

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

Convened: 5:08 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 Mandy Minnick were absent.

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

Acceptance and approval of the minutes for the June 16, 2022, personnel committee meeting, the June 16, 2022, finance and audit committee meeting, the June 16, 2022, records commission meeting and the June 16, 2022, regular meeting as presented.

No visitors were present.

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

Board President, Bonnie Lovejoy, had nothing to report.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- At its July meeting, the State Board of Education approved a resolution to increase the Third Grade Reading Guarantee promotion score from 683 to 685 beginning with the 2022-23 school year.
- At its July meeting, the State Board of Education approved a resolution to adopt revised learning standards for Computer Science in grades kindergarten through 12.
- At its July meeting, the State Board of Education approved a resolution to update the Dyslexia Guidebook as a result of dyslexia law changes from the recently enacted House Bill 583.
- At its July meeting, the State Board of Education discussed a resolution to consider at an upcoming meeting about hiring a firm to conduct a search for a superintendent of public instruction, which is expected to begin this fall.

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

- OSBA's *Student Success* in-depth – Research examines the impact of remote learning: The Center for Education Policy Research at Harvard University studied the test scores of more than two million elementary and middle schoolers, comparing the growth made between fall 2017 and fall 2019 to their pandemic-era growth, from fall 2019 to fall 2021. Students in high poverty schools spent more time in remote instruction than students in mid or low poverty schools. Black and Hispanic students also had higher incidence of remote learning. Researchers found learning gaps were more pronounced with higher rates of remote instruction. Closing the gaps could take years. High school graduation rates increased slightly for the 2019-2020 school year due to relaxed standards, but dipped in the 2020-2021 school year when pre-pandemic standards were reinstated. High dosage tutoring has proved to be effective in helping students make up missed learning. It needs to be conducted two to three times per week for at least 30 minutes, and have no more than three students in a group.
- OSBA's *Student Success* article – Therapy dogs reduce kids' stress levels in study: Researchers tested the saliva in school age children. Those who spent time with a therapy dog had lower levels of salivary cortisol, a stress hormone, than those who received relaxation therapy or no therapy at all. Long periods of stress effect a child's learning, mental wellbeing, and overall development.
- OSBA's *Student Success* article – Would later school start times improve student outcomes?: Research shows that children and teens need 9.25 hours of sleep. Sleep patterns change with puberty and high school students would benefit from starting school at 9:00 a.m. instead of 7:00 to 7:30 a.m. Benefits of optimal sleep are increases in achievement and mental wellbeing.
- OSBA's *Student Success* article – Mobile game lets middle -schoolers explore bio jobs: SkillsGapp is

working with middle schools in South Carolina to pilot its new app, which introduces students to life science careers through virtual challenges. The challenges include testing and receiving Food and Drug Administration approval for new medicines, overseeing the high-tech manufacturing process to make them and administering new drugs to patients. As students play, the app provides information about future job opportunities with employers and allows students to build a "résumé" in the game.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- The construction project continues to go well and is on track to finish on time. Not a single real problem has occurred thus far. Whitehouse Construction is one of the best groups Mr. Griffith has dealt with in a long time.
- The Robotics and Computer Technology instructor resigned. The position has been re-posted. It may be necessary to contract a recruitment firm to fill the position.
- The Board packet included the following: Magnetic School Calendar; Student Handbook; and Honor Roll – 4th Quarter, 2nd Semester, and Year.

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 June, 2022.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of June, 2022.
- The investments were ratified for the month of June, 2022, and calendar year 2022.
- The bank reconciliation was ratified for the month of June, 2022.
- **Informational Items:** Fiscal Year 2022 Financial Recap; Fiscal Year 2022 GAAP Conversion; Fiscal Year 2022 Audit; Ohio ACTE Annual Innovation & Impact Conference, July 25-27, 2022, Hilton Columbus/Easton; OSBA Capital Conference, Columbus Convention Center, November 13 – 15, 2022.

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

- Accepted the resignation of Nick Vecchio, Robotics and Computer Technology Instructor, effective July 6, 2022.
- Approved employment of one certified substitute for the 2022-2023 school year: Hana Amawi, Cosmetology.
- Approved employment of part-time Adult Education instructors and ASPIRE personnel.
- Approved two donations.

Other Recommendations:

- Reviewed the 2022-2023 Teacher Handbook.
- Reviewed the Adult Education Faculty Handbook.
- Approved the following applications: National School Lunch Program, Government Donated Food Program, and School Breakfast Program.

New Business:

- Authorized an agreement to sell surplus items that are no longer in use by the district through an online or in person auction. The company is Edinburg Auction Sales, Inc., 4029 State Route 14, Rootstown, OH 44272.

Unfinished Business:

- Approved an amended agreement with Whitehouse Constructions Services Co., as Construction Manager at Risk, of the Maplewood Career Center – 2022 Capital Improvement project.

Executive Session: Employment or appointment of public employees, security arrangements and emergency response protocols. (5:46 p.m. – 6:38 p.m.)

Adjourned: 6:38 p.m.