

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER
Board Meeting Notes
Regular Meeting
July 15, 2021

Convened: 5:01 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice President, Bonnie Lovejoy.

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

Roll call: Patricia Brett, Victoria Brock, and Chelli Yoho were absent.

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

Acceptance and approval of the minutes of the June 17, 2021, personnel committee meeting, the June 17, 2021, finance and audit committee meeting and the June 17, 2021, regular meeting as presented.

No visitors were present.

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

Vice President, Bonnie Lovejoy, had nothing to report.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- The Ohio Department of Education released information regarding the ability of a school district to operate online learning. House Bill (HB) 110, the biennial budget bill, authorized the creation of district-operated online learning schools. The option of operating a blended learning model or an alternative school is not impacted by this new law. Superintendents must notify ODE by Aug. 1, 2021, of their intent to operate or continue operating an online learning school and request that the school be classified as an online learning school. Superintendents should complete a School District Online Learning School Notification form and email it to: onlineLearning@education.ohio.gov.
- Emergency federal dollars are still available to districts through the Emergency Connectivity Fund, which is used to purchase computers, Wi-Fi hotspots and broadband connectivity services. The program will reimburse 100% of the costs associated with purchasing eligible services and equipment. The funds do not require a matching contribution. The deadline to apply is August 13, 2021.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated its guidance for COVID-19 prevention in schools. Masks should be worn indoors by all individuals (age 2 and older) who are not fully vaccinated. On Wednesday, July 14, 2021, Governor DeWine signed House Bill (HB) 244 into law. It becomes effective October 13, 2021. The initial provisions of the bill addressed school policies related to enrollment of and educational opportunities for military families. Just before summer recess, the bill was amended to: (1) prohibit public schools and universities from requiring vaccines authorized for “emergency use” by the FDA; and (2) prohibit public schools and universities from discriminating against individuals who have not received such a vaccine, including a prohibition against excluding such unvaccinated individuals from activities offered to vaccinated individuals.

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

- OSBA’s *Student Success* in-depth – *Struggling schools don’t get a boost from state takeovers, study shows:* *The Atlantic* ran a story in 2008, detailing school boards as the problem with American Education. Over the last two decades, states have taken over dozens of school districts deemed low performing. In a study focused on 35 school districts from across the country, between 2011 and 2016, little evidence was found that test scores rose, when taken over by the state. In the first few years of a takeover, English scores dipped. By year four, there was no affect one way or another. In math, there was no clear affects at all. The takeovers often happened in small cities. The majority of the students were Black or Hispanic and from

families with low incomes.

- Mrs. Seman said she has been seeing many education articles regarding critical race theory. Some state legislatures have passed laws banning the teaching of it. Teachers are worried. They do not know what they are allowed or not allowed to teach. The teaching of critical race theory originated in law schools.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Mr. Griffith responded during the Legislative Liaison report regarding COVID-19 prevention for the upcoming school year. He said that Maplewood's current plan is to not require masks of fully vaccinated employees and students, and to encourage those who are not fully vaccinated to wear masks. If staff and student absences reach a yet to be determined percentage, all staff and students will be required to wear masks. It is imperative Maplewood stay open for in person learning.
- The Cosmetology remodel is on track. The flooring is almost complete. Plumbing and electrical work is in progress. The new stations and furniture should be arriving soon.
- Construction on the new roof is not going well. The contractor, New Vision Roofing, is not performing as stated. They committed to completing the job on time in their bid. They did not start the project on time. They said they would have 20 workers on the roof daily. They have not had that number to date. They have not provided required paperwork at the construction meetings. They claim to be currently 37% complete and need 30 more days to finish the project. There will not be 30 more rain free days to school starting. Maplewood contracted with Greenspace Construction as the construction manager at risk. Greenspace contracted with New Vision Roofing to complete the project. New Vision Roofing contracted with DCA Roofing. Greenspace Construction has suggested completing the roof, except for the back labs, prior to school starting and roofing the labs while students are in the building. Debris is falling inside the building below where work is taking place. Students will not be able to occupy their labs during roofing installation. Consequently, the labs will have to be shut down. There are approximately 150 juniors and 150 seniors in those labs. If those students are not able to be in those labs and experience the training expected, they will go back to their home schools. Mr. Griffith anticipates losing one-half of the juniors and one-fourth of the seniors, as a result of those back labs closing, if Green Space's plan is followed. This option suggested is not feasible. If the roof is not complete in time, the construction will cease, the remainder of the work will be completed next summer. Mr. Griffith has informed Greenspace Construction that they need to have a plan in place, in the next few days, regarding how they will complete the project on time.
- Due to higher enrollment, Maplewood is hiring an additional English instructor this meeting. Mr. Griffith anticipates hiring an additional Math instructor at the August Board Meeting.
- The Board packet included the following: Honor Roll for the 4th Quarter, 2nd Semester and 2021 – 2022 School Year.

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 June, 2021.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of June, 2021.
- The investments were ratified for the month of June, 2021.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of June, 2021.
- Informational Items: Fiscal Year 2021 Financial Recap; Fiscal Year 2021 GAAP Conversion; Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 Audit; Ohio ACTE 2021 Innovation & Impact Conference, Hilton/Easton, July 26-28, 2021; OSBA Budget Analysis and Discussion (BAD) Seminar, Hilton/Polaris & Virtual, August 4, 2021; OSBA Capital Conference, Columbus Convention Center, November 7-9, 2021.

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

- Employed David Shea, ASPIRE Coordinator, on a one-year limited contract.
- Employed two certificated/licensed instructors for the 2021-2022 school year: Ben Vecchio, Criminal Justice, and Mackenzie McGary, English.

- Employed Laure A. Gaunter, Adult Education Director, on a two-year administrative contract for the 2021-2022 year.
- Employed classified personnel on a one-year contract for the 2021-2022 contract year: Sara McMahon, Cafeteria.
- Reviewed the 2021- 2022 Teacher Handbook.
- Reviewed the Adult Education Faculty Handbook.
- Approved applications: National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option for lunch and breakfast, from August 30, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

New Business:

- Authorized agreement with Edinburg Auction Sales, Inc. to sell surplus items no longer in use by the District through an online or in person auction.
- Approved Memorandum of Understanding with Greenspace Construction Services, LLC to employ Owen's Flooring Company as a subcontractor.

Unfinished Business:

- Conducted second reading and adoption of policy.

Executive Session: Employment or appointment of public employees, and security arrangements and emergency response protocols. **(5:54 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.)**

Adjourned: 6:15 p.m.