

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER

Board Meeting Notes

Regular Meeting

February 17, 2022

Convened: 5:00 p.m.

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

Oath of Office: The Oath of Office was administered to the following board member by Michelle Seckman, Treasurer: For three-year term expiring December 31, 2024: Patricia Brett, James A Garfield Representative.

Roll call: Donna Karg and Mandy Minnick were absent.

Featured Program: Superintendent Randy Griffith, reviewed Mr. Michael Lovejoy's history, qualifications, and comments. Mr. Griffith escorted the Board down to the Auto Service Technology lab where he introduced Mr. Lovejoy. Mr. Lovejoy gave a presentation highlighting the Auto Service Technology program.

Acceptance and approval of Board meeting agenda for February 17, 2022, as presented on BoardPaq.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes for the January 20, 2022, organizational meeting, and the January 20, 2022, regular meeting as presented.

The following visitors were received: Mr. Stephen Smith, MCCEA President.
Present: Mr. Randy Griffith, Superintendent; Mrs. Michelle Seckman, Treasurer.

Board President, Bonnie Lovejoy, did not have anything to report.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- The General Assembly sent House Bill (HB) 51 to Governor Mike DeWine for his approval. The bill would revise the process for adjusting property values due to instances that result in injury or destruction to the property. The bill also would allow a public body, including a board of education, to temporarily meet remotely until June 30, 2022, and include federal tax law conformity provisions. Both the ability for a public body to meet remotely and the federal tax law provisions have an emergency clause pertaining to them, which means they take immediate effect upon the governor's signature.
- The General Assembly also sent Senate Bill (SB) 181 to Governor Mike DeWine for his approval. The bill would establish restrictions on policies that prevent students from wearing religious apparel when competing or participating in interscholastic athletics or extracurricular activities. The bill also would permit certain officials to limit the wearing of religious apparel if a legitimate danger to participants is identified but requires an administrator or official to offer all reasonable accommodations. Additionally, the bill would provide civil immunity for schools and school districts, among others.
- The Senate passed Senate Bill (SB) 168 by a 23-8 vote. The bill would establish the Ohio Mobile Training Team Program that provides basic firearms training programs to school safety designees and includes quarterly training required for continued certification.
- The Senate unanimously passed Senate Bill (SB) 112, which would require 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 eliminate the requirement to notify a school district upon receiving certification that a property has been offered for sale and is unsold.

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

- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *Students are relearning how to learn:* A fifth-grade social studies and science teacher in Lake Placid, New York, says students' social skills are rebounding faster than their academic skills. He says students have lost the ability to focus and must re-learn how to learn and how to retain information.
- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *Tips for growing student independence:* The president of the nonprofit Let Grow, says the fear of failure may be interfering with students' independence. She says teachers can help students build self-confidence by allowing them to fail in a safe environment and by teaching them that failure is not the end of the world.

- OSBA's *Student Success* in-depth – *When remedial classes are the problem and not the remedy*: A California state law prohibits community colleges from requiring students to take remedial classes without first determining that they are highly unlikely to succeed in credit-bearing courses. Remedial education slows academic progress and discourages college completion. Students of color are disproportionately shuttled into remedial courses and suffer costly academic and financial consequences. Only 16% of California Community College students taking developmental education courses earned a certificate or associate degree within six years, and only 24% transferred to four-year colleges.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Mr. Griffith welcomed back Mrs. Patricia Brett for another term on the Maplewood Career Center Board of Education.
- Mr. Griffith reviewed the Day School Report - Second nine weeks perfect attendance: Parent/Teacher conferences had 10.84% attendance: Important Dates coming up: and January Students of the Month, Junior, Brianna Cathan, Dental Assisting, Ravenna; Junior, Ryan Dudak, Criminal Justice, Streetsboro; Senior, Dillon Fall, Carpentry, Windham; and Senior, Stephen Corley, Medical Assisting, Rootstown.
- Mr. Griffith met with the construction management company, Whitehouse, on Tuesday. Whitehouse has gone out to bid and has received bids on all portions of the project. Getting materials does not seem to be an issue as of yet.
- Maplewood has been requiring masks since the second week of the school year. Mr. Griffith is considering making masks optional for students and staff. He will do an all-call when he makes that decision.
- Maplewood will market the HVAC program in March. Mr. Morgan has interviewed three potential Optical Technology instructor candidates. The Optical Technology program 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 January, 2022.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of January, 2022.
- The investments were ratified for the month of January, 2022.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of January, 2022.
- Approved the Rates and Amounts Resolution for FY2023.
- **Informational Items:** OSBA Northeast Region Spring Conference, March 28, 2022, Dilucia's Banquet Room in Warren; NSBA Annual Conference, April 2-4, 2022, San Diego, California; OSBA Board Leadership Institute, May 6-7, 2022, Hilton Columbus / Polaris; Ohio ACTE Annual Innovation & Impact Conference, July 25-27, 2022, Hilton Columbus / Easton; Portage County Property Tax Valuations; and FY2020 and FY2021 Compliance Audit

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

- Employed three Adult Education Instructors: Kellee Applegate, Anitra Humphrey, and Shelbra Woolridge.
- Approved licensed substitute, Abbie Taylor, to teach mathematics during the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year.
- Accepted one donation.
- Approved the College Credit Plus Agreement between Kent State University and Maplewood Career Center beginning July 1, 2022.
- Approved the College Credit Plus Agreement between the University of Akron and Maplewood Career Center beginning July 1, 2022.
- Adopted the 2022-2023 school year calendar.

New Business:

- Approved ratification of the negotiated agreement with the MCCEA for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025.

Executive Session: (5:42 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)

Adjourned: 6:00 p.m.