

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER
Board Meeting Notes
Regular Meeting
December 15, 2022

Convened: 5:00 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board vice president, 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 December 15, 2022, as presented on BoardPaq.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes of the November 17, 2022, regular meeting as presented.

No visitors were present.

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

Board President, Bonnie Lovejoy, reported on the following:

- Mrs. Lovejoy thanked the Board for allowing her to serve as Board President for the 2022 calendar year.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- House Bill (HB) 45 has been sent to Governor Mike DeWine for his signature. It provides approximately \$1.7 billion in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) appropriation authority to schools, as requested by the Ohio Department of Education. It increases the Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aide (DPIA) phase-in for fiscal year 2023, from 14% to 33.33%. It provides \$112 million for additional grants under the School Safety Grant Program, which will be used to award competitive grants of up to \$100,000 per school building to eligible public school districts and chartered nonpublic schools for building security and safety enhancements. It restores the ability of school districts to conduct a raffle, fixing the change included in budget bill (HB 110). It prohibits the Board of Building Standards from requiring the installation of storm shelters in school buildings operated by public or private schools or undergoing or about to undergo construction, alteration, repair, or maintenance. It adds weights to calculate transportation payments for school districts using miles driven for school bus service of 1.5 to the number of miles driven for community school and STEM school students for the current fiscal year, and 2.0 to the number of miles driven for nonpublic school students for the current fiscal year.
- House Bill (HB) 458 has been sent to Governor Mike DeWine for his signature. It includes the elimination of the August election, as well as changes to Ohio's election laws and voter ID requirements.
- Senate Bill (SB) 33 has been sent to Governor Mike DeWine for his signature. It modifies the 25-year law governing community reinvestment areas (CRAs) by raising the threshold requiring board approval from 50% to 75% for a CRA property tax exemption, repealing annual reporting requirements and eliminating locally impacted boards of education from receiving reports on agreements that are in place during a given year, among other changes.
- House Bill (HB) 66 has been sent to Governor Mike DeWine for his signature. It requires the reporting of information on and legislative review of property tax exemptions, to include a number of additional provisions. Those provisions include the authority to combine into one ballot question the renewal of an emergency property tax levy and a combination income and property tax levy. Under current law, a school district may renew an emergency property tax levy or may renew a combination income and property tax levy, but either renewal must be submitted to voters as a separate question on the ballot.
- House Bill (HB) 554 has been sent to Governor Mike DeWine for his signature. It requires the State Board of Education to issue temporary educator licenses to applicants with expired professional teacher's certificates and professional educator licenses. A number of amendments were added to the bill in the Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee related to children of military families participating in College Credit Plus and expanding the eligibility of special education funding for students with developmental delays, among others.

- Senate Bill (SB) 178 was amended into House Bill (HB) 151. It did not pass. It would have reformed the Ohio Department of Education and revised the teacher residency program. The restructuring of the Ohio Department of Education is expected to be discussed in the next General Assembly.

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

- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *Test-optional admissions has staying power*: At least 1,835 four-year colleges across the United States aren't requiring first-year applicants to submit SAT or ACT scores for admissions for Fall 2023. 1,450 colleges have made test-optional and test-free admissions permanent.
- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *Want resilient and well-adjusted children? Let them play*: Engaging in playful activities is a part of healthy development and helps children build new neural networks that can positively impact academic performance and social emotional growth. A study conducted of a University of Texas student who killed twelve people in one of the country's first mass shootings, revealed the student had access to firearms at home, had witnessed abuse while growing up, had a difficult relationship with his father, and had experienced play deprivation while growing up. Researchers interviewed other men incarcerated in the Texas Huntsville Prison for homicide, and compared their information to a population outside the prison. The prison group could not provide abundant examples of free play in childhood as the outside group could. The presence or absence of play, particularly in child development, has a great deal to do with competency, resiliency, emotional health, and brain size.
- OSBA's *Student Success* in-depth – *School closures not key driver of learning loss*: A Harvard professor co-led a national analysis on how the pandemic affected math and reading achievement. The test data compared student performance in Spring 2019 and Spring 2022. Results indicated that this year's students in the median school district had learned about half a grade level less in math and about a quarter of a grade level less in reading, compared with their pre-pandemic peers. Districts that stayed remote during the 2020-21 school year saw bigger declines in elementary and middle school math, and to some degree in reading, than other districts. However, many districts that went back in person had bigger losses than districts that stayed remote. School closures, it seems, were not the primary driver of drops in achievement. High poverty districts suffered greater academic losses. Other factors include COVID death rates, internet access, and parent job losses.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Mr. Griffith thanked Mrs. Bonnie Lovejoy and Mr. Brian Violi for their service as the 2022 Board President and the 2022 Board Vice President and for their support of Maplewood Career Center.
- The front entrance background check monitor will be operational when students return in the New Year. Mr. Griffith will do an all call to parents informing them.
- A problem is occurring during lunch/breakfast in the cafeteria. Students are using an app on their phones to air drop inappropriate photos to other students. The sender is able to cloak their identity. There does not appear to be a way to deter this from happening other than not allowing students to use their phones during lunch/breakfast.
- Maplewood has been receiving requests from home schooled and charter schooled students to attend Maplewood. Associate schools are given slots for Maplewood's programs. Many programs fill up quickly. Students who are not attending an associate school often open enroll into one of the associate schools to receive a slot into a program. Maplewood's tax base is from the associate schools. Students who do not attend or open enroll into an associate school could request a slot once the school year begins, but this does not normally occur.
- Mr. Griffith wished the Board, staff, and students a Happy Holiday Season.
- Mr. Griffith reviewed the Day School Report. The Senior Awards Ceremony is scheduled to be held at the Kent State University MAC Center on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Griffith is considering polling the students if they would like a formal or drive through ceremony. Important upcoming dates are Winter break from December 19 – 30, Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 16, End of First Semester on January 20, Parent/Teacher Conferences on February 1, Presidents' Day on February 20, Spring Break from March 20 – 24, End of Third 9 Weeks on March 31, and Cupcake with the Teachers on April 5. November Students of the Month were Senior, SaNiyah Henderson, Cosmetology-East, Streetsboro, and Junior, Aeden Smith, Robotics and Computer Technology, Field.

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 November, 2022.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of November, 2022.
- The investments were ratified for the month of November, 2022.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of November, 2022.
- Approved FY2023 Amended Appropriations.
- Informational Items: Fiscal Year 2022 GAAP Conversion; Fiscal Year 2022 Audit; Fiscal Year 2024 Alternative Tax Budget; Pepple and Waggoner School Negotiations Workshop, Holiday Inn, Independence, Ohio, January 26, 2023; 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:

- Authorized and directed the Board President and the Treasurer to give written notice of contract expiration to the following administrators: Douglas Daugherty, Supervisor, Laure Gauntner, Adult Education Director, Joseph Hinton, Cafeteria Supervisor, Jennifer Smith, Director of Technology, and Ted Slankard, Supervisor.
- Employed two certified substitutes, Alyssa Haren and Emily Wilson for the 2022-2023 school year.

Other Recommendations:

- Approved the Drug Testing & T8 Physical Agreement with Great Lakes Biomedical for random drug testing.

New Business:

- Appointed Bonnie Lovejoy, Board President, to serve as president pro tem for the Organizational meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2023.
- Adopted the proclamation to name January 2023 as "School Board Recognition Month".

Executive Session: Employment or appointment of public employees and safety plan. (5:42 p.m. – 5:52 p.m.)

Adjourned: 5:53 p.m.