

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER
Board Meeting Notes
Regular Meeting
May 19, 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 was absent.

Featured Program: Superintendent, Mr. Randy Griffith, reviewed Mrs. Nancy Woodruff's history, qualifications, and comments. Mr. Griffith escorted the Board to the Dental Assisting lab where he introduced Mrs. Woodruff. Mrs. Woodruff gave a presentation highlighting the Dental Assisting program.

The meeting recessed at 5:01 p.m. and reconvened at 5:23 p.m.

Acceptance and approval of the Board meeting agenda for May 19, 2022, as presented on BoardPaq.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes for the April 22, 2022, regular meeting as presented, and the May 2, 2022, special meeting, as presented.

No visitors were present.

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 State Board of Education selected Stephen Dackin by a 14-4 vote to serve as Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- The Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee held a second hearing on House Bill (HB) 583, which would extend the current temporary flexibility for school districts regarding the educational requirements of substitute teachers until June 30, 2024. The bill also would establish a study committee to examine the substitute teacher shortage and would appropriate \$338 million in fiscal year 2022 to the federal school lunch program. Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA), Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO), Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA), Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators (OAESA), Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators (OASSA) and Alliance for High Quality Education (AHQE) provided proponent testimony.
- The Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee held a third hearing on Senate Bill (SB) 306, which would establish a voluntary tutoring and remedial instruction program that public schools and chartered nonpublic schools could choose to participate in by notifying the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The bill would require the ESC of Central Ohio to employ tutors and coordinate placement of tutors in participating schools. The bill also would require 16 regional ESCs selected under the bill, in conjunction with the ESC of Central Ohio, to administer the training program for tutors in their regions.
- The House Primary and Secondary Education Committee held a third hearing on House Bill (HB) 497, which would modify the English language arts assessment to be administered once in the third grade and to eliminate retention under the Third Grade Reading Guarantee.

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

- OSBA's *Student Success* in-depth – *Report studies barriers keeping students from attending schools:* According to a survey conducted by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), roughly two-thirds of high school teachers and less than one-half of K-12 teachers said at least one of their students had enrolled but failed to attend class during the 2020-21 school year. Teachers said students lacked at-home support and faced challenges with virtual learning. Students also had to take time to care for family members and jobs. There are more interruptions for students trying to learn at home. In New Jersey public schools, chronic

absenteeism increased by 30%. In Akron, half of all students are considered chronically absent, and two-thirds of high school seniors have missed at least 10% of the school year and 44% have missed more than 20%.

- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *Helping students to be active participants in learning*: Working together to complete tasks can help boost engagement by making high school students more active participants in their own learning.
- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *Teacher drops penalties for late assignments*: An eighth grade English teacher adopted a grading policy that did not penalize students for late work.
- Mrs. Seman said she found many informative articles on Edutopia.org when she followed the links on OSBA's Success.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- The construction project is currently on track.
- 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. Mr. Griffith will do an all call on Friday, May 27, 2022, to let everyone know which date it will be. There will be seating for Board members and staff. There will be limited seating for spectators. Mr. Griffith invited Board President, Bonnie Lovejoy, and Board Vice President, Brian Violi, to help hand out the career passports.
- Mr. Griffith commented on Mrs. Seman's report regarding student attendance. There is a direct correlation between remote learning and increased absenteeism. The trend of remote learning days and mental health days has deemphasized the importance of attendance and will progressively erode support for public schools.
- Mr. Griffith reviewed the Day School Report – Incoming Junior enrollment; All Year Perfect Attendance Breakfast will be held on May 25, 2022; and April Students of the Month, Junior, Zoelee Skiver, Animal Science, Streetsboro, Senior, Alexis Messina, Dental Assisting, Southeast, and Senior, Braeden Carnes, Hospitality Service Careers, Ravenna.
- The Board packet included the following: Day School Report; ASPIRE GED/HSE Graduation Invitation; and OTC (Ohio Technical Careers) Fact Sheet.

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 April, 2022.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of April, 2022.
- The investments were ratified for the month of April, 2022.
- The bank reconciliation was ratified for the month of April, 2022.
- Approved a \$16,000 advance to the Adult Education Fund.
- Approved the FY2022 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources and Amended Appropriations.
- Accepted the Restricted Indirect Cost Rate Agreement for FY2023 at the Ohio Department of Education approved rate of 2.80%.
- **Informational Items:** Personnel Committee Meeting, June 16, 2022, 4:30 p.m.; Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, June 16, 2022, 4:45 p.m.; Records Commission Meeting, June 16, 2022, 4:55 p.m.; 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:

- Approved employment of three Ravenna Police Officers for \$35.00/hour, to provide security at the 2022 Senior Celebration.
- Approved the course/program/position/personnel list per the Maplewood Career Center Education Association Negotiated Agreement.
- Re-employed administrators on 2-year contracts: Michael Lenzo, Supervisor of Business Affairs, Craig Morgan, Career technical director and Jackie Pritchett, Supervisor.
- Employed two certificated/licensed instructors for the 2022-2023 school year: Amanda Collins, Special Education Instructor and Nick Vecchio, Robotics and Computer Technology Instructor.
- Re-employed certificated/licensed teachers on one-year contracts for the 2022-2023 school year.

- Re-employed certificated/licensed tutors on one-year contracts for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Granted certificated/licensed teachers' supplemental contracts for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Re-employed certificated/licensed substitute teachers for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Approved employment of Anita Binegar, Substitute Secretary/Receptionist for the 2022-2023 school year, on an as needed basis.
- Re-employed classified substitutes for the 2022-2023 contract year.
- Re-employed classified personnel on a two-year contract: Luke Chilson, Custodian, Theresa Cooper, Adult Education Secretary, Sara McMahon, Cafeteria, and Marcia Todd, Cafeteria.
- According to the classified negotiated agreement, moved Secretary, Alyssa Finch on the wage schedule effective July 1, 2022.
- Approved personnel salary notices for the 2022-2023 school/contract year.
- Accepted four donations.
- Adopted the Maplewood Preschool Parent Handbook.
- Approved the student program fees for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Reviewed the textbook list for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Reviewed Courses of Study for: Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Early Childhood Education, Graphic Communications, Hospitality Service Careers, Mechanical Groundskeeping and Construction, Option 4, and Welding.

New Business:

- Conducted the first reading and review of policies.

Executive Session: Employment or appointment of public employees, negotiations, security arrangements, and emergency protocols. (5:53 p.m. – 6:17 p.m.)

Adjourned: 6:17 p.m.