

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER
Board Meeting Notes
Regular Meeting
January 20, 2022

Convened: 5:14 p.m.

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

Roll call: Patricia Brett was absent.

Acceptance and approval of Board meeting agenda for January 20, 2022, as presented on BoardPaq.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes for the December 16, 2021, regular meeting as presented.

The following visitors were received: Mr. Reno Contipelli, Northeast Regional Manager of the Ohio School Boards Association.

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

Public Participation: Mr. Reno Contipelli, Northeast Regional Manager of the Ohio School Boards Association, presented ten year certificates of service awards to Mrs. Bonnie Lovejoy and Mrs. Chelli Yoho. He presented a twenty-five year certificate of service award plaque to Mr. Roger Boltz. Mr. Contipelli also congratulated Mrs. Mary Kaley and Mr. Jay Kelsey for joining the OSBA Northeast Region executive committee.

Board President, Bonnie Lovejoy, reported on the following:

- Mrs. Lovejoy thanked her fellow Board members for the opportunity to serve as the 2022 Maplewood Career Center Board President.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Mr. Griffith welcomed back Mrs. Patricia Brett, Mrs. Mary Kaley, Ms. Mandy Minnick, and Mrs. Joan Seman for another term on the Maplewood Career Center Board of Education.
- 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 Maplewood Career Center.
- Mr. Griffith thanked the Board members for their service to Maplewood Career Center, and the families and students in the District. Maplewood has been able to remain in person daily throughout COVID and has provided the best possible services to our students. Without the Board's support, Maplewood would not have been able to remain in school.
- January 2022 is School Board Recognition month. Mr. Griffith thanked the Board members for their service to Maplewood Career Center and to the students Maplewood serves. The support of the Board allows the Maplewood staff to provide quality education to the students. Mr. Griffith thanked the Board on behalf of the students and staff, and invited them to enjoy a complimentary lunch at the Mapleleaf when they are able to stop in.
- Whitehouse Construction will soon be bidding out the summer capital improvement project. Bi-monthly construction meetings will start next Tuesday. Whitehouse will hold a pre-bid meeting with contractors. Maplewood will be installing a new front entrance to the building that will include a vestibule for visitors to pass through. Visitors will be screened and their driver's license will be compared against a sexual predator database.
- Maplewood programs have been involved in community service projects. Last month, the Culinary Arts program and staff held an appreciation dinner for Portage County Sheriff's Department employees. The Carpentry program is designing a building addition for the Portage County Sheriff's Department building at the Portage County Fairgrounds. The addition will be completed either this spring or next fall. The Carpentry and Auto Collision programs are working to modify a large diesel ambulance. When completed, the vehicle will be used as a law enforcement transport vehicle for the Portage County Sheriff's Department.

- Maplewood was scheduled to hold the Northeast Ohio Regional SkillsUSA competition in February. There are six regional competitions in the state. Because of COVID-19 infections in the community and throughout Ohio, Mr. Griffith decided to not host the competition due to the lack of control that could be exercised over the competitors and visitors. Maplewood is committed to remaining open for in-person learning. 85 – 90% of Maplewood staff members would have volunteered at the competition, and if five staff members were not able to teach, Maplewood would not be able to remain open for in-person learning. Other regions are evaluating if they can hold their competitions. The Southeast Ohio Region has cancelled their competition.
- Maplewood has been requiring masks since the second week of the school. Maplewood has had 125 positive COVID-19 cases this school year. During the entire 2020-2021 school year, Maplewood had 44 positive COVID-19 cases.
- Maplewood will offer a HVAC program for the 2022-2023 school year. Marketing, with students visiting, will begin in late February or early March. Mr. Griffith is researching possibly starting an Optician program or a Pharmacy Technician program. If Mr. Griffith decides to proceed with one of the options, it will be marketed along with the HVAC program.

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 December, 2021.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of December, 2021.
- The investments were ratified for the month of December, 2021.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of December, 2021.
- Approved the Alternative Tax Budget for FY2023.
- **Informational Items:** Group Health Insurance Plans for Board Members, Bylaw 147; SERS Election; OSBA Roster Information; Calendar Year 2022 IRS Mileage Rate; Pepple & Waggoner School Negotiations Workshop, Holiday Inn Independence, January 27, 2022; Pepple & Waggoner Special Education Seminar, Holiday Inn Independence & Live Stream, February 17, 2022; NSBA Annual Conference, San Diego, California, April 2-4, 2022; OSBA Board Leadership, Polaris Hilton Columbus, May 6-7, 2022

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

- Employed one classified substitute: Anita Binegar.
- Accepted resignations: Kory Urban, Robotics Instructor; and John Cale, Marketing and Management Instructor.
- Employed one substitute instructor: Abbie Taylor.
- Approved salary increase: Laure Gauntner, Adult Education Director.
- Employed one classified employee for the remainder of the 2021-2022 contract year: Nicole Chaffin-Bragg.
- Approved grant application: GEER II – Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund - \$111,904.00.
- Approved the Drug Testing & T8 Physical Agreement with Great Lakes Biomedical for random drug testing.
- Set the day school tuition rate at \$8,926.00 for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Recognized the month of February 2022, as *National Career and Technical Education Month*.
- Recognized the month of February 2022, as *National African-American History Month*.

New Business:

- Approved contract with NEONET as the bundled Internet Access Services provider from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024.

Executive Session: (5:36 p.m. – 6:29 p.m.)

Adjourned: 6:29 p.m.