

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER
Board Meeting Notes
Regular Meeting
December 16, 2021

Convened: 5:04 p.m.

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

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

Roll call: Roger Boltz and Donna Karg were absent

Acceptance and approval of Board meeting agenda for December 16, 2021, as presented on BoardPaq.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes of the November 18, 2021, regular meeting as presented.

No visitors were present.

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

President, Mrs. Yoho reported on the following:

- Mrs. Yoho wished everyone a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and safe holidays. Mr. Kelsey thanked Mrs. Yoho for her outstanding job as Board president for the 2021 year.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- The General Assembly sent Senate Bill (SB) 229 to Governor Mike DeWine for his signature.
- The General Assembly sent House Bill (HB) 169 to Governor Mike DeWine for his approval. The bill provides state appropriation authority for schools to receive the funding provided by Congress through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Those appropriation provisions take immediate effect.
- The General Assembly sent House Bill (HB) 29 to Governor Mike DeWine for his approval. The bill would legalize, regulate and tax sports gaming.
- The General Assembly sent House Bill (HB) 122 to Governor Mike DeWine for his approval. The bill would establish and modify requirements regarding the provision of telehealth services of school psychologists, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, occupational assistants, behavior analysts and physical therapy assistants, among others.
- The Senate passed House Bill (HB) 126. It is returning to the House for a concurrence vote. The bill would prohibit school districts from filing initial complaints on property valuations.

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

- OSBA's *Student Success* in-depth – Screen use in adolescents doubles during pandemic, study shows: Researchers found that recreational screen time among teens rose to almost eight hours per day during the pandemic. This is the time teens spent playing games, texting, using social media, video chatting, browsing the internet, and watching and streaming movies, videos or television shows. This does not include the time they spent doing school work. Researchers believe parents should try to mitigate the adverse mental health risks from excessive screen time by developing a family media plan, setting limits, encouraging screen-free time and avoiding screens before bedtime.
- OSBA's *Student Success* article – Conversation improves students' capacity to learn: Stress creates negative brain responses that make it harder for students to learn, but building relationships with them can ease that.
- OSBA's *Student Success* article – W.VA. students use virtual reality to try roles in law enforcement: Students in the Apex Officer program at Roane-Jackson Technical Center in West Virginia are playing the roles of police officer and dispatcher in virtual reality simulations. A former sheriff is teaching the program. Students are learning how to de-escalate incidents while participating in simulations.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- On the agenda is an agreement with Whitehouse Construction Services Co., to provide construction management at risk services for Maplewood's 2022 Capital Improvement Project.
- Maplewood is still masking and will continue to mask after winter break. Mr. Griffith will inform staff and students if a decision to change is made.
- Maplewood hosted a buffet dinner for the Portage County Sheriff's Department last evening. The Sheriff's Department requested the dinner to honor their employees. The Culinary Arts instructors and students prepared the food and desserts. Approximately 40 Maplewood students and staff members volunteered to work the event. The attendees and the Sheriff were very complementary regarding the facilities, food, and service. Maplewood will also be constructing a building at the fairgrounds for the Sheriff's Department and will assist in converting a large ambulance into a SWAT vehicle.
- The Ravenna Police Department and Chief Wallis recently worked to resolve a dangerous issue at Maplewood. The officers involved responded rapidly, professionally, and competently to resolve the issue and ensure the safety of staff and students. Mr. Griffith thanked officers Kaley, Dustin, Wirt, and Chief Wallis for their work. Chief Wallis also arranged for two bomb sniffing canines to sweep Maplewood facilities and the student parking on Tuesday. Chief Wallis also arranged for five drug sniffing canines to sweep the facilities and student parking on Wednesday. Nothing of significance was found during either sweep. Mr. Griffith thanked the Chief and the Ravenna Police Department. The Culinary Arts and Hospitality Service students made pies and cookies that were delivered to the Police Department today.
- The Board packet included the following: Day School Report: December 16, 2021, Mr. Craig Morgan; and Maplewood Career Center Sophomore Applications.
- Mr. Griffith thanked Mrs. Chelli Yoho and Mrs. Bonnie Lovejoy for their service as the 2021 Board President and the 2021 Board Vice President and for their support of the Maplewood Career Center.
- Mr. Griffith thanked the Board members for all the support they have given Maplewood this past year. He thanked them for allowing him to make decisions regarding staff and students.

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 the month of November, 2021.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of November, 2021.
- The investments were ratified for the month of November, 2021.
- The bank reconciliation was ratified for the month of November, 2021.
- Informational Items: Cafeteria Advances; Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 Compliance Audit; Pepple & Waggoner School Negotiations Workshop, Independence, January 27, 2022; NSBA 2022 Annual Conference, San Diego, California, April 2-4, 2022.

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

- Authorized and directed the Board President and the Treasurer to give written notice of contract expiration to the following administrators: Michael Lenzo, Supervisor of Business Affairs; Craig Morgan, Career/Technical Director; and Jackie Pritchett, Supervisor.
- Accepted the resignation of Mr. Jon Hall, Mechanical Groundskeeping & Construction Instructor, effective June 30, 2022.
- Authorized raising the price of Maplewood Career Center's preschool tuition from \$75.00/month to \$90.00/month at the beginning of the 2022-2023, school year.

New Business:

- Appointed Chelli Yoho, Board President, to serve as president pro tem for the Organizational meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2022.
- Adopted the proclamation to name January 2022 as "School Board Recognition Month".
- Approved an agreement with Whitehouse Construction Services Co., as Construction Manager at Risk, of the Maplewood Career Center 2022 Capital Improvement project.

Unfinished Business:

- Conducted the second reading and **adoption** of policies.

Executive Session: Negotiations, employment or appointment of public employees, security arrangements and emergency response protocols. **(5:27 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.)**

Adjourned: 6:15 p.m.