

**MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER**  
**Board Meeting Notes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**June 18, 2020**

**Convened: 5:00 p.m.**

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

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

**Roll call: Patricia Brett and Joan Seman were absent.**

**Acceptance and approval of Board meeting agenda for June 18, 2020, as presented on BoardPaq.**

**Acceptance and approval of the minutes for the May 21, 2020, policy committee meeting, and the May 21, 2020, regular meeting, as presented.**

**No visitors were received.**

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

**Board President, Roger Boltz, reported on the following:**

- Mr. Boltz said he attended the Senior Awards Ceremony on June 6, 2020. He said it was very nice and very hot. The ceremony lasted about three hours.

**Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:**

- Governor DeWine announced that Ohio intends to reopen schools in the fall. Individual starting dates will be up to each local school board. Broad reopening guidelines will be issued for schools in regard to protecting the health of students and staff. Online alternatives may need to be offered to students who cannot return due to health issues. Transporting students will be a major issue. CDC guidelines limit the number of students able to ride a bus and are impractical. Current estimates predict 25% of families will not send their children back to school in the fall. Returning students will need to be assessed for social and emotional issues and learning losses.
- The Senate Education Committee held hearings on Senate Bill (SB) 319. For the 2020/2021 school year, it would permit employee furlough, modify teacher and administrator evaluations, eliminate required qualifications for teachers assigned to provide intense remediation reading assistance, and permit certain state-licensed individuals to provide services electronically to students with disabilities. It would allow high school students to use final course grades in lieu of the corresponding end-of-course exam if that exam was not administered in the 2019/2020 school year. The third grade reading guarantee cut score for the 2020/2021 school year would remain at the 2019/2020 school year level. It would provide additional state aid payment to certain districts with decreases in their public utility tangible personal property value or had state aid deductions due to public utility tangible personal property increases. It would allow an online 30 day bus driver training program to satisfy the classroom portion of pre-service and annual in-service training for school bus driver certification for the 2020/2021 school year.
- The Senate Education Committee passed Senate Bill (HB) 164. It originally pertained to religious expression in schools but was amended to include a number of coronavirus-related provisions that will take effect immediately upon the governor's signature. If passed the bill will return to the House for concurrence vote. It incorporates provisions of Senate Bill (SB) 319, but removes the furlough language. It includes Senate Bill (SB) 248, which extends the storm shelter moratorium to November 30, 2022. It prohibits retention of third-graders who fail to attain a passing score on the third grade reading guarantee provided the student's principal and reading teacher agree that other evaluations of the student's skill in reading demonstrate they are academically prepared to be promoted to the fourth grade. It provides a \$24 million appropriation in Fiscal Year 2020 for 70 districts to offset Governor DeWine's budget reductions in foundation payments to districts. The average payment of \$333,500

would range from \$182 to \$2 million. It allows licensed teachers to be employed or reassigned to teach a subject area or grade level for which the teacher is not licensed for the 2020/2021 school year if the teacher has a licensure grade band that is within two grade levels of the grade to be taught out of license, and the teacher has three or more years teaching experience. It permits districts that have not yet adopted a blended learning model to adopt plans for “remote learning” for the 2020/2021 school year. It adds school psychologists licensed by the State Board of Education to the list of non-classroom personnel permitted to provide services electronically to students with disabilities.

- Senate Bill (SB) 320 was introduced in the Senate Education Committee. It would require districts to determine whether their school buildings will be open for instruction with student attendance for the 2020/2021 school year and for those that open with students in attendance to determine what health safety measures and guidelines to implement to address COVID-19. It also would permit districts to close buildings during the school year. For the 2020/2021 school year, no other public official would prohibit a district or school from opening its school buildings for instruction with students in attendance, cause a district or school to close its school buildings, or require the district or school to adopt health safety measures and guidelines to address COVID-19. If passed it would take immediate effect. OSBA strongly supports local control and is currently evaluating the bill and its impact on the safety of students and staff and on school district liability.
- Mrs. Kaley spoke about an email she received from the “Allies for Racial Justice – Portage and Summit Counties”. Cindy Widuck, College of Public Health Kent State University, introduced the group as a newly formed multi-racial group of 1,000+ teachers, college professors, psychologists, social workers, journalists, artists, mothers, fathers, students, ministers, community leaders, community organizers and activists joined with Black-led organizations in Portage and Summit counties to confront the issues of racial injustice.
- Board members discussed possible plans on reopening schools and recent State funding cuts and their correlation with CARES funding.

**Student Achievement Liaison, Patricia Brett, was not present to report.**

**Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:**

- The Senior Awards Ceremony took place on June 6, 2020. Mr. Griffith said the event went well and he had received all positive feedback. The students enjoyed the casual atmosphere and were excited to see staff members on the roof cheering them on. The custodial and administrative staff did a great job setting up for the event. The turnout of the teaching staff was also great. Mr. Griffith said he appreciated everyone’s support.
- The Board packet included the following: Record Courier article: “Maplewood Celebrates Class of 2020”; and Letter from UH Portage Medical Center President William Benoit.
- Construction is taking place to the main office storefront and the MapleLeaf restaurant storefront will be replaced. The hubbellite in the cafeteria and Culinary floors will be ground out and replaced with quarry tile. The parking lots will be sealed and lined. Mr. Griffith is getting pricing on a new roof. The current asphalt and spray foam would be removed and replaced with a PVC material that overlaps and is heat sealed.
- Mr. Griffith gave the day school report: Current enrollment data for next school year - 710; Advisory Board Minutes; Student Achievement Report; 2019/2020 Senior Program Certifications; and In Progress.
- Mr. Griffith shared the current plan for reopening Maplewood. Junior Orientation will take place August 25, 2020. The first day for students will be August 31, 2020. A scheduled cleaning regiment will take place during the day and evening. Maplewood has purchased three machines that can sanitize a 1,000 square foot area in a matter minutes. The machines will be used to disinfect areas when they are not inhabited. Everyone entering the building will walk through a temperature screening machine. Students and staff with temperatures outside the normal range will be sent home. Visitors with temperatures outside the normal range will be asked to leave. Hand sanitizers will

be available throughout the building. Students and staff will practice social distancing when possible and masks will be worn at all times when not seated or when social distancing is not possible. Maplewood will provide every student with a cloth mask that can be washed. Since outside groups will not be permitted into the building, students will be assigned to eat lunch in both the cafeteria and conference room B. Maplewood's Associate Schools are required to provide transportation to students residing in or open enrolled in their Districts to Maplewood Career Center in accordance with ORC 3327.01. Mr. Griffith anticipates there will be problems. He hopes to have a letter sent out to parents detailing these procedures by July 1, 2020.

**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 May, 2020.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of May, 2020.
- The investments were ratified for the month of May, 2020.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of May, 2020.
- Approved Temporary Appropriations for FY2021.
- Approved Year End Accounting Procedures for FY2020.
- **Informational Items:** Records Commission Meeting, June 18, 2020, 4:40 p.m.; Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, June 18, 2020, 4:45 p.m.

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

- Employed ASPIRE/Adult Education coordinator/instructors.
- Approved security for the Maplewood Senior Awards Ceremony: Jake Smallfield; Andrew Wert; and Matthew Myers.
- Approved grant applications: ASPIRE Grant FY2021; Perkins Career/Technical Education FY2021; and FY2021 Ohio K-12 Network Application.
- Accepted three donations.
- Approved the 2020-2021 Maplewood Preschool Parents Handbook.
- Adopted textbooks for the 2020-2021 school year: Welding Principals and Applications; Welding Principals and Applications Workbook; and Physical, Earth, and Space Science.
- Adopted the Course of Study: Auto Collision Technology.
- Recognized students for their accomplishments during the 2019-2020 school year,
- Accepted the memberships and minutes of the 2019-2020 instructional and program advisory committees.
- Approved applications: National School Lunch Program; Government Donated Food Program; and School Breakfast Program.

**New Business:**

- Conducted the first reading of review of policies.
- Nominated and appointed Jay Kelsey as OSBA delegate and Roger Boltz as OSBA alternate for the 2020 Capital Conference.
- Approved joining The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) to solicit, evaluate, and award cooperative purchasing contracts for goods and services.

**Executive Session:** Employment or appointment of public employees, and security arrangements and emergency response protocols. (5:59 p.m. to 6:28 p.m.)

**Adjourned: 6:29 p.m.**