

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER

Board Meeting Notes

Regular Meeting

October 20, 2022

Convened: 5:03 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, Mary Kaley, and Chelli Yoho were absent. Field Representative not yet appointed.

Acceptance and approval of the Board meeting agenda for October 20, 2022, as presented on BoardPaq.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes for the September 15, 2022, regular meeting as presented.

The following visitors were received: Miss Harlee Hakin and Miss Sloane Dyer.

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

Board President, Bonnie Lovejoy, had nothing to report.

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

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

- OSBA's *Student Success* article – Butler Tech students rebuild Thunderbird into race car: Students from Butler Tech and Career Development's auto collision and auto technology programs built a race car from a fifteen-year old Ford Thunderbird. The students plan to race the car at a local dirt racetrack.
- OSBA's *Student Success* in-depth – Data shows reason for enrollment drop in public schools: According to research released by Tyton Partners, a consulting firm whose recent research focuses on pandemic-related shifts in education, overall public school enrollment dropped nearly 10% between spring 2021 and spring 2022. Students exited their public schools to enroll in charter schools and private schools or pursue homeschooling. Parents listed their child's quality of education and safety as top concerns. Parents were more concerned with bullying and gun violence than the pandemic. They appreciated smaller class sizes, offsite learning options, and flexible schedules. This post-pandemic decline suggests that this is no temporary anomaly but may instead reflect a "tipping point" for public schools.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Mr. Griffith updated the Board on the 2022-2023 construction projects. The sign on the front wall of the building has been ordered and fabrication has begun. Mr. Griffith plans to replace the exterior windows in the coming year. The project will likely need to take place in stages due to product availability.
- Maplewood's "Your-Choice" program has a large number of participants this year. Initial screenings took place in September and random screenings started earlier today. Unfortunately, there have been positive results for illegal and prescription drugs. Discipline is not issued for positive results from the "Your-Choice" program because it is voluntary. Students whose expulsions have been held in abeyance for drug related offenses are also screened monthly. Mr. Griffith questions if this is enough of a deterrent. Drug use is more prevalent and parents seem to be more accepting. The career technical setting can be very dangerous when someone is under the influence.

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 September, 2022.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of September, 2022.
- The investments were ratified for the month of September, 2022 and the calendar year 2022.
- The bank reconciliation was ratified for the month of September, 2022.
- Approved transfers and advances for FY2022.
- Approved the FY2023 Five Year Financial Forecast & Assumptions.
- Authorized the use of open purchase orders.
- **Informational Items:** Fiscal Year 2022 GAAP Conversion; Fiscal Year Audit 2022; OSBA Capital Conference, Columbus Convention Center, November 13 – 15, 2022; COSSBA, Consortium of State School Boards Associations, National Conference, Tampa Bay Convention Center, Florida, March 31 – April 2, 2023; NSBA 2023 Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida, April 1-3, 2023; Board Pay for Attendance at Approved Training Programs for 2022.

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

- Employed a certificated/licensed Administrator for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year: Rachel Camuso, Supervisor.
- Employed security personnel for Christmas in the Woods, November 4 – 5, 2022.
- Approved the employment and contract for Anita Binegar, as Christmas in the Woods Coordinator.
- Approved the grant applications: E-Rate Grant for Ohio SchoolNet and Ohio Facilities Construction Commission Safety Grant.
- Accepted three donations.
- Commended staff who worked the Ravenna Balloon-A-Fair booth on September 17, 2022.

New Business:

- Conducted the first reading and review of policies.
- Approved the lease agreement of the Maplewood house.

Executive Session: Employment or appointment of public employees, security arrangements and emergency response protocols. (5:23 p.m. – 5:49 p.m.)

Adjourned: 5:49 p.m.