

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

Convened: 5:34 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: Donna Karg was absent.

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

Acceptance and approval of the minutes for the November 21, 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 thanked the Board for allowing him to serve as Board President for the 2019 year. He stated it has been an honor and a privilege that he has enjoyed.
- Mr. Kelsey thanked Dianne Randolph and Melissa Roubic for their years of service on the Maplewood Board of Education. He has enjoyed working with them and will miss them.
- Mr. Kelsey wished Roger Boltz a Happy Birthday.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- Governor Mike DeWine this week expressed his intent to continue the State's \$675 million investment in Student Wellness and Success Funds (SWSF). He said his next executive budget proposal would appropriate the same amount of money or more to SWSF, and that it is a high priority to get it into the next budget.
- The legislature sent House Bill (HB) 2 to the Governor for his signature. It permits the 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) 75. It would require school boards to pass a resolution approving a property valuation complaint or counter-complaint prior to filing that complaint, and also send written notice to the property owner indicating intent to file a complaint or counter-complaint. The bill now goes to the Senate.
- The Senate passed House Bill (HB) 4 by a vote of 31-0. It would require the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation to act as a liaison between the business community and the Ohio Department of Education or the Chancellor of Higher Education with regard to industry-recognized credentials or certificate programs. The bill now goes back to the House for concurrence.
- The Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs Committee held its first hearing on Senate Bill (SB) 244. It would require fiscal officers of school districts, among other political subdivisions, to provide certificates of transition to their successors when leaving office.
- The Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs Committee held its first hearing on House Bill (HB) 119. It would revise the law regarding distracted driving and texting while driving and applies enhanced penalties to motorists who illegally pass a school bus and do so in a distracted manner.

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

- OSBA's *Student Success* student achievement in depth – *Science should prompt education policy*: A report issued by iNACOL indicates students learn better when they are given a hands on approach. Teachers should give students the knowledge and then help them apply that knowledge to solving real-life problems. State accountability systems

focus on reading and math, but miss out on other factors such as the need for hands on activities. The report also suggests that grouping students by age alone is wrong, and that students should be grouped by abilities.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Mr. Griffith reported that construction will be taking place during the holiday break. Troy Construction will be working on the panel system attached to the north wall. The entire panel system will be removed and replaced. The Management Marketing program lab will also be remodeled during the break.
- The carpentry class is putting shiplap on the south wall of the MapleLeaf Restaurant. They put sub straight on the wall yesterday and today. On Monday after the holiday break, they will start installing the shiplap.
- State Superintendent, Paulo DeMaria, called Mr. Griffith two weeks ago and asked if a meeting could be arranged for Wednesday, December 18, 2019, while he was in town. The meeting included Superintendent, Paulo DeMaria, and his team, Mrs. Elizabeth Barry, President and Chief Executive Officer of Delta Systems, Inc. in Streetsboro and member of the Governor's Executive Workforce Board, other local business partners, representatives from area Ohio Jobs and Family Services, representatives from area Ohio Means Jobs, and Mr. Griffith invited Rootstown Superintendent, Andrew Hawkins, and Windham Superintendent, Aireane Curtis. They discussed workforce development in education, Ohio Department of Education policy, and graduation requirements, among other topics. Mr. Griffith stressed the need for critical thinking and problem solving instead of memorization, the need to legitimize career technical education by awarding credits that would count towards the twenty credits necessary for graduation, and the need to eliminate policies that inhibit schools from making decisions that are in the best interest of students. The Ohio Department of Education personnel were open to the discussion of concerns and possible solutions. Notes were taken during discussion with the goal of developing an action plan moving forward. The meeting was productive and another meeting is planned. Mr. Griffith is hopeful that the team's efforts will lead to improvement that benefits students. Mr. Griffith thanked Mr. Andrew Hawkins and Mrs. Aireane Curtis for their participation.
- Maplewood staff members raised \$5,770 for the Helping Hand to give to students in need at Christmas. Over the last ten years, the Maplewood staff has raised over \$31,000 for this purpose. Mr. Griffith expressed his pride in the Maplewood staff for everything they do daily for students and their willingness to support and help the students.
- Mr. Stephen Smith, MCCEA President, and Ms. Linda Hunter, MCCEA Treasurer, organized a Christmas Party for Maplewood staff members at the school on Wednesday, December 18, 2019. It was a great event and very well attended. They created opportunity for staff members to get together and socialize about things other than education. Mr. Griffith expressed his appreciation to everyone who helped organize the event.
- Mr. Griffith thanked the Maplewood staff for their hard work and dedication to providing a quality education to the students at Maplewood.
- Mr. Griffith thanked the Board members for their service to Maplewood Career Center and their dedication to the students that Maplewood serves. Without the support from the Board of Education, Maplewood would not be able to provide the same level of education to our students.
- Mr. Griffith presented plaques to Dianne Randolph (2012-2019) and Melissa Roubic (2002-2003 and 2013-2019) thanking them for their dedicated service to the Maplewood Board of Education.
- Mr. Griffith read an email from a Maplewood instructor expressing how grateful he was for the wonderful job the support staff does.
- The Board packet included the following: *Record-Courier* article: "Maplewood students prepare Thanksgiving feasts for their community, family".

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

- Mr. Lenzo thanked Joe Hinton and the food service staff for the nice work they did with the food for this evenings meeting.
- There have been several Santa sightings. One was for the free hot chocolate day in the cafeteria and the other was for the Early Childhood Education program. Mr. Lenzo thanked David Miller and Jeff Hinton for the great job they

did, and Wally Foster for the great job he did at Christmas in the Woods. All of the gentlemen did a wonderful job bringing some holiday cheer to the students.

- The first phase of lighting upgrade in the building is complete. The electricity students finished the last hallway this afternoon. They completed the area around the main offices, all of the hallways, the Marketing and Management lab, the cafeteria, the kitchens, and the student services offices. Mr. Lenzo thanked Mr. Svonavec and the electricity students.
- The carpentry students are putting up some shiplap wall coving in the restaurant. This is about ¼ of the way complete. It is going to be really sharp. Mr. Lenzo thanked Mr. Georger and the carpentry students.
- The holiday break is going to be very busy with the wall panel repair, kitchen floor repair, new Culinary lab lockers, and the Marketing Management lab refresh. Mr. Lenzo thanked all of the staff that will be working very hard to make this all come together.

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 November, 2019.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of November, 2019.
- The investments were ratified for the month of November, 2019.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of November, 2019.
- Approved the Electric Audit Project Agreement.
- **Informational Items:** Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019 Compliance Audit; Fiscal Year 2021 Proposed Alternative Tax Budget; Calendar Year 2020 IRS Mileage Rate; Pepple & Waggoner School Negotiations Workshop, Independence, January 30, 2020; OSBA Mastering Your Board Leadership Skills, Hilton Garden Inn – Akron, February 1, 2020; OSBA & ESC of Cuyahoga County 2019-2020 Leadership Academy Session II, Independence, February 4, 2020; Pepple & Waggoner Special Education Seminar, Independence, February 20, 2020; NSBA Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 4-6, 2020.

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.
- Employed one classified employee for the remainder of the 2019-2020 contract year: Dawson Hebebrand.
- Granted a supplemental contract to Nancy Woodruff for the 2020 Christmas in the Woods Coordinator.
- Employed one classified substitute for the remainder of the 2019-2020 contract year: Robert Walker
- Accepted one donation.
- Approved the Drug Testing & T8 Physical Agreement with Great Lakes Biomedical for random drug testing.

New Business

- Appointed Jay Kelsey, 2019 Board President, to serve as president pro tem for the Organizational Meeting on January 9, 2020.
- Adopt the proclamation to name January 2020 as “School Board Recognition Month”.

Unfinished Business

- Conducted the second reading and adoption of policies.

Adjourned: 6:19 p.m.