and Amended Appropriations.
- Informational items: Christmas in the Woods 2014 Financial Report; Lowell B. Myers Scholarship Report; Portage County Auditor Property Valuations and Estimated Tax Receipts; OSBA Northeast Region Spring Conference, GlenOak High School, March 4, 2015; NSBA Annual Conference, Nashville, March 21-23, 2015; The Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County and OSBA 2015 Leadership Academy, Independence, OH, April 22, 2015; OSBA Board Leadership Institute, Hilton/Polaris, May 1-2, 2015

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

- Accepted the resignation of Sandra Belcastro, Adult Education Secretary/Receptionist, effective January 30, 2015.
- Employed classified employee, Charlotte Werner, Adult Education Secretary/Receptionist, effective February 23, 2015.
- Employed licensed substitute teachers, Whitney Legros and Justin Lasher, for the 2014-2015 school year.
- Accepted two donations.
- Approved the Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology Service Provider Contract for Internet service.
- Approved the Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology Service Provider Contract for VOIP Voicemail service.
- Approved the 2015-2016 school year calendar.
- Approved the overnight field trip for DECA students and advisors to attend competition in Columbus, Ohio, on March 13-14, 2015.

**New Business**

- Approved advertising a Request for Qualifications for Architectural Design Services.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**Executive Session (8:03 p.m. to 9:02 p.m.)**

To discuss the employment of personnel and negotiations

**Adjourned: 9:04 p.m.**