

**MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER**  
**Board Meeting Notes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 18, 2021**

**Convened: 5:01 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.**

**Roll call:** Mandy Berardinelli was absent.

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

**Acceptance and approval of the minutes of February 18, 2021, policy committee meeting and the February 18, 2021, regular meeting as presented.**

**No visitors were present.**

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

**Board President, Chelli Yoho, had nothing to report.**

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

- Governor Mike DeWine announced the procedure to rescind all health orders as they relate to the COVID-19 pandemic. He indicated that once the number of new cases drops below 50 per 100,000 citizens over a two-week period, all health orders will be rescinded.
- The House passed House Bill (HB) 67 by a vote of 93-1. The bill exempts schools from the requirement to administer the American History end-of-course exam; provides flexibility on the administration of state assessments by lengthening the testing windows; extends the use of final course grades in lieu of end-of-course exams through the 2023-24 school year; and requires the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to seek a federal waiver from accountability requirements. The House Primary and Secondary Education Committee accepted a substitute version of the bill earlier in the week. Provisions of the original bill that were removed in committee include exempting school districts from administering all state assessments and requiring ODE to seek a federal waiver from testing.
- The House passed House Bill (HB) 6 by a vote of 96-2. The bill modifies the laws governing school nurses who have a bachelor's degree and pharmacy technician trainees who are enrolled in an approved career-technical school program. The bill passed with an emergency clause.
- The House passed House Bill (HB) 51 by a vote of 98-0. The bill revises the process for adjusting property values due to instances that result in injury or destruction to the property.
- The House passed House Bill (HB) 66 by a vote of 98-0. The bill requires the state's tax expenditure report to include information on property tax exemptions and requires a periodic review of each property tax exemption.
- Mrs. Kaley attended the OSBA Northeast Region Spring Conference. Jennifer Hogue from OSBA gave a legislative update. OSBA staff are holding meetings with new legislators to introduce themselves and the association. OSBA is requesting local Board members reach out if they have a new legislator, introduce themselves, and let the new legislator know they can be a resource and also tell the new legislator about the great things happening in their schools. The budget is now being heard in subcommittees and will soon return to the full House Finance Committee. The House is expected to include House Bill (HB) 1, the Fair School Funding Plan, in the budget and send it to the Senate in late April. OSBA is encouraging Board members to talk to their Senators now regarding the importance in passing House Bill (HB) 1.
- The US Department of Education released guidance stating that they would not offer a complete waiver from testing, but provide some flexibility.

- The Governor's budget proposal provides a moratorium on new Academic Distress Commissions for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years.
- House Bill (HB) 54 is pending in the House Education Committee. It would dissolve Academic Distress Commissions and move to district developed school improvement plans.
- House Bill (HB) 117 addresses territory transfers. It would expand the previous provisions in the last budget that were found unconstitutional because of the single subject rule. This version includes not only districts in townships, but also those in villages and municipalities.

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

- OSBA's *Student Success* article – Zanesville City high school program offers career insight: Zanesville High School is introducing students to potential career pathways through its Life Plan program. The program is aimed at giving students experiences in a variety of fields. Students go on field trips, have one-on-one meetings with business leaders, job shadow, and do internships.
- OSBA's *Student Success* article – What's the future of the SAT?: Because of pandemic-related facility closures, many students were not able to take the SAT. The vast majority of colleges adopted policies not using the ACT or SAT score in admission decisions. It is predicted a large number of institutions will not return to the test requirement.
- OSBA's *Student Success* article – Social media use tied to suicide risk among teen girls: In a ten-year study tracking 500 teens, it was found that an increase in the amount of time spent on social media sites, such as TikTok and Instagram, was linked to an increase in long-term suicide risk among teenage girls but not teenage boys.
- OSBA's *Student Success* in-depth – Diagnosis benefits students in special education: In a study of 24,000 New York City elementary and middle school students who were diagnosed with a specific learning disability from 2006 to 2012, test scores improvements were generally stronger after the student was diagnosed and received special education services. The study focused on children with specific learning disabilities, predominately dyslexia and related reading and math disabilities.

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

- Mr. Griffith gave the Day School report: Student Youth Organizations Competitions (Local Contest Winners); February Students of the Month – Junior, Nicholas Gribik, Applied Engineering and Machining, Streetsboro, and Senior, Carrie Lovejoy, Cosmetology, Crestwood; April 6, 2021, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Perfect Attendance Drawing; April 7, 2021, Open House, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.; May 21, 2021, Field Day / End of Year Perfect Attendance Drawing; June 4, 2021, Junior's Last Day; and Senior Awards Ceremony to be determined.
- The Portage County superintendents met virtually with new State Representative, Gail Pavliga. They spoke about current pending legislation and the college credit plus program. The superintendents spoke about the amount of local money expended for the college credit plus program for textbooks that often are only useful for one or two semesters. They also spoke about school district grade cards. Mr. Griffith expressed his concern regarding pending legislation requiring classes in financial literacy and computer science. These classes will cut into the time that career centers have to teach trade skills. Mr. Griffith said Representative Pavliga was very receptive to the comments made and was focused on the topics presented.
- Summer construction plans are continuing. The design for the front entrance is being completed. Mr. Griffith will bring the plan to the April Board meeting. The roofing project will be more expensive than originally anticipated. The architect did core samples of the roof. All except the portion over the new addition has two layers. The second roof was sprayed over the original roof. It will be best to remove both old roofs and put the new roof directly on the deck. The cost will be between 1.25 and 2 million dollars.
- Maplewood staff members received their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine on March 16, 2021. 14 staff members called off on Wednesday, March 17, 2021. Absences were covered by administrators and other staff members. Mr. Griffith thanked the staff for their help.
- Mr. Griffith contacted the Ohio Department of Education regarding submitting a plan for making up lost learning during the pandemic. He was told the Governor had requested the plan but it was not required.

Maplewood Career Center has had in-person learning during the 2020-2021 school year. Maplewood only has juniors and seniors and they have been kept up to date on their competencies. Mr. Griffith will not be completing the plan.

- Maplewood Senior Awards will either be held on June 1, 2021, at the Kent State University MAC Center, or on June 5, 2021, outdoors at Maplewood. Due to 30% building capacity limits, the ceremony will most likely be held at Maplewood.

**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 February, 2021.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of February, 2021.
- The investments were ratified for the month of February, 2021.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of February, 2021.
- Approved participation in the Ohio Schools Council Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating for the rating period January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.
- Approved a \$2,000 advance to the Adult Education Fund.
- Approved FY2021 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources and FY2021 Amended Appropriations.
- Informational Items: VSP Vision Insurance; NSBA Annual Conference, Virtual, April 8-10, 2021; OSBA Board Leadership Institute, Virtual, April 23 – 24, 2021.

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

- Accepted the resignation of Bruce Lawver, Criminal Justice Instructor.
- Employed substitute instructor: Teresa J. Zachariah.
- Approved the Kent State College Tech Prep Mini Grant application.
- Reviewed the 2021-2022 Student Handbook. The handbook, as displayed at the meeting, will be recommended for adoption at the April meeting.
- Approved "*Take Your Child to Work Day*" for Thursday, April 22, 2021.

**New Business:**

- Approved a resolution declaring it necessary to renew an existing 3.0 mill tax levy for the purpose of current expenses and requesting the Portage County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the school district and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that levy, pursuant to sections 5705.03 and 3313.21 of the revised code.
- Conducted the first reading and review of policies.

**Executive Session: (5:38 p.m. – 5:42 p.m.)**

**Adjourned: 5:49 p.m.**