

# MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER

## Board Meeting Notes

### Regular Meeting

September 15, 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. Field Representative not yet appointed.

**Featured Program:** Superintendent, Mr. Randy Griffith, reviewed Ms. Haley Hunter's history, qualifications, and comments. Mr. Griffith escorted the Board to the Graphics Communications lab where he introduced Ms. Hunter. Ms. Hunter gave a presentation highlighting the Graphics Communications program.

The meeting recessed at 5:02 p.m. and reconvened at 5:25 p.m.

**Acceptance and approval of the Board meeting agenda for September 15, 2022, as presented on BoardPaq.**

**Acceptance and approval of the minutes for the August 18, 2022, regular meeting as presented.**

**The following visitors were received:** Miss Harlee Hakin.

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:**

- The State Committee on Computer Science voted unanimously to approve a final report of the State of Ohio Computer Science Plan, which focuses on K-12 education. The report includes 10 recommendations.
- The Lorain County auditor submitted a notice of appeal to the Ohio Board of Tax Appeals regarding the settlement between Ohio Tax Commissioner, Jeffrey A. McClain, and NEXUS. The settlement significantly reduced the taxable value of the pipeline, impacting 13 Ohio counties and the school districts and local governments within those counties. Under Ohio law, an impacted county, through its county auditor, could file a challenge with the Ohio Board of Tax Appeals.
- The recently enacted House Bill (HB) 110 contained an amendment to Ohio Revised Code (RC) 2915.092, which appears to remove a school district's ability to conduct raffles. Specifically, the bill removed the term "public schools" from the list of entities that are authorized to conduct charitable raffles.

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

- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *Students head to college academically malnourished*: They have spent more than half of their high school years dealing with the effects of the pandemic, including building closures, online learning, and other disruptions. Many students paid less attention, worked part time jobs, dealt with family issues, or didn't feel school was important. They are now going on to college academically malnourished. In anticipation of higher needs, colleges have been expanding "bridge" programs that provide summer classes, often for students from lower incomes or those who are the first in their families to attend college. Wallace State Community College in Alabama this year tapped State money to create its first summer bridge program as it braced for an influx of underprepared students. Students could take three weeks of accelerated lessons in math and English in a bid to avoid remedial classes. The school hoped to bring up to 140 students to campus, but just 10 signed up.

- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *US teens ditch Facebook for YouTube, TikTok*: The percentage of US teens who use Facebook has dropped from 71% to 32%. YouTube (95%) and TikTok (67%) are teens' top social platforms.
- OSBA's *Student Success* in-depth – *How an SEL buddy program can help students, younger peers*: Pairing young learners with older elementary and middle school students can boost social and emotional learning skills for both groups. A buddy program, pairing upper elementary or middle school students with students in pre-K through first grade, is a way for teachers to accelerate learning crucial social and emotional skills.

**Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:**

- Mr. Griffith reviewed the Day School Report: September enrollment totals; Junior Orientation attendance; Graphic Communications students; and Enrollment by District and Program.
- The school year is off to a smooth start. Discipline issues have been down overall; however, use of electronic devices and inappropriate dress have been consistent with other school years.
- Maplewood is starting a health clinic with Summa Health for students who do not have medical care access. Beginning in October, a nurse practitioner will be at Maplewood one day each week. Mr. Griffith is working with Summa to create appropriate permission and medical forms.
- The construction project is nearing its end. It should wrap up in the next two weeks. Mr. Griffith met with the head project manager earlier in the day. They are working to finish up punch list items and getting estimates for a sign which was included in the renderings, but was not included in architectural design documents.
- Mr. Griffith attended six hours of online OPES 2.0 training this week. OPES is the Ohio Department of Education evaluation system for principals and OTES is the evaluation system for teachers. Mr. Griffith finds both systems frustrating.

**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 August, 2022.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of August, 2022.
- The investments were ratified for the month of August, 2022 and the calendar year 2022.
- The bank reconciliation was ratified for the month of August, 2022.
- Approved the Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources and Permanent Appropriations Resolutions 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:**

- Moved certificated/licensed instructors on the teachers' salary schedule as stipulated in the Master Agreement between the Board and Maplewood Career Center Education Association; Marilyn Berry, Ryan Buckles, Ted Georger, Susan Giarrano, Mark Hamilton, Britt Palmer, Alexis Rutledge, Alysia Tinker, and Stephanie Wilfong.
- Employed certificated substitutes, Karen Krenznel and Dawn Kuzniak, for the 2022 – 2023 school year.
- Commended the cafeteria, secretarial, maintenance, custodial, Adult Education, and technology staff for their preparations and hard work leading to a smooth start of the new school year.
- Commended the instructional staff and day school administrators for an excellent start to the new school year.
- Commended the staff who manned Maplewood's Portage County Randolph Fair booth from August 23 – 28, 2022.
- Approved an overnight field trip for Mechanical, Groundskeeping and Construction students and Hospitality Service Careers students and advisors. The event will be held in Carrollton, Ohio, October 17 – 19, 2022.

- Approved a resolution authorizing the employment of substitute teachers who do not hold post-secondary degrees, as pursuant to Ohio law and regulations.

**New Business:**

- Approved Maplewood Career Center joining the HPS Committed Purchasing Program, during the 2022-2023 school year.
- Approved USDA Foods Member Agreement for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Executive Session:** Employment or appointment of public employees, security arrangements and emergency response protocols. (5:54 p.m. – 6:14 p.m.)

**Adjourned: 6:14 p.m.**