

**MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER**  
**Board Meeting Notes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 15, 2021**

**Convened: 5:02 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:** Patricia Brett was absent.

**Acceptance and approval of Board meeting agenda for April 15, 2021, as presented on BoardPaq.**

**Acceptance and approval of the minutes of the March 18, 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 Mr. Griffith for always keeping the Board updated on what is going on at Maplewood.

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

- Governor Mike DeWine signed into law Senate Bill (SB) 18. The bill expressly incorporates changes in the Internal Revenue Code into Ohio law as it relates to changes in federal adjusted gross income that impact school districts that levy income taxes.
- The Senate Ways and Means Committee held sponsor testimony on Senate Bill (SB) 120, which increases the personal income tax deduction for qualified educator expenses from \$250 to \$1,000.
- The Senate Local Government and Elections Committee held a second hearing on Senate Bill (SB) 112, which requires abandoned land to be forfeited to the state, instead of a school district as under current law, if unsold after the first foreclosure sale; and eliminates the requirement to notify a school district upon receiving certification that a property has been offered for sale and is unsold.
- The Ohio Department of Education provided information about Remote Learning Pathway Considerations for the 2021-2022 school year.
- The Ohio Department of Education has updated its website to include Extended Learning Plans for school districts in Ohio.
- Governor Mike DeWine announced an effort to offer vaccinations to high school students who are 16 and older. Local health departments and vaccine providers should work with local high schools on coordinating the disbursement of vaccines to eligible students.
- Ohio Department of Health Director, Stephanie McCloud, signed an amended order for social distancing, facial coverings and non-congregating. The order condenses multiple orders into a single order.

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

- OSBA's *Student Success* in-depth – *Study considers bias in school-rating websites:* Websites that rate schools overemphasize test scores and are less likely to measure how much test scores have improved over time, which is a better indicator of school quality. Test scores are closely correlated with race and family income. The study found parent on-line reviews are also valuing students' current performance, rather than growth over time. Parents are more likely to review schools in urban areas and buildings serving affluent families.

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

- Mr. Griffith gave the Day School report: The Attendance Incentive Program recognized 84 students on April 6, 2021, at the third nine weeks perfect attendance breakfast; Dinner with the Teacher Open House was held April 7, 2021, with 44.08% of incoming juniors attending; and March Students of the Month - Junior, Hailee Stirpak, Cosmetology, Field, and Senior, Kody Harper, Mechanical, Groundskeeping, and Construction, Ravenna, and Senior, Abram Strausser, Power Equipment Mechanics, Southeast.
- The Board packet included the following: National Honor Society New Inductees April 2021. Mr. Griffith invited the Board members to attend the NHS Induction Ceremony taking place Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Maplewood Cafeteria.
- Mr. Griffith updated the Board on summer construction plans. The new front entrance is being designed with a vestibule to improve school security. It will include a card scanner that visitors will swipe their drivers' licenses through. Interviews for a construction manager at risk were conducted on Tuesday, April 13, 2021. Four groups were interviewed. Mr. Griffith is negotiating a contract with GCS. The roofing project may be less expensive than previously predicted. The construction manager at risk will be acquiring bids for the project. Mr. Griffith presented a power point slide show displaying architectural drawings for the front entrance plans from different perspectives.
- The Portage Health District will not do site based COVID-19 vaccinations for students. They are suggesting students go to the Kent State University Field House vaccination center. Mr. Griffith has emailed Governor Mike DeWine twice expressing his disappointment. Mr. Griffith will investigate other options for onsite vaccinations, but it will be difficult to set up and have students get both vaccinations prior to the last day of school.
- The Maplewood Senior Celebration will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 5, 2021, outdoors at Maplewood. Details of the Celebration have been sent by mail, email, and all call and are available on the Maplewood website. Bleachers and canopies will be set up for staff seating.

**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 March, 2021.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of March, 2021.
- The investments were ratified for the month of March, 2021.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of March, 2021.
- Approved a \$6,000 advance to the Adult Education Fund.
- Approved FY2021 Revised Five-Year Financial Forecast and Notes.
- Informational Items: VSP & PASC Insurance Rates; OSBA Board Leadership Institute, Virtual, April 23 – 24, 2021; and OACTE 2021 Innovation & Impact Conference, July 26-28, 2021, Hilton Easton-Columbus.

**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.
- Accepted the resignation/retirement of Rick Zadai, Graphics Communications Instructor.
- Accepted the resignation of Shelby Furness, Cafeteria Worker.
- Accepted the resignation/retirement of Wally Foster, Power Equipment Mechanics Instructor.
- Accepted the resignation/retirement of Robert Pavkov, Masonry Instructor.
- Accepted the resignation of Caroline Crow, Language Arts Instructor.
- Employed classified substitute: Susan Fizet.
- Accepted six donations.
- Adopted the 2021-2022 Student Handbook.
- Recognized May 2-8, 2021, as "*Staff Appreciation Week*".
- Reviewed the Student Program Fees for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Approved an alternative plan for making up calamity days during the 2021-2022 school year.
- Reviewed the 2021-2022 Maplewood Preschool Parent Handbook.

**New Business:**

- Approved a contract with NEONET for the provision of managed internal broadband services from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Approved a resolution submitting to the electors of the school district the question of the renewal of an existing tax levy for the purpose of current expenses.
- Conducted the second reading and adoption of policies.

**Executive Session: (5:49 p.m. – 6:07 p.m.)**

**Adjourned: 6:07 p.m.**