

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER
Board Meeting Notes
Regular Meeting
February 18, 2021

Convened: 5:00 p.m.

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

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

The Oath of Office was administered by Treasurer, Michelle Seckman:

For three-year term, starting January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2023:

Mogadore: Chelli Yoho

Chelli Yoho (Mogadore Representative) was sworn in as the 2021 Board President by Treasurer, Michelle Seckman.

Roll call: Mandy Berardinelli was absent.

Acceptance and approval of Board meeting agenda for February 18, 2021, as presented on BoardPaq.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes of January 7, 2021, organizational meeting and the January 7, 2021, regular meeting as presented.

No visitors were present.

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

Board President, Chelli Yoho, reported on the following:

- Mrs. Yoho thanked her fellow Board members for giving her the opportunity to serve as the 2021 Maplewood Career Center Board president.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- Governor Mike DeWine asked school districts to design plans to help students make up for any lost learning due to the pandemic. Those plans may include extending the school year, beginning the new year early, extending the school day, summer programs, tutoring or remote options. School districts should provide their plans to the public and General Assembly no later than April 1st. The Ohio Department of Education has provided information regarding planning for extended learning.
- The Senate passed Senate Bill (SB) 8 by a vote of 32-0. The bill establishes the residential broadband expansion program.
- The Senate passed Senate Bill (SB) 18 by a vote of 32-0. The bill expressly incorporates changes in the Internal Revenue Code into Ohio law as it relates to changes in federal adjusted gross income that impacts school districts that levy income taxes. The bill passed with an emergency clause.
- The House Primary and Secondary Education Committee held sponsor testimony on House Bill (HB) 40. The bill waives state testing requirements for the 2020-21 school year, requires the Ohio Department of Education to seek a federal waiver from testing and provides an exemption from state report cards and other provisions related to test results.
- The House Primary and Secondary Education Committee held sponsor testimony on House Bill (HB) 54. The bill dissolves academic distress commissions and establishes improvement plans for certain low-performing school buildings.
- The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released new guidelines for how schools can open safely during the pandemic. They include wearing masks, physical distancing, washing hands, and cleaning and

sanitizing facilities. The guidelines appear to have not changed. Discussion took place regarding differences in quarantine guidelines of the CDC, the Ohio Department of Health, and the Portage County Health District.

Student Achievement Liaison, Joan Seman, reported on the following:

- OSBA's *Student Success in-depth – How is COVID-19 changing school discipline*: Teachers are muting microphones or turning off students' cameras as a means of discipline. This is essentially removing the student from the educational environment and needs to be documented. Many educators do not agree with these types of punitive approaches. They worry about the effects of social isolation and stress on their students' mental health. Inequities exist in student discipline. Black learners and students with disabilities are twice as likely to be suspended as their peers. Students with disabilities make up 13% of the student population but represent the majority of students who are physically restrained.
- OSBA's *Student Success article – Five ways to check yourself for subtle bias*: Jay Wamsted, a middle school math teacher, made a deliberate decision to change her behavior when it came to how she was treating her students in regards to their race. She kept track of how she disciplined students, who she called on when they raised their hands, who she cold called for not paying attention, what students were recommended for placement in lower-level classes, and which students she joked around with. She evaluated her results and made a plan to fix her actions.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Summer construction plans are underway. On the agenda is a recommendation to approve a contract with ThenDesign Architecture, Ltd. to engineer, design, and oversee the Maplewood Career Center 2021 Permanent Improvement Project. There is also a recommendation to authorize the Superintendent to advertise for design build services for the 2021 Permanent Improvement Project. These projects include a new front entrance and a roof replacement.
- The Carpentry program instructor and students continue to work on ticket booths for the Portage County Fairgrounds. The fairgrounds are supplying the materials and the students are constructing the booths as materials are received. The Carpentry instructor and students are also constructing and installing cabinets and closets in the Treasurer's offices.
- Maplewood staff members received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine on February 16, 2021. Mr. Griffith said he was unaware of anyone having adverse side effects. To receive the second dose, staff members must show the card they received at their first dose.
- The Governor is requiring school districts to submit a plan for making up lost learning during the pandemic. There has been confusion as to what should be included in the plan. The Ohio Department of Education will be issuing guidance. Maplewood Career Center has had in person learning during the 2020-2021 school year, except for during mid-terms prior to winter break when hybrid learning was utilized.
- Our process and requirements, as they relate to COVID – 19, have undergone few changes from the beginning of the school year. Quarantine times have changed in accordance with the Ohio Department of Health guidelines; however, all of our internal safety procedures have remained static. To date, we have had a great deal of success avoiding transmission at school. As a result, we intend to stay the course though the end of this school year.
- The Board packet included the following: 2021 Standing Committees; Honor Roll for the 2nd Quarter and 1st Semester; and Maplewood Career Center Directory.

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, 2021.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of January, 2021.
- The investments were ratified for the month of January, 2021.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of January, 2021.
- Approved a \$9,000 advance to the Adult Education Fund.
- Approved the Rates and Amounts Resolution for FY2022.
- Informational Items: OSBA Northeast Region Spring Conference, Virtual, March 3, 2021; NSBA Annual Conference, Virtual, April 8-10, 2021; OSBA Board Leadership Institute, Draft Agenda, April 23 – 24, 2021.

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.
- Approved the ASPIRE Instructional Grant FY2022 application.
- Accepted one donation.
- Approved the “*College Credit Plus Master Agreement*” between Kent State University and Maplewood Career Center School District beginning July 1, 2021.
- Approved the “*College Credit Plus Master Agreement*” between The University of Akron and Maplewood Career Center School District beginning July 1, 2021.
- Adopted the Maplewood Career Center 2021-2022 school year calendar.

New Business:

- Approved a contract with NEONET as a service provider for our phone system from 04/01/2021 through 3/31/2024.
- Approved a contract with NEONET which allows the purchase of products or services at a reduced rate for E-Rate customers from 04/01/2021 through 09/30/2022.
- Authorized District use of Roetzel & Andress, LPA.
- Approved a contract with ThenDesign Architecture, Ltd. to engineer/design/oversee the Maplewood Career Center Permanent Improvement Project 2021.
- Authorized the Superintendent advertise/solicit design/build services, per Ohio Revised Code 153.65 through 153.71, for the Maplewood Career Center Permanent Improvement Project 2021.

Executive Session: (5:28 p.m. – 6:11 p.m.)

Adjourned: 6:11 p.m.