

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER
Board Meeting Notes
Regular Meeting
November 15, 2018

Convened: 7:01 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Brian Violi.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Vice President, Jay Kelsey, and was followed by a moment of silence.

Roll call: Dianne Randolph was absent.

Acceptance and approval of the Board meeting agenda for November 15, 2018, as presented on BoardPaq with the deletion of New Business item 2.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes for the October 17, 2018.

The following visitor was received:

Michael Lenzo, Supervisor of Business Affairs.

Present: Mr. Randy Griffith, Superintendent; Mrs. Michelle Seckman, Treasurer

Board President, Brian Violi, reported on the following:

- The Capital Conference was a successful event. Mr. Violi particularly enjoyed the Student Achievement Fair. One student group's program was about college readiness. The students in the group were eager to talk about their program. They went out into the aisle to speak with visitors instead of staying in their booth. A sixth grade group of students described their jobs as role models in the school. They help other students and must maintain a level of standards. If they do not, they can be fired. Mr. Violi also visited a vendor in the Trade Show that offered mental health assessments and curriculum. The vendor said their product could help identify students who might be susceptible to suicide, bullying, etc. The cost was \$6 per student.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- OSBA's *Briefcase – Ohio Supreme Court accepts Youngstown City's HB 70 appeal*: The Ohio Supreme court has announced that it will review the constitutionality of 2015's House Bill (HB) 70, which authorizes the state to take control of school districts with three consecutive years of failing report card grades. Youngstown City Schools were the first to be taken over by the state and initially filed the suit in 2015, challenging the law's constitutionality. Since then Lorain City Schools and East Cleveland City Schools have also come under state control.
- OSBA's *Briefcase – Report provides comparison of state policies on school discipline*: The Education Commission of the States has released a report that examined state policies and school discipline. Recent data shows significant disparities in the application of suspension and expulsion based on race, gender and disability status. State education leaders are re-examining their school discipline requirements. About 15 states, including Ohio, limit the use of suspension or expulsion by grade level. The Ohio legislature passed House Bill (HB) 318 this past summer. It became effective November 2, 2018. Along with establishing qualifications and training requirements for school resource officers, it put in place restrictions for student suspensions and expulsions. While students may be expelled for bringing a firearm to school, the law specifies that a student may be expelled for one year for bringing or possessing a knife only if that knife is capable of causing serious bodily injury, as defined by the district or school. Schools are required to permit suspended students to complete missed assignments. In-school suspensions must be served in a supervised learning environment. Out-of-school suspensions and expulsions of students in grades Pre-K through 3 for minor offenses will be phased out and fully prohibited by the 2021-2022 school year.

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

- OSBA'S *Student Success* student achievement in depth – *Report: Students need help developing social and emotional learning (SEL) skills*: Adolescence is when students develop skills to regulate emotions, make and evaluate decisions and judge risk and reward. As they age, students get steadily better at inhibitory control. Teenagers are better able to focus on unemotional tasks and situations, but are significantly worse than children or adults at avoiding emotional distractions.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Mr. Griffith reported the Legislature may be addressing graduation requirements during the lame duck session. It is possible they will reinstate the alternative pathways to diploma attainment for the 2019 and 2020 graduating classes.
- Maplewood has a new Children's Advantage case worker, Rebecca Muldowney, in the building through the Portage County Commissioners grant. She is currently working with thirteen Maplewood students. Solid data regarding outcomes is not currently available, but expected by mid-year.
- Sophomores visited last Wednesday to learn about the programs Maplewood offers. Maplewood staff and students represented their respective programs well. Last year at this juncture, 198 juniors had signed up to attend Maplewood. As of today, 201 juniors have signed up to attend Maplewood. This evening, eighth graders, freshman, sophomores and their parents were given the opportunity to enjoy a spaghetti dinner and visit labs of interest. Once again, program instructors, their students and business partners worked to showcase Maplewood's programs, the need for skilled workers and potential careers that begin with programming offered at Maplewood. Mr. Griffith expressed his appreciation for the hard work of the students and staff to recruit new students. He also thanked the local business partners. Over the years, the local business partners have become more active in the recruitment process and their collaboration with Maplewood has been very productive.
- The Streetsboro press boxes are erected and weather tight. The metal is being installed on the outside and the electrical on the inside. Once the electrical and outside sheeting are done, the inside sheeting will be installed. The carpentry and electrical students are getting valuable experience and are doing a great job.
- Mr. Griffith is working with Jon Epling Estates and Bill Ullman of Independence Portage County to build a home next year. It will be a 1,800 square foot slab home with a low pitch roof. It will eventually be housing disabled/handicapped individuals. Discussions have just begun. Mr. Griffith will provide an update at the next Board meeting and possibly a proposal.
- Mr. Griffith reviewed the Day School Report: Student perfect attendance for the first quarter, 108 students for the first nine weeks; Sophomore Showcase, while 81.3% of sophomores attended, Mr. Griffith expressed disappointment that only 45.3% of Waterloo's sophomores attended; Parent teachers conferences were held October 3, 2018, 16.58% of parents attended; September Students of the Month, Senior, Basilio Fierro, Culinary Arts, Ravenna and Junior, Colton Clites, Auto Service Technology, Ravenna; and October Students of the Month, Senior, Hoghán Jones, Power Equipment Mechanics, Rootstown, and Junior, Cassie Protain, Hospitality Service Careers, Streetsboro.
- The Board packet included the following: two *Record-Courier* articles, "*Maplewood Career Center hosts Back to School Food Fair*" and "*Craft show set at Maplewood Career Center*". Mr. Griffith complimented the Criminal Justice students who volunteered for parking lot duty during the craft show. They did a great job on both Friday and Saturday.

Supervisor of Business Affairs: Mr. Lenzo presented on the following:

- The Streetsboro Press Box Project is progressing. The units are framed and sided. The roof is completed and the wiring is being installed. Mr. Lenzo thanked both the carpentry and electrical classes for their hard work.
- Mr. Lenzo thanked all of the staff who helped to make Christmas in the Woods such a great success. Everyone did a great job moving furniture, preparing food and keeping things clean. This was one of the best attended in many years. Mr. Lenzo gave a special thanks to Anita Binegar. She was amazing.
- Mr. Lenzo met with the sales representative from Hunter Engineering. Maplewood is in the process of purchasing a new balancer and tire puller. The scissor lift alignment rack also needs to be replaced and will be purchased in the near future as well.
- Mr. Lenzo has had two meetings with window treatment sales representatives regarding the purchase and installation of impact resistant film. Impact resistant film helps extend the amount of time it would take to enter the building in the event someone would attempt to destroy the glass and step through the opening.
- Mr. Lenzo attended the OSBA Capital Conference. He attended three sessions on school safety. All of the sessions were interesting and presented different options such as door locking mechanisms, video, mental health and school resource officers. They all emphasized the importance of fostering professional relationships between every student and a trusted adult.

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 October, 2018.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of October, 2018.
- The investments were ratified for the month of October, 2018.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of October, 2018.

- Approved payment to the board members for attendance at training sessions for the 2018 calendar year.
- Approved the Local Government Services Section of the Auditor of the State of Ohio Agreement for the compilation of the Annual Financial Statements for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021.
- Approved FY2019 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources & FY2019 Amended Appropriations.
Informational Items: Fiscal Year 2018 GAAP Conversion; OSBA Capital Conference Expense Reimbursements; 2018 Christmas in the Woods Revenue Report; ESC of Cuyahoga County and OSBA Leadership Series, Independence, Ohio, December 6, 2018; NSBA Conference, March 30 – April 1, 2019, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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

- Accepted the resignation of Claudia Lewis, Treasurer's Assistant.
- Employed one certified ASPIRE Instructor for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.
- Approved payment for security at the Christmas in the Woods event.
- Approved one certified instructor on a one-year limited contract for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year: Bruce Lawver.
- Commended the staff and students who participated in the Christmas in the Woods event on November 2-3, 2018.
- Commended the hard work and commitment demonstrated by the Maplewood staff and students who participated in the Maplewood Showcase event on November 7, 2018, and Career Night on November 15, 2018.

New Business:

- Approved the Board of Education Organizational meeting to be held on January 10, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. with the regular meeting to follow.

Executive Session: (7:53 p.m. – 8:18 p.m.)

Employment or appointment of public employees

Adjourned: 8:19 p.m.