

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER
Board Meeting Notes
Regular Meeting
May 20, 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.

Roll call: Victoria Brock was absent.

Acceptance and approval of Board meeting agenda for May 20, 2021, as presented on BoardPaq.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes of the April 15, 2021, regular meeting as presented.

No visitors were present.

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

Public Participation

Scheduled individuals did not attend

Board President, Chelli Yoho, had nothing to report.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- Governor Mike DeWine announced that most health orders will end on June 2, 2021, including mask mandates, social distancing and capacity restrictions. Health orders that pertain to nursing homes, assisted living facilities and data collection will not be rescinded. Governor DeWine further stated that business and schools would be allowed to continue any restrictions.
- The Ohio General Assembly sent House Bill (HB) 6 to Governor Mike DeWine for his approval. The bill would eliminate the requirement for a school nurse to hold a degree in the area of nursing in order for that nurse to be exempt from the current requirement to hold a separate pupil-services license issued by the State Board of Education. The bill also allows pharmacy technician trainees who are enrolled in an approved career-technical school program to apply for state registration.
- The Senate passed Senate Bill (SB) 1 by a vote of 32-0. The bill would require students who enter the ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2021, to complete at least one-half unit of instruction in the study of financial literacy.
- The Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee held a ninth hearing on House Bill (HB) 110, which makes operating appropriations for the fiscal year 2022 and 2023 biennium. Testifying in support of the bill was presented.
- The Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee held a second hearing on Senate Bill (SB) 165, which would establish a process for the Lorain City School District to be relieved from oversight of its academic distress commission. The bill would require the school board to develop a three-year improvement plan that requires State Board of Education approval. Additionally, the legislation would require the Ohio Auditor of State's Office to complete a performance audit.
- The Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee held sponsor testimony on Senate Bill (SB) 166, which would establish the student pathways for career success grant program and would require the state of Ohio to create a program that establishes financial incentives for Ohio businesses to provide work-based learning experiences for students enrolled in career-technical education programs. The bill would permit career-technical schools to use remote or digital learning. Additionally, the legislation would require joint vocational school districts to be included in revenue sharing agreements from a community reinvestment area agreement.

- The House Primary and Secondary Education Committee amended and passed House Bill (HB) 244, which would require K-12 schools to allow military children who are relocating but not yet residents of the district to enroll electronically and participate in technology-based educational opportunities. The amendment provides clarifying language pertaining to technology-based education opportunities; changes when proof of residency is required; and makes changes to school district enrollment requirements, under certain circumstances, when a child's parent is on active duty.
- The House Primary and Secondary Education Committee held a second hearing on House Bill (HB) 73, which would reduce the number of end-of-course exams required for graduation from five to four by requiring a new single American history and government exam beginning with the class of 2024; require school districts to form a working group to evaluate the amount of time students spend on testing; eliminate the requirement for 11th-grade students to take the ACT or SAT; and prohibit student retention under the third-grade reading guarantee.

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

- OSBA's *Student Success* article – Washington State Community College and Washington County Career Center partner via robotics: The Washington County Career Center is partnering with Washington State Community College to enroll students in the Robotics Automation Engineering program. The students work towards an associate degree and prepare for careers.
- OSBA's *Student Success* article – New study shows gifted programs add little to students' academic boost: A study of 1,300 elementary students across the United States enrolled in gifted programs found small gains in reading, smaller gains in math, no improvement in motivation and no gains at all among Black students and students from families of low-income.
- OSBA's *Student Success* article – Students' social stamina becomes focus of summer: Summer school programs at Bloomington Public Schools in Illinois will focus more on rebuilding students' social stamina skills than on academics and learning loss.
- OSBA's *Student Success* in-depth – Access to after-school programs declines: Access to after-school programs has been cut in half since the beginning of the pandemic. Many programs have closed due to the increased costs of COVID interventions, personal protective equipment, and the need to have smaller group sizes.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Mr. Griffith gave the Day School report: 422 Juniors are enrolled for the 2021-2022 school year; the All Year Perfect Attendance Breakfast was held on May 18, 2021, where twenty-six students were recognized; and April Students of the Month - Junior, Tanner Hill, Applied Engineering and Machining, Mogadore, and Senior, Katie Summers, Culinary, Field.
- A construction manager at risk agreement with Greenspace Construction Services LLC, for a new roof and front entrance, is on the agenda for the Board's approval. Front entrance plans have not been finalized, so estimates for those costs are higher. Mr. Griffith does not anticipate the front entrance being completed this summer, due to the availability of materials. The roof has been bid and three bids were received. One bid was \$400,000 more than the one below it. Another bid could not be completed in the required time frame. The successful bidder is willing to work as many days and shifts as necessary to complete the project in the required time frame.
- Maplewood students will be receiving their second dose of the Pfizer vaccine on May 26, 2021. Seventy plus students received their first dose on May 5, 2021. Drug Mart administered the vaccinations.
- The Maplewood Senior Celebration will be drive-through from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 5, 2021, at Maplewood. Students will not have to wear masks for pictures when they exit their cars. The students will be allowed two cars for family members. One person will be permitted to exit the first car to take pictures. Bleachers and canopies will be set up for staff seating.
- Mr. Griffith gave a speech to the staff at an in-service on May 18, 2021. Mr. Griffith read portions of that speech to the Board. When the Governor closed schools on March 16, 2020, Maplewood staff members were asked to do things outside their job descriptions. Staff members went above and beyond, doing

everything asked and asking to do more. Jennifer, Josh, Drew, Robert and Kory trained staff on Microsoft Teams. Jennifer worked on getting Zoom instruction started prior to spring break. The maintenance and custodial staff worked to obtain cleaning materials and equipment and to keep the building clean and safe. When contractors were unable to remove the hubbellite from the cafeteria and culinary kitchens, John Deak jackhammered it out with the help of Jeremy, Luke, and Mike Lenzo, and they later provided Mr. Griffith with a souvenir from the debris. Maplewood returned to full in person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year. Unlike many schools across the country, there was no backlash from the Maplewood staff. Everyone did the job they signed up to do. No one did not pull their weight. Mr. Griffith has received many compliments about Maplewood staff members. Mr. Slankard recently complimented Jen and Chris for setting up the Student Awards ceremony, Jen missing her lunch. Customers have called and emailed Mr. Griffith regarding the great job Michael Lovejoy is doing with the Auto Service program and Ryan Buckles, along with Vincent Barholt, are doing with the Culinary program. Maplewood Career Center has had in person instruction the entire school year. Maplewood students cannot learn what they need to learn online. They need to be in the building with the applicable equipment and resources to be successful. The 2020-2021 school year has been the hardest, but most rewarding, year of Mr. Griffith's 22 years at Maplewood. He could not be prouder of the efforts of the Maplewood staff and the great job they have done.

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 April, 2021.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of April, 2021.
- The investments were ratified for the month of April, 2021.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of April, 2021.
- Accepted the Restricted Indirect Cost Rate Agreement for FY2022.
- Approved a \$26,000 advance to the Adult Education Fund.
- Retained Sedgwick Managed Care Ohio as Maplewood's Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Managed Care Organization.
- Authorized payment of the balance unused leave for Belinda Sasala, Adult Education Director.
- Informational Items: Records Commission Meeting, May 20, 2021, 4:55 p.m.; Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, June 17, 2021, 4:45 p.m.; 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:

- Accepted resignations: Belinda Sasala, Adult Education Director; Melissa Freund, Superintendent's Secretary; and Erik Revak, Auto Collision Technology Instructor.
- Approved security for the Maplewood 2021 Senior Celebration: Josh Erb; Matt Myers; and Andrew Wert.
- Approved the course/program/position/personnel list per the Maplewood Career Center Education Association Negotiated Agreement.
- Re-employed administrators on 2-year contracts: Doug Daugherty, Joseph Hinton, Ted Slankard, and Jennifer Smith.
- Re-employed certificated/licensed teachers on one-year contracts for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Re-employed certificated/licensed tutors on one-year contracts for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Granted certificated/licensed teachers supplemental contracts for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Re-employed certificated/licensed substitute teachers for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Re-employed classified substitutes for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Re-employed classified personnel on a two-year contract: Jeremy DeWitt, Alyssa Finch, Catherine Frances, Jennifer Mejia, Chris Simyak, Elizabeth Slater, and Jarrod Zuponic.
- Approved personnel salary notices for the 2021-2022 school and/or contract year.
- Accepted two donations.
- Adopted the Maplewood Preschool Parent Handbook.

- Approved the student program fees for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Reviewed the textbook list for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Reviewed the Course of Study for Animal Science, Carpentry, and Information Technology.

New Business:

- Approved an agreement with Greenspace Construction Services, LLC, as Construction Manager at Risk, of the Maplewood Career Center - 2021 Permanent Improvement project.
- Authorized the advertisement and public auction of Maplewood Career Center property. The auction will be held at the school on June 23, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. This auction will be conducted by district employees.

Executive Session: (5:39 p.m. – 5:56 p.m.)

Adjourned: 5:56 p.m.