

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER
Board Meeting Notes
Regular Meeting
September 17, 2020

Convened: 5:03 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice President, Chelli Yoho.

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

Roll call: Mandy Berardinelli, Victoria Brock, Patricia Brett and Roger Boltz were absent.

Acceptance and approval of Board meeting agenda for September 17, 2020, as presented on BoardPaq.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes for the August 20, 2020, policy committee meeting, and the August 20, 2020, regular meeting as presented.

No visitors were present.

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

Board President, Roger Boltz, was not present to report.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley reported on the following:

- The General Assembly has passed House Bill (HB) 606, and it has been signed by Governor Mike DeWine. It provides civil immunity to schools, businesses, and healthcare providers that unknowingly spread coronavirus. House Bill (HB) 606 specifies that the definition of a person “includes a school, a for-profit or non-profit entity, a governmental entity, a religious entity, or a state institution of higher education.” The bill is meant to address the thousands of lawsuits being filed nationwide and the uncertainty this creates for Ohio businesses and schools. It covers the period of March 9, 2020, through September 30, 2021. The immunity does not apply if caused by reckless conduct, or intentional misconduct, or willful or wanton misconduct. It provides State protection only. Federal legislation has been introduced, but it is sitting and has not had any movement.
- Two lawsuits have been filed regarding face masks. A group of more than two dozen Ohio parents are suing the state’s health director over an imposed mask requirement at schools, arguing that the mask mandate infringes upon their religious beliefs and the ability to raise their children as they wish. The complaint was filed in Putnam County Common Pleas Court. Another lawsuit has been filed in Muskingum County Common Pleas Court.

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

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Mr. Griffith stated that the school year has gotten off to a very good start. The Maplewood staff and students have done a great job adapting to the many changes necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Portage County reached red level status on Ohio’s Public Health Advisory Alert map today. Maplewood’s curriculum delivery models are not dependent on the level status of the Advisory Alert map. Maplewood will continue face-to-face learning. Changes to the delivery model will be based on any outbreaks within the school. Mr. Griffith has notified the associate school superintendents that Maplewood is continuing face-to-face learning and they will need to continue to provide transportation for Maplewood students.
- A wall is being constructed in the nurse’s office to provide an exam room for the UH Rainbow School Health Clinic. The clinic will be open October 4, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Mr. Griffith is hoping to help students receive their vaccinations. Many students do not have a record of receiving their vaccinations. COVID-19 tests will also hopefully be provided if they are needed. Pediatric and OB/GYN services will be provided. The Maplewood nurse will help with scheduling and appointments.
- Maplewood is continuing the “Your Choice” voluntary drug testing program for students. Currently, 228 students are signed up, 147 seniors and 81 juniors. Low junior participation is likely due to not having junior orientation this school year. Parents often hear about the program during orientation and encourage their children to participate.

Mr. Griffith has done an All-Call to the parents to make them aware of the program. He hopes to eventually have at least fifty percent of Maplewood's students participating.

- Mr. Griffith reviewed the Day School report. As of September 14, 2020, 642 students are enrolled. Senior enrollment is 277, and junior enrollment is 351. Maplewood was expecting over 700 students this fall, but lost juniors and seniors due to some parents choosing an online learning model. Mr. Kelsey asked if junior enrollment has historically been higher than senior enrollment. Mr. Griffith said that students sometimes return to their home schools after the first two weeks. Sometimes because programs are not as they had expected or the program and the student are not a proper fit.

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 August, 2020.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of August, 2020.
- The investments were ratified for the month of August, 2020.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of August, 2020.
- Approved the FY2021 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources and the FY2021 Permanent Appropriations.
- Approved the "Notice to Become a Depository", notice of application to become a depository.
- Approved the following advances: Cafeteria fund and Adult Education fund.

Informational Items: Fiscal year 2020 GAAP Conversion; OSBA Northeast Region Fall Conference, Wednesday, October 7, 2020, Virtual; OSBA Capital Conference, November 8-10, 2020, Virtual; NSBA Annual Conference, April 10-12, 2021, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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

- Employed one Adult Education instructor.
- Moved certificated/licensed instructors, Danielle Griffith, Joseph Svonavec and Nancy Woodruff, on the teachers' negotiated salary schedule due to acquiring additional semester hours.
- Employed one classified personnel on a one-year limited classified contract and issued a salary notice for the remaining 2020-2021 school year: Shelby Furness, Cafeteria.
- Commended the cafeteria, secretarial, maintenance, custodial, Adult Education, and technology staff for their preparations and hard work leading to a smooth start of the new school year.
- Commended the instructional staff and day school administrators for an excellent start to the new school year.
- Approved the Partnership Agreement between Children's Advantage and Maplewood Career Center. The contract provides three hours a week of subsidized school-based consultation services for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Approved the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Options for lunch and breakfast, from October 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020.

New Business:

- Conducted the first reading and review of the policies.
- Authorized an agreement to sell surplus items that are no longer in use by the district through an online or in person auction. The company is Edinburg Auction Sales, Inc.
- Approved joining the HPS Committed Purchasing Program, during the 2020-2021 school year.
- Approved the USDA Foods Member Agreement, for the 2020-2021 school year.

Executive Session: (5:34 p.m. to 5:58 p.m.)

Adjourned: 5:58 p.m.