

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER
Board Meeting Notes
Regular Meeting
April 21, 2022

Convened: 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Roll call: Patricia Brett and Mary Kaley were absent.

Featured Program: Superintendent, Mr. Randy Griffith, reviewed Mr. Mark Hamilton's history, qualifications, and comments. Mr. Griffith escorted the Board to the Applied Engineering and Machining lab where he introduced Mr. Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton gave a presentation highlighting the Applied Engineering and Machining program.

The meeting recessed at 5:01 p.m. and reconvened at 5:24 p.m.

Acceptance and approval of the Board meeting agenda for April 21, 2022, as presented on BoardPaq.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes for the March 17, 2022, regular meeting as presented.

The following visitors were received: Ms. Renee Bell and Ms. Emma George
Present: Mr. Randy Griffith, Superintendent; Mrs. Michelle Seckman, Treasurer

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

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, was not present to report.

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

- OSBA's *Student Success* in-depth – Could updated technology help recruit, retain teachers?: Schools are reporting an uptick in teacher shortages. 55% of teachers are leaving the profession earlier than planned because of burn out, limited staffing, and the pandemic. Robert Duke, chief operating officer at the Consortium for School Networking, says having upgraded technology would make schools more competitive when trying to recruit staff. Teachers are looking at a district's technology infrastructure and the support provided around this technology as a factor when deciding job offers. Prospective teachers want robust laptops, learning management systems, Wi-Fi access points, and interactive whiteboards. They are able to use these devices to connect their students to authors, scientists, and other classrooms in faraway locations. These devices also help engage students.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- The construction project is moving along. Construction meetings are taking place every other Tuesday. Everything appears to be running smoothly so far.
- The Senior Celebration will be on either Thursday, June 2, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., or Saturday, June 4, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The date of the event will depend upon the weather forecast.
- The HVAC program will be running for the 2022/2023 school year. The Optician Technology program only has one student signed up and will not be running for the 2022/2023 school year. It will be marketed again next fall. The instructor is excited about the program and has agreed to help market it next year.
- The National Honor Society induction is taking place this evening at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.
- The Board packet included the following: Maplewood Career Center April 2022 Directory; Day School Report; Maplewood Career Center Board of Education 2022 Standing Committees; *Record Courier* article, "Kent Police Explorer unit helping young members learn police work"; National Honor Society New Inductees April 2022; and Honor Roll 3rd Quarter.
- Mr. Griffith reviewed the Day School Report – Third nine weeks perfect attendance breakfast, April 6, 2022, had 65 students recognized; Dinner with the Teacher/Open House, April 6, 2022, 47.01% of incoming juniors present;

and March Students of the Month, Junior, Dakota Wilfong, Graphic Communications, Rootstown, and Senior, Brekin Brode, Electricity, Waterloo.

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 March, 2022.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of March, 2022.
- The investments were ratified for the month of March, 2022.
- The bank reconciliation was ratified for the month of March, 2022.
- Approved a \$11,000 advance to the Adult Education Fund.
- Approved the Revised Five-Year Financial Forecast for FY2022.
- **Informational Items:** PASC Insurance Rates; OSBA Board Leadership Institute, May 6-7, 2022, Hilton Columbus / Polaris; and Ohio ACTE Annual Innovation & Impact Conference, July 25-27, 2022, Hilton Columbus / Easton.

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

- Accepted the resignation of Susan Knudsen, Secretary Class IV.
- Employed six certificated/licensed instructors for the 2022-2023 school year: Emma George, VOSE; Renee Bell, School Counselor; Brian McCombs, Math Instructor; Joe Roth, HVAC Instructor; John Sisson, Mechanical Groundskeeping and Construction Instructor; and Chrystal Owens, Cosmetology Instructor.
- Approved employment of Anita Binegar, Substitute Secretary/Receptionist for the remainder of the 2021- 2022 school year on an as needed basis.
- Employed Angela Dewitt, Secretary in the Aspire program.
- Accepted one donation.
- Adopted the 2022-2023 Student Handbook.
- Approved Staff Appreciation Week May 2 – 6, 2022.
- Reviewed the student program fees for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Approved an alternate plan for making up calamity days during the 2022-2023 school year.
- Reviewed the Maplewood Preschool Parent Handbook.
- Approved the Northeast Ohio Network for Education Technology Service Provider Contract for VOIP Telephony services.

New Business:

- Authorized the purchase of Direct Fired Make Up Air Units and Upblast Exhaust Fans from Gardiner, Solon, Ohio.
- Approved reducing the forty-five (45) business day notification period pursuant to ORC Section 5709.63 to seven (7) calendar days in connection with the Enterprise Zone Agreement and the Enterprise Zone Resolution between the City of Ravenna, the Portage County Development Board, and LG Chem America, Inc., on parcel number 31-314-02-00-004-003 (part of what was parcel number 31-314-02-00-004-000)
- Approved waiving the forty-five (45) business day notification period pursuant to ORC Section 5709.63 in connection with the Enterprise Zone Agreement between Rootstown Township, Portage County Development Board, and Singleton Reels Inc., on part of parcel number 32-016-00-00-028-002.

Executive Session: Negotiations, employment, or appointment of public employees. **(5:47 p.m. – 6:17 p.m.)**

Adjourned: 6:17 p.m.