

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER
Board Meeting Notes
Regular Meeting
July 16, 2020

Convened: 5:02 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: Mandy Berardinelli, Patricia Brett and Victoria Brock were absent.

Acceptance and approval of Board meeting agenda for July 16, 2020, as presented on BoardPaq.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes for the June 18, 2020, personnel committee meeting, the June 18, 2020, records commission meeting, the June 18, 2020, finance and audit committee meeting, and the June 18, 2020, regular meeting, as presented.

No visitors were present.

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

Board President, Roger Boltz, reported on the following:

- Roger Boltz said he misses attending board training events. He said he will be very happy when the restrictions are behind us and we can get back to normal.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- Governor Mike DeWine announced guidance for reopening K-12 schools for the 2020-21 school year.
- Governor Mike DeWine announced that the Ohio Department of Education has issued its “Reset and Restart” planning guide to assist school leaders with their planning and implementation efforts for the upcoming school year.
- The Senate passed House Bill (HB) 606 by a vote of 23-6. The bill, which was amended in the State Judiciary Committee before the Senate vote, prohibits bringing civil action for damages for injury, death or loss to person, or property against businesses, the state, local governments and schools, among others, if the cause is due to exposure to COVID-19. The bill returns to the House for a concurrence vote. The House is not scheduled to return until November, 2020.
- The Senate Education Committee amended and passed House Bill (HB) 123, which requires public schools to implement certain programs on and provide instruction in suicide awareness and prevention and violence prevention. The committee’s amendment provides \$2.5 million in payments to dropout prevention and recovery e-schools that are not operated by a for-profit entity and that received an “exceeds standards” rating on their most recent graduation component of the report card.
- The U.S. Department of Education issued an interim final rule regarding the use of CARES Act K-12 emergency relief funds to provide services to private school students under the law’s equitable services provision. The interim final rule takes effect on July 1, and has a comment period that expires on July 31.
- OSBA has a link on their website where school districts can share their restart plans for the upcoming school year.
- Board members discussed aspects of plans on reopening schools, including face masks, transportation, temperature checks, and social distancing.

Student Achievement Liaison, Patricia Brett, was not present.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- The floors in the cafeteria and Culinary Arts lab are being ground out. Original quotes for the project ranged from \$3,000 to \$32,000. The vendor chosen was not able to complete the project due to personal issues. Maplewood’s

maintenance and custodial staff are now completing the project. They discovered the concrete below the flooring needs repaired. This may include grinding and then skimming with thinset or ardex. In some instances, the concrete may need to be replaced. Tile will be installed after the floors are repaired. This project will be completed before school starts.

- The roof will not be replaced this summer. The State Attorney General has opined that construction cannot take place under the law which allows a cooperative purchasing program of political subdivisions (ORC 9.48). The roof will be replaced next summer, and will most likely be competitively bid with a design professional drawing up specs.
- Because of social distancing issues in the cafeteria lunch line, Mr. Griffith anticipates the cafeteria will be serving cold lunches at the start of school. Student choices will be limited for lunches at the least. Everyone buying will probably be given the same lunch and drink. Mr. Griffith is contemplating serving students in the hall near their eating area. Students will be social distancing in their eating areas. Eating areas may include conference rooms A and B, along with the cafeteria.
- Maplewood's plan for the opening of school remains essentially the same. Mr. Griffith may require students to wear masks when social distancing is possible. It will be problematic to get students to put masks back on if they are permitted to remove them.
- Mr. Griffith asked the Board for their opinion on continuing the "Featured Program" at Board meetings in the upcoming school year. Board members expressed their desire to continue the programs but agreed to postpone them until a later time when conditions change.
- Mr. Griffith has submitted the "Student Wellness and Success" plan to the State. It includes three initiatives. One initiative is to continue to have a mental health case worker through Children's Advantage. This program was previously paid for with a grant from the Portage County Commissioners. The second initiative is to have a physician provided by University Hospitals to be at Maplewood one half day per week to provide medical attention for students with parent approval. The third initiative will be additional expenses because of COVID-19. Maplewood has already purchased thermal imaging machines to take temperatures and additional cleaning machines. Moving forward, additional expenses for PPE, cleaning chemicals, and cleaning staff are anticipated.
- The Board packet included the following: *Record-Courier* article: "Maplewood plans in-person return to school"; and Maplewood Career Center Student Handbook.

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 June, 2020.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of June, 2020.
- The investments were ratified for the month of June, 2020.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of June, 2020.
- Approved the establishment of Fund 510, as a special revenue fund, for the deposit of Federal Coronavirus Relief Funds.
- **Informational Items:** Fiscal Year 2020 Financial Recap; Fiscal Year 2020 GAAP Conversion; OSBA Capital Conference

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

- Accepted the resignations of Richard Mejia, 3rd shift custodian, July 9, 2020, and Scott Lynch, MGC Tutor, August 21, 2020.
- Employed one substitute teacher for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Reviewed the 2020-2021 Teacher Handbook
- Reviewed the Adult Education Faculty Handbook
- Conducted the second reading and adoption of policies.

Executive Session: (5:50 p.m. to 6:27 p.m.)

Security and Safety

- Passed the security and safety resolution.

Adjourned: 6:32 p.m.