

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER
Board Meeting Notes
Regular Meeting
September 19, 2019

Convened: 5:01 p.m.

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

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

Roll call: All were present.

Featured Program:

Superintendent Randy Griffith, escorted the Board to the Information Technology lab where he introduced instructor, Robert Johnson. Mr. Johnson gave a presentation highlighting the Information Technology program.

Acceptance and approval of Board meeting agenda for September 19, 2019, as presented on BoardPaq.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes for the August 15, 2019 regular meeting as presented.

The following visitors were received: Mr. Michael Lenzo, Supervisor of Business Affairs
Present: Mr. Randy Griffith, Superintendent; Mrs. Michelle Seckman, Treasurer

Board President, Jay Kelsey, had nothing to report.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- The Senate Education committee accepted a substitute version of House Bill (HB) 154. The revised bill would create a five-member panel, called the School Transformation Board, charged with overseeing improvement efforts of school districts with persistently low report card grades. The bill would also designate school districts with “improvement” status if they received two consecutive overall F grades on the report card. Such districts would be required to create an improvement plan for their low-rated buildings, and would be eligible for state funding to contract with a school improvement organization. Accepting this funding and executing a contract would delay the establishment of an academic distress commission until the sixth consecutive overall F grade. The bill largely keeps the academic distress commissions intact with some changes, like requiring an annual evaluation for the chief executive officer (CEO) and renaming the commissions to “school improvement committees” and renaming the CEO to “director”. The bill delays, from three to four years, the number of overall F grades that triggers the establishment of an academic distress commission, or school improvement committee. The four year trigger would apply only to districts that did not accept state funding and execute an improvement contract.

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

- OSBA’s *Student Success* student achievement in depth – *Can teaching growth mindset boost test scores?*: A nationwide study found that teaching ninth graders to maintain a “growth mindset”, stressing their minds are like muscles that can get stronger with use, can result in higher test scores. A “fixed mindset”, believing the ability to do well in school is something that people either have or don’t, does not have a positive effect on academic performance.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Mr. Griffith met with Hummel Construction earlier in the day. They discussed what issues are still outstanding and how they will work towards project completion.
- The “Your Choice Program” was started three years ago. The first year 128 students participated. Last year 206 students participated. This year 261 students signed up to participate. It is very exciting that the program continues to attract more participants every year. The “Your Choice Program” is a free random drug testing

program provided by Maplewood which students volunteer to participate in. Every student participant is drug screened at the onset of the program and ten to fifteen students are randomly drug screened each month. Students who successfully complete the program are given a certificate that they can present to future employers.

- Mr. Griffith participated in the dedication of the baseball and softball fields at Streetsboro last week. The ceremony was very nice. While at the fields, Mr. Griffith saw the Streetsboro Board approved sign that had all of the students' names that participated in the construction of the press boxes. Mr. Griffith sent a photo of it to the teachers and they spread the word to the current students and last year's seniors. A lot of the students were excited and proud to be recognized. Mr. Griffith expressed his appreciation to the Streetsboro Board and administration for recognizing the contributions of Maplewood's students and staff.
- The Maplewood masonry students will be constructing a sign at Southeast Schools. They will be pouring the foundation and laying the brick.
- Maplewood students will also construct a garage with a loft for Maplewood staff members. Mr. Griffith will bring the project to the Board for approval at the next Board meeting.
- Mr. Griffith thanked the Maplewood staff members for the smooth start of the school year. He stated that he appreciated the staff positive attitude and willingness to collaborate with one another to provide engaging experiences for the students. He stated that many students are very excited to be here also.
- Mr. Griffith discussed the possibility of changing student driving policy to improve student safety on school grounds. Specifically, the District is considering revoking driving privileges for students who cause an accident on school premises. Parking lot accidents occur every year. There were two at the end of the day today.
- The Board packet included the following: *Record Courier* article: "Maplewood construction falls behind schedule".

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

- The Vape detectors have been installed. Mr. Lenzo is working with the company to get the interface software connected.
- Mr. Lenzo has been working with the contractors to get through the last of the items that need adjusted for the summer projects. The restaurant opened yesterday and it really looks sharp. The culinarians really put on a great meal for all of their patrons.
- At the last Board meeting, Mr. Lenzo complemented the 260 day staff for all of their hard work. The students and staff came in the first day of school and all was ready for them. Mr. Lenzo expressed his appreciation to all of the people from the custodial and maintenance departments, as well as the administrative assistants, for how hard they worked together to make this happen.

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 August, 2019.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of August, 2019.
- The investments were ratified for the month of August, 2019.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of August, 2019.
- Approved a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a Master Electric Sales Agreement between the District and Power4Schools' Endorsed Electric Supplier, ENGIE Resources, LLC.
- Approved the establishment of 467, as a special revenue fund, for the deposit of the Student Wellness and Success funds created through House Bill (HB) 166, the FY2020-2021 operating budget.
- Approved the FY2020 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources and the Permanent Appropriations Resolution.

Informational Items: Fiscal Year 2019 GAAP Conversion; Fiscal Years 2018 & 2019 Financial Audit; Pepple & Waggoner School Law Update Seminars, Thursday, September 26, 2019, DoubleTree by Hilton Cleveland in Independence, and Thursday, October 10, 2019, Glenmoor Country Club in Canton; OSBA Northeast Region Fall Conference, Wednesday, October 2, 2019, Galaxy Restaurant and Banquet Center, Wadsworth; OSBA and ESC of Cuyahoga County 2019-2020 Leadership Series, Tuesday, October 15, 2019, Independence; OSBA Capital Conference, November 10-12, 2019, Columbus Convention Center; NSBA Annual Conference, April 4-6, 2020, Chicago, Illinois

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

- Moved certificated/licensed instructors, Suzanne Anthony, Stephen Smith, and Nancy Butcher, on the teachers' negotiated salary schedule due to acquiring additional semester hours.
- Approved the reassignment to classified personnel, Elizabeth Slater, Bus Driver/Custodian to Other Custodian (midnight shift) and approved the reassignment of classified personnel, Jeremy Dewitt, Other Custodian (midnight shift) to Other Custodian (afternoon shift).
- Employed two certificated/licensed substitutes for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year: Victoria Horvath and Nina Schroeder.
- Commended the cafeteria, secretarial, maintenance, custodial, Adult Education, and technology staff for their preparations and hard work leading to a smooth start of the new school year.
- Commended the instructional staff and day school administrators for an excellent start to the new school year.
- Commended the staff and students who staffed the Portage County Randolph Fair booth on August 20-25, 2019.
- Approved an overnight field trip for Hospitality Service Careers and Mechanical, Groundskeeping, and Construction students and advisors. The event will be held in Carrollton, Ohio, on September 25-27, 2019.
- Approved the Partnership Agreement between Children's Advantage and Maplewood Career Center for three hours a week of subsidized school-based consultation services for the 2019-2020 school year.

Executive Session: (5:40 p.m. – 5:47 p.m.)

Employment or appointment of public employees

Adjourned: 5:47 p.m.