

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER

Board Meeting Notes

Regular Meeting

August 18, 2022

Convened: 5:05 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, Heather Hakin, and Mandy Minnick were absent. Field Representative not yet appointed.

Acceptance and approval of the Board meeting agenda for August 18, 2022, as presented on BoardPaq.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes for the July 21, 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:

- Governor DeWine released details related to allocating \$100 million from the K-12 School Safety Grant Program, recently authorized in House Bill (HB) 687. Nearly \$47 million will be distributed to schools that applied for the program last year but did not receive grants due to insufficient funds.
- The Ohio School Safety Center (OSSC), in partnership with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC), will begin accepting applications in the coming weeks for the remaining \$53 million in the K-12 School Safety Grant Program. Each school district may apply for grants up to \$100,000 per building for security measures. Schools that have not yet applied for funding or whose applications were ineligible in previous rounds will be given first priority.
- The Federal House Education and Labor Committee passed House of Representatives (H.R.) 8450. The bill would enact the Healthy Meals, Healthy Kids Act to expand access to school meals; preserve the future of school meal programs; modernize the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC); address food insecurity during the summer; improve school meal capacity and sustainability; and strengthen the Child and Adult Care Food Program. The bill now moves the U.S. House floor for a vote.
- The Consortium of State School Boards Associations (COSSBA), of which OSBA is a founding member, hosted an hour-long Federal Advocacy Webinar for school leaders today. Experts with Bose Public Affairs presented on the proposed Title IX regulations and their impact on education.
- Mrs. Kaley and Mr. Kelsey encouraged everyone present to attend the OSBA Northeast Region Fall Conference in Wadsworth on Wednesday, October 5, 2022. It will be their 70th anniversary.

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

- OSBA's *Student Success* in-depth – Researchers examine enjoyable, good teaching: Researchers from the University of Maryland and Harvard University studied students' math test scores and teacher evaluations and found that teachers who were better at raising scores received lower evaluations and vice versa. Focusing on math instruction, the researchers compared students' math scores with surveys that the fourth- and fifth-grade students had filled out as part of an experiment. Teachers who were good at raising test scores tended to receive low student evaluations. Teachers with great student evaluations tended not to raise test scores all that much. The teachers and the teaching practices that can increase test scores often are not the same as those that improve

student-reported engagement. Researchers also did not find statistical evidence that teachers who spent more class time on test prep produced higher test scores. Teachers who delivered more cognitively demanding lessons, going beyond procedural calculations to complex understandings, tended to produce higher math scores. Learning is hard work and it doesn't feel good for students when they are making mistakes and struggling to figure things out. Students can feel frustrated in moments when they are learning the most.

- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *Program aimed to help students earn diplomas*: Under a new program in California, students who have significant cognitive disabilities would be able to earn high school diplomas based on alternative achievement standards and coursework tailored to their abilities. Creating a path to earn a high school diploma helps eliminate unnecessary barriers to employment.

OSBA's *Student Success* article – *More schools, states open school safety tip lines*: A growing number of states and school districts are implementing school safety tip lines in response to violence.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- The construction project is coming along. The subcontractor providing the panels previously said they were completed back in March. The subcontractor has continued to give false information on the panels completion and delivery dates. The glass for the vestibule is not ready. Plexiglass will be installed in the interim and will be replaced by the glass when it arrives. The landscaping should be complete by Junior Orientation night. The architect's original design contained shrubs and plants which would require watering. The shrubs and plants have been replaced with pavers, river rock and Canadian blue stone. Everything should be complete by the first day of school.
- The new teachers are on track and ready to start the school year. Mr. Griffith said they are doing well and are serious about being prepared. They have all been on time and are already doing good lesson plans.
- Mr. Griffith is preparing plans to address COVID-19 and Monkey Pox if necessary. Masks will not be required to start the school year, but if necessary may be reinstated. He is hopeful masks will not be necessary, but it is most important for Maplewood to stay open with students in attendance.

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 July, 2022.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of July, 2022.
- The investments were ratified for the month of July, 2022 and the calendar year 2022.
- The bank reconciliation was ratified for the month of July, 2022.
- Approved the Change and Petty Cash Funds for FY2023.
- Approved the "Set -A-sides" for FY2023.
- **Informational Items:** Fiscal Year 2022 GAAP Conversion; Fiscal Year 2022 Audit; Pepple & Waggoner School Law Update Seminar: Glenmoor Country Club - Canton, Thursday, September 22, 2022, and Holiday Inn Cleveland South - Independence, Thursday, September 29, 2022; OSBA Northeast Region Fall Conferences: The Galaxy - Wadsworth, Wednesday, October 5, 2022; 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:

- Employed certified personnel on a one-year contract for the 2022-2023 school year: Robert Bird, Robotics and Computer Technology Instructor.
- Approved employment of part-time Adult Education instructors and ASPIRE personnel.
- Approved the following grant application: Ohio Department of Higher Education Short Term Certificate Program.
- Adopted the 2022-2023 Teacher Handbook.
- Adopted the Adult Education Faculty Handbook.

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- Approved exercising rights provided by Ohio House Bill 99.

Executive Session: Employment or appointment of public employees, security arrangements and emergency response protocols. **(5:54 p.m. – 6:28 p.m.)**

Adjourned: 6:28 p.m.