

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER
Board Meeting Notes
Regular Meeting
November 17, 2022

Convened: 5:03 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Board vice president, Mrs. Bonnie Lovejoy

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board member, Brian Violi, and followed by a moment of silence.

Roll call: Mandy Minnick was absent. Field Representative not yet appointed.

Acceptance and approval of Board meeting agenda for November 17, 2022, as presented on BoardPaq.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes of the October 20, 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 Board of Education Executive Committee passed a resolution that would start the process of selecting a search firm to assist in hiring a state superintendent of public instruction.
- The State Board of Education Executive Committee discussed a resolution that would support Ohio's Attorney General's participation in a lawsuit challenging proposed federal rules that interpret Title IX as banning discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. The resolution would also require the state superintendent to send a letter to school districts advising them of the board's opposition to the proposed rule. Two proposed amendments were discussed. The committee adjourned without voting on either of the amendments or the resolution. The committee reconvened on November 14, 2022, and continued discussing the resolution.

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

- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *Ohio group pilots \$2.9 million job training effort*: JobsOhio is spearheading a \$2.9 million training program to increase the pool of workers with in demand manufacturing skills. The program will support a full-time recruiter who will guide candidates into local manufacturing jobs or training programs. Manufacturers identified rising prices for raw materials as their top “primary business” challenge. Their second-biggest obstacle is the inability to attract and retain a quality workforce. Some have or are considering boosting wages.
- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *Estimates show alarming absenteeism rates*: As many as one in every three public school students in the United States were chronically absent in the 2021-2022 school year. Estimates show sixteen million students missed at least eighteen days. This is up from eight million prior to the start of the pandemic.
- OSBA's *Student Success* in-depth – *Study examines the effect of the pandemic on pediatric eye care*: A study published in the journal *Ophthalmology* found that vision screening prevalence among United States children steadily declined from 2016 to 2020, from 69.6% to 60.1%, adding that decreases in vision screening were present before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Findings also showed there was a significant decrease in the proportion of children receiving eye screening from a specialist, from 55.6% to 50.1%, among those children who received screenings.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Mr. Griffith reviewed the Day School Report. The Student Perfect Attendance Breakfast was held on November 7, 2022, with 101 students having perfect attendance. The Sophomore Showcase was held on November 1 & 2, 2022, with 949 (88%) students visiting. Maplewood currently has 365 applicants. This is an increase of 65 students from last year. Parent/Teacher conferences were held on October 5, 2022. 12.31%

of parents attended. September students of the month were Senior, Vanessa Jennings, Early Childhood Education, Southeast, and Junior, Hannah Freedline, Culinary Arts, Crestwood. October students of the month were Senior, Cierra Porter, Early Childhood Education, Garfield, and Junior, Anela Bennett, Early Childhood Education, Garfield.

- Details are being finalized for the window replacement project. The front entrance project is essentially complete except for problems with the front entrance doors working properly.
- The Board packet included the following: Maplewood Career Center October 2022 Directory; Day School Report - November 17, 2022, Mr. Craig Morgan; Honor Roll – 1st Quarter; and Nutrition Standards for Food and Beverages sold on Maplewood's school premises.

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 October, 2022.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of October, 2022.
- The investments were ratified for the month of October, 2022.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of October, 2022.
- Approved payments to board members for attendance to training sessions for the 2022 calendar year.
- Approved a *'Then and Now Certification'* for Discovery Education Invoice.
- Informational Items: Fiscal Year 2022 GAAP Conversion; Fiscal Year 2022 Audit; OSBA Capital Conference expense reimbursements; Christmas in the Woods Revenue Reports; COSSBA, Consortium of State School Boards Associations, National Conference, Tampa Bay Convention Center, Florida, March 31 - April 2, 2023

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

- Employed three certified substitutes, Valori Vaught, Donna Czeck, and Maghan Kirk for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Approved payment of security personnel for the Christmas in the Woods event on November 4-5, 2022.
- Employed classified substitute, Aida Baker, for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.
- Accepted two donations.
- Commended the hard work and commitment demonstrated by Maplewood staff and students who participated in the Maplewood Sophomore Showcase events on November 1 & 2, 2022.
- Commended the Maplewood staff and students who participated in the Christmas in the Woods event on November 4-5, 2022.
- Acknowledged the staff and students who contributed to the success of Career Night/Spaghetti Dinner, November 9, 2022.

New Business:

- Approved convening the Board of Education Organizational meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., with the regular Board meeting to follow.
- Authorized the Superintendent to advertise for design professionals.
- Authorized the Superintendent to advertise/solicit for design/build services.

Unfinished Business:

- Conducted the second reading and adoption of policies.

Executive Session: Employment or appointment of public employees. (5:35 p.m. – 5:58 p.m.)

Adjourned: 5:58 p.m.