

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER
Board Meeting Notes
Regular Meeting
February 20, 2020

Convened: 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Roger Boltz.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chelli Yoho, and was followed by a moment of silence.

Oath of Office: The Oath of Office was administered to the following board member by Michelle Seckman, Treasurer:

For three-year term expiring December 31, 2022:

Victoria Brock, Waterloo Representative

Roll call: Donna Karg was absent.

Featured Program: Superintendent Randy Griffith, reviewed Angela Polichena-Boyle's history, qualifications, and comments. He introduced Angela Polichena-Boyle and she gave a presentation highlighting the Option IV program.

Acceptance and approval of Board meeting agenda for February 20, 2020.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes for the January 9, 2020, organizational meeting and the January 9, 2020, regular meeting as presented.

The following visitors were received: Mr. Michael Lenzo, Supervisor of Business Affairs; and Mr. Sean Thompson, T. Manfrass & Associates Architects, LLC.

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

Board President, Roger Boltz, reported on the following:

- Mr. Boltz reported that he and some of his fellow Board members attended a Special Education Seminar provided by the law firm of Pepple & Waggoner earlier in the day. Mrs. Seman said they spoke about the transition from school to work at the seminar and she was pleased the Option IV presentation demonstrated Maplewood was addressing this need. Mrs. Kaley shared a list of Special Education acronyms she obtained at the meeting.
- Mr. Boltz reported that he and some of his fellow Board members attended the OSBA Mastering Your Board Leadership Skills in Akron on Saturday, February 1, 2020. He said it was very informative.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- The Senate rejected Senate Bill (SB) 89 by a vote of 24-7. The bill would have revised the Educational Choice Scholarship (EdChoice) Program, dissolved the three academic distress commissions and repealed the school district territory transfer law from the state budget bill. Senate leaders express hesitancy to advance the House proposal, citing the lack of hearings and public input gathered on the lower chamber's plan. The House announced it would hold nine committee meetings over a ten day period focused exclusively on the voucher issue. The hearings began on February 11, 2020. On February 11, 2020, superintendents, Board members and treasurers from around the state held a press conference to provide comments on the EdChoice voucher program. Several Board members and administrators offered testimony.
- The Senate Education Committee held a first hearing on Senate Bill (SB) 218. It would prohibit public schools from beginning the school day earlier than 8:30 a.m.
- The Senate Education Committee held a first hearing on House Bill (HB) 219. It would establish a career pathways apprenticeship program.
- The Senate Education Committee held a second hearing on House Bill (HB) 164. It would address student religious

expression and would title the law the *Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2019*.

- The Senate Ways and Means Committee held a fifth hearing on Senate Bill (SB) 212. It would authorize townships and municipal corporations to designate areas within which new homes and improvement to existing homes would be wholly or partially exempted for property taxation.
- The Senate Ways and Means Committee heard sponsor testimony on House Bill (HB) 17. It would allow an enhanced homestead exemption for surviving spouses of public safety personnel killed in the line of duty.
- The Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs Committee held a second hearing on Senate Bill (SB) 253. It would revise the law regarding the expulsion of a student for communicating a threat of violence to occur on school grounds.
- The Ohio Teachers Evaluation System (OTES) is being revised due to legislative changes contained in Senate Bill 216, which required the State Board to revise the standards-based framework for the evaluation of teachers based on the recommendations of the Educator Standards Board. The State Board must adopt the revised framework not later than May 1, 2020. Recommendations were made regarding the revised OTES framework at the State Board's December 2019 meeting.
- Mrs. Kaley reported on an article she read about the many health benefits of maple syrup. Many nutrients are found in pure maple syrup, including zinc, potassium, manganese, thiamine, calcium, iron, magnesium, and riboflavin.

Student Achievement Liaison: Patricia Brett, reported on the following:

- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *Teacher uses art, cartooning to reinforce lessons*: A teacher in Arizona combined art and civics lessons to teach students about government and elections. Early election campaigns in the 1800's, 103 years before the invention of TV and 155 years before the internet, utilized political cartoons on billboards and pamphlets to rally support for a candidate. The students created political cartoons on the current U.S. budget to show their knowledge of the subject matter in a creative, tangible form.
- OSBA's *Student Success* student achievement in depth – *Five K-12 trends to watch in 2020*: In the U.S. Senate last fall, Senator John Cornyn (R-Texas) introduced a bill that includes a requirement for schools to operate “a technology protection measure that detects online activities of minors who are at risk of committing self-harm or extreme violence against others.”
- ASBJ's article – *Calif. Students to print prosthetic hands*: The 3-D Printing Club at California's San Juan Hills High School is making prosthetics for children around the world. After completing a certification process, students use designs from the Enabling the Future organization to make prosthetics for children.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Mr. Griffith welcomed Victoria Brock to the Maplewood Board of Education. He invited Victoria Brock and Mandy Berardinelli to come tour the facilities and programs.
- Mr. Griffith reported on the summer 2019 construction project. Negotiations for a settlement began with Hummel Construction on September 19, 2019, but a settlement has not been reached. Outstanding issues include the submittal of as-built plans from Hummel and the Café and Culinary Arts kitchen floors. Hummel Construction subcontracted the floors. The subcontractor was given the opportunity to fix the floors but was unsuccessful. He attempted to resurface the floors, but the material he put down is coming up and is washing into the drains. T. Manfrass and Associates, the architectural firm hired to complete the drawings and oversee the construction, has determined the floors to be unacceptable. A representative from Hummel Construction and the subcontractor will visit to look at the floors again on Friday, February 21, 2020. Griffith, along with architect Sean Thompson, escorted the Board members to the cafeteria and Culinary Arts kitchens to examine the floors.
- Mr. Griffith has been investigating creating a proactive response team. Maplewood's customer service programs and other areas in the building are visited by many individuals and local organizations throughout the day and evening. These activities create some safety concerns that are not typical of most schools. Mr. Griffith has had conversations with the Ravenna Police Department about potential SRO services, but Mr. Griffith and Chief Wallace agree that a full time SRO may not be an effective use of resources given Maplewood operations. Mr.

Griffith will continue working to review options and find the best solution for Maplewood. The Ravenna Police Department has always been very responsive and timely.

- Mr. Griffith presented the day school report. 73 students were recognized at the second nine weeks perfect attendance breakfast on January 23, 2020, the SkillsUSA Regional Competition will be held on February 29, 2020, at the Ashtabula Career Center; the FCCLA Regional Early Childhood Education Competition will be held March 7, 2020, at Akron North High School; the DECA State Competition will be held March 13-14, 2020, at the Columbus Hyatt Regency Conference Center; the SkillsUSA State Competition will be held April 7-8, 2020, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center; and January Students of the Month are Junior, Madijah Foy, Early Childhood Education, Garfield, and Seniors, Isabella Marlo, Cosmetology, Streetsboro, and Colton Clites, Auto Service Technology, Ravenna. Mr. Griffith invited the Board members to attend the competitions. Included with the report were lists of the Option IV students, and those students recognized for perfect attendance.
- The Board packet included the following: 2020 Standing Committees list; two *Record-Courier* articles, “*Maplewood criminal justice students train in jiu-jitsu*” and “*Maplewood Career Center proudly celebrates Career & Technical Education (CTE) Month*”, Ohio Department of Education twitter articles: “*State Superintendent Paolo DeMaria Participates in Portage County Business-Education Collaboration Brainstorming Session*”, and Honor Roll Lists – 2nd Quarter & 1st Semester.

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

- New rugs have been installed at the front doors. The school logo looks great and is the final addition to the new entryway.
- Maplewood is planning to redo the hall of fame pictures in the hallway outside of the cafeteria. The Graphics Arts program is in the process of scanning the original photos and creating digital reproductions. This is a huge project to do over 45 years of pictures. Mike Lenzo thanked Mr. Zadai and the Graphics Arts students for helping with this project. Mr. Griffith said that the cost of having this done by an outside contractor was more expensive than purchasing the equipment and supplies for the Graphics Arts program with the added benefit of offering additional opportunities for the students to acquire additional skills. Mandy Berardinelli asked if Maplewood could offer this service to the area home schools. Mr. Griffith said Maplewood would and often does projects for home schools and appreciates the opportunities the home schools have made possible for Maplewood students.
- Mike Lenzo is getting pricing to purchase two new school vans. The current vans are model year 2004 and are getting tired. Hopefully, the new vans will be arriving by this spring.
- Luke Chilson is on the agenda to be hired as a bus driver/custodian. Luke is a former Maplewood student in the Power Equipment program.

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, 2020.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of January, 2020.
- The investments were ratified for the month of January, 2020.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of January, 2020.
- Approved the rates and amounts resolution.
- Approved the FY2020 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources
- Approved the Restricted Indirect Cost Rate Agreement for FY2021 at the Ohio Department of Education.
- **Informational Items:** OSBA & ESC of Cuyahoga County 2019-2020 Leadership Academy Session III, Independence, March 4, 2020; OSBA Northeast Region Spring Conference, Dilucia’s Banquet Room, Warren on March 30, 2020; NSBA Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 4-6, 2020; OSBA & ESC of Cuyahoga County 2019-2020 Leadership Academy Session IV, Independence, April 21, 2020; OSBA Board Leadership Institute, Polaris Hilton, May 1-2, 2020; Ohio ACTE 2020 Connections to Education Conference, Hilton Easton, July 27-29, 2020; Portage County Auditor Property Valuations and Millage Rates.

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: Luke Chilson.
- Accepted three donations.
- Approved the “*College Credit Plus Master Agreement*” with Kent State University.
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- Adopted the 2020-2021 school year calendar.
- Approved an overnight field trip for the DECA students and advisor, to be held in Columbus, OH on March 13-14, 2020.

New Business - None

Unfinished Business – None

Executive Session: (6:45 p.m. – 6:56 p.m.)

Adjourned: 6:56 p.m.