

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

Convened: 5:42 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, Victoria Brock and Donna Karg were absent.

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

Acceptance and approval of the minutes for the November 19, 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:

- Mr. Boltz thanked everyone for their service in this unprecedented year.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley reported on the following:

- The Senate passed House Bill (HB) 210 by a vote of 29-1. The bill requires preschool programs and other entities licensed by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to screen and test prospective employees for tuberculosis as well as annually test certain employees for a five-year period.
- The Senate passed House Bill (HB) 450 by a vote of 30-0. The bill requires fiscal officers of school districts and other local governments to provide certificates of transition to their successors, and modifies the duties of school district treasurers to ensure delivery to a treasurer's successor all papers related to the affairs of the district. The bill returns to the House for a potential concurrence vote.
- Ohio Department of Health Director, Stephanie McCloud, signed an amended executive order to extend the 21-day order that requires all persons to stay home during specified hours.
- The House Ways and Means Committee amended Senate Bill (SB) 95. The bill requires 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. It also allows tenants of a property who pay the entire amount of taxes charged against the property to challenge their valuation, among other changes.
- Mrs. Kaley attended the last OSBA Town Hall meeting of the year. They discussed sports and how sports are supposed to be a healthy escape for students physically, emotionally, and mentally. They are supposed to be fun, but too often, are not because of parent involvement. The presenter was Mike Bass from the Cincinnati Enquirer. He is a former sports reporter and editor turned professional coach.

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

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Mr. Griffith thanked the Board members for all the support they have given Maplewood this past year. He thanked them for allowing him to make decisions regarding staff and students.
- Mr. Griffith thanked the Maplewood staff. They have all been very supportive since the start of the pandemic. There have not been any complaints. They have all worked very hard. Situations are uncertain and ever changing. Every time they are asked to do something different, they have done it. Everyone, the teachers, cafeteria workers, custodians, and secretarial staff, have all done far more than expected. They have all come together to allow Maplewood to do what is best for students.

- Mr. Griffith complimented Maplewood's students. By and large, they have adhered to the precautions. They wear their masks as instructed. They want Maplewood to be able to continue in person learning.
- Mr. Griffith thanked the associate school superintendents. When the associate schools went remote, some Maplewood students were not able to get to their high school or designated stop. Mr. Griffith called the students' school superintendents and all of them agreed to send a bus to the student's house to pick them up and bring them to Maplewood.
- Mr. Griffith wanted to do something special for the front-line workers at UH Portage Medical Center for Thanksgiving. He approached Wally Foster and the Power Equipment Mechanics students. They came up with the idea to make posters with pictures, signatures, and messages thanking the front-line workers. Each program created a poster and also staff members created a poster. All the students and staff followed CDC guidelines for the pictures. The posters were taken to UH Portage Medical Center before Thanksgiving break. Mr. William Benoit, President of UH Medical Center, sent a letter of appreciation.
- The UH Rainbow School Health Clinic is a free clinic. Students who may not have in the past, now have access to healthcare. Mr. Griffith has been in contact with the physician running the clinic to inquire about the possibility of COVID vaccines being administered to staff and students when they are available.
- On the agenda is a resolution requesting approval of a contract with Hasenstab Architects, Inc., to engineer, design, and oversee Maplewood's 2021 permanent improvement projects. This is for the preliminary design. Mr. Griffith has negotiated a percentage fee and will bring this to the Board for approval at the January 2021 meeting.
- The Board packet included the following: Letter from William Benoit at University Hospitals Portage Medical Center, and 1st Quarter 2020-2021 Honor Roll.

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, 2020.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of November, 2020.
- The investments were ratified for the month of November, 2020.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of November, 2020.
- Approved a \$10,000 advance to the Adult Education fund.

Informational Items: Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed Alternative Tax Budget; Calendar Year 2021 IRS Mileage Rate; NSBA Annual Conference, April 8-10, 2021, Virtual; OSBA Board Leadership, April 23-24, 2021, Hilton Columbus/Polaris.

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

- Authorized and directed the Board President and the Treasurer to give written notice of contract expiration to the following administrators: Doug Daugherty, Supervisor; Joseph Hinton, Cafeteria Supervisor; Jennifer Smith, Director of Technology; and Ted Slankard, Supervisor.
- Accepted 3 donations.
- Approved the Drug Testing & T8 Physical Agreement with Great Lakes Biomedical for random drug testing.

New Business:

- Appointed Roger Boltz, Board President, to serve as president pro tem for the Organizational meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2021.
- Adopted the proclamation to name January 2021 as "School Board Recognition Month."

Unfinished Business:

- Approved a contract with Hasenstab Architects to engineer/design/oversee the Maplewood Career Center – 2021 Permanent Improvements project.

Executive Session: 6:04 p.m. – 6:20 p.m.

Adjourned: 6:20 p.m.