

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER
Board Meeting Notes
Regular Meeting
November 21, 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.

Acceptance and approval of Board meeting agenda for November 21, 2019, as presented on BoardPaq.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes for the October 16, 2019, Policy Committee Meeting and October 16, 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, reported on the following:

- Mr. Kelsey attended the Delegate Assembly at the OSBA Capital Conference along with Board member, Joan Seman. The assembly voted on recommended changes to the Ohio School Boards Association Legislative Platform. Mr. Kelsey reported on the following changes:
 - OSBA supports legislation that provides sufficient funding to implement trauma-informed training and school program development.
 - OSBA supports legislation that amends the Ohio Revised Code and increases the rate of maximum compensation for school Board members, and provides for inflationary growth, in order to better ensure that Board members are compensated more commensurately with the responsibilities of their position.
 - OSBA has changed the term “Special Education” to “Unique Education” in its platform.
 - OSBA supports legislation that required institutions of higher learning for teachers to include in their curriculum courses in technology, classroom management, trauma-informed training, crisis management and behavioral management, including training in appropriate behavioral intervention techniques.
- Mary Kaley and Roger Boltz reported on sessions they attended regarding Narcan and vaping.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- The Senate amended and passed House Bill (HB) 2. It would permit a collaboration of school districts, among others, to partner with industry sectors in order to be eligible for state grants to assist with hiring employees, developing curricula and educational resources and marketing workforce partnerships.
- The House passed House Bill (HB) 164 by a vote of 61-31. It would deal with student religious expression in public schools.
- The House passed House Bill (HB) 210. It would require Ohio Department of Education-licensed preschool programs and other entities to screen and test prospective employees for tuberculosis and annually test certain employees for a five-year period.
- The House Finance Committee held a fifth hearing on House Bill (HB) 305. It is the Cupp-Patterson school funding formula.
- The House Primary and Secondary Education Committee held a third hearing on House Bill (HB) 111. It would require public and private schools to transmit a transferred student’s record within five school days.
- The House Primary and Secondary Education Committee held a third hearing on House Bill (HB) 310. It would enact the Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act with regard to school discipline and bullying and hazing policies at public schools and colleges.

- The Senate General Government and Agency Review Committee held sponsor testimony on House Bill (HB) 76. It would modify the form of election notices and ballot language for property tax levies. This bill was vetoed by Gov. Mike DeWine when it was included in the state budget bill, House Bill (HB) 166.
- The Senate General Government and Agency Review Committee held a third hearing on Senate Bill (SB) 119. It would exempt Ohio from daylight saving time.
- Ohio voters approved 113 of 154 public school district tax issues during the November 5, 2019, general election. 73% of school tax issues passed. This is up slightly from the 2018 general election when voters approved 121 of 175 school tax issues, or 69%. 35 of 72 new school tax issues were approved, a passage rate of 49%. This was also up slightly from the 2018 general elections when voters approved 46% of new school tax increases. 78 of 82 renewal school tax issues were approved, a passage of 95%. This is a slight decrease from the 2018 general election when voters approved 96% of renewal tax issues.
- Recently introduced House Bill (HB) 360 would require the installation of water bottle filling stations and drinking fountains in new school buildings that are constructed with assistance from the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission.

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

- OSBA's *Student Success* student achievement in depth – *Nonacademic factors fuel achievement gap*: The study examined reading tests taken by kindergarteners and compared them to reading tests taken by the same students near the end of first and second grade. The results showed that children in schools that serve disadvantaged students on average saw their reading scores rise about as much during the school year as the scores of more advantaged students.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Mr. Griffith has been in contact with Elizabeth Barry. Elizabeth Barry is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Delta Systems, Inc. in Streetsboro. She also serves on the Governor's Executive Workforce Board. Ms. Barry inquired of Mr. Griffith what needs to be done to get students interested in manufacturing and skilled trades. Mr. Griffith said the State needs to put more value on career technical students completing a 900-hour course. The only credit they get should not be electives as many students come with electives. He said students need to get a number of credits for a 900-hour career and technical course that can supplant some of the 20 credits needed toward graduation. Students leaving school with marketable trade skills have value in our workforce and their communities and should be recognized by the Ohio Department of Education as well as the state of Ohio. He said that the curriculum for high school students is focused on memorization of problem solving and critical thinking. He said the focus of education and delivery methods need to change if Ohio students are to compete in current job markets. Ms. Barry took Mr. Griffith's concerns to the Governor's Workforce Executive Board. Mr. Griffith received a phone call from Leah Amstutz, the new Director of the Office of Career-Technical Education. Ms. Amstutz explained that students did get five hours of elective credits for their 900-hour course. Mr. Griffith explained that students arriving as juniors often have the electives they need. He said the State needs to promote and encourage respect for the skilled trades and what they do for our communities and State's economy. If not, the State will not have enough skilled tradesman and will not have a viable workforce into the future. Mr. Griffith said that he and Ms. Amstutz didn't agree on all points, but the conversation was productive.
- The Masonry students are completing construction on a sign at Southeast Schools. The Electricity students may be doing some minor electrical hookups.
- The Masonry students started on the Smith garage last week.
- Maplewood students will be working on a sign at Windham Schools in the spring. The Masonry students will pour the foundation and complete either the block or the stone-work depending on Windham's preference.
- The Carpentry students completed work on the old Freedom School for the Freedom Historical Society. They installed a handicap ramp and a porch. They did a great job and the Freedom Historical Society was very complimentary of the work the students did.

- The MapleLeaf is serving the Thanksgiving Buffet this week.
- Joseph Hinton has requested that Mr. Griffith, Mr. Lenzo and Mr. Morgan carve the turkey for the students in the cafeteria next week.
- The Day School Report included the following: Student Perfect Attendance for the First Quarter; Sophomore Showcase Day; Parent Teacher Conferences; September Students of the Month – Senior, Adam Derthick, Mechanical Groundskeeping & Construction, James A. Garfield, Senior, Cora Noland, Culinary Arts, James A. Garfield, Junior, Daniel Byler, Hospitality Service Careers, Ravenna, and Junior, Catherine Hahn, Carpentry, James A. Garfield; and October Students of the Month – Senior, Garrett Marshall, Carpentry, Streetsboro, and Junior, Kaylee Darrow, Cosmetology, Ravenna. Mr. Morgan thanked the entire staff for all of their efforts in preparing for Sophomore Showcase Day and gave a special thanks to Dawn McLendon for all of her hard work and dedication, ensuring the success of the day.
- The Board packet included the following: *Record Courier* article: “Maplewood craft show is Friday, Saturday”; two *The Weekly Villager* articles: “Freedom Historical Society News and Notes”, and “The Portage County Literacy Coalition Family Feud for Literacy Event” ; First Quarter 2019-2020 Honor Roll; and October 2019 Staff Directory

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

- The new furniture for the entryway and the resource center has been delivered. The students seem to be enjoying it very much and it looks really sharp.
- The Sophomore Showcase and Spaghetti Dinner was again very successful. It was a great evening. Mr. Lenzo enjoyed working with the staff in the kitchen. He complimented everyone for pitching in and especially the hard work of the food service department.
- Maplewood has been upgrading the hallway lighting in the building. The old T8 fluorescent bulbs are being swapped out and new LED lighting installed. Maplewood purchased the new bulbs and the students from the Electricity lab are doing the work. They have completed the area around the main offices and halfway down the four main hallways. They are currently working on the lighting for the Marketing and Management lab, and when they complete this, they will work in the cafeteria kitchen and finish the hallways. This will help save on energy costs and the color consistency and brightness is clearly a noticeable improvement. Mr. Lenzo thanked Mr. Svonavec and his students.
- Maplewood passed its food service audit. This information is to be shared with the Board of Education so that Maplewood is in compliance with the Consolidated School Report Survey that is required by the ODE.
- A successful inspection was completed by the Portage County Health District. The Sanitarian is new and she was very complementary of the facility.

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, 2019.
 - The expenditures were approved for the month of October, 2019.
 - The investments were ratified for the month of October, 2019.
 - The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of October, 2019.
 - Approved payment to the board members for attendance at training sessions for calendar year 2019.
 - Approved the resolution for PlanConnect, LLC as a third party administrator.
 - Approved student activity fund transfers.
- Informational Items:** Fiscal Years 2018 & 2019 Financial Audit; OSBA Capital Conference Expense Reimbursements; Christmas in the Woods 2019 Revenue Report; 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:

- Employed part-time Adult Education and or ASPIRE personnel.

- Approved security for Christmas in the Woods: Scott Paolucci and Andrew Wert.
- Accepted the resignations of the following personnel: Andrew Stone, Robert Walker and Shelby Carlisle.
- Accepted one donation.
- Commended the Maplewood staff and students who participated in the Christmas in the Woods event on November 1-2, 2019.
- Commended the hard work and commitment demonstrated by the Maplewood staff and students who participated in the Maplewood Showcase event on November 6, 2019, and Career Night on November 14, 2019.

New Business

- Approved the Board of Education Organizational meeting to be held on January 9, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., with the regular Board meeting to follow.
- Conducted the first reading and review of the policies.
- Authorized participation in the cooperative purchasing programs of the Ohio Schools Council and approved the resolution.
- Authorized the purchase of natural gas through the Ohio Schools Council and approved the resolution.

Executive Session: (5:49 p.m. – 6:25 p.m.)

Employment or appointment of public employees

Adjourned: 6:25 p.m.