MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER
Board Meeting Notes
Regular Meeting February 16, 2023

Convened: 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Brian Violi.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Vice President, Roger Boltz, and was followed by a moment of silence.

Roll call: Patricia Brett was absent.

Featured Program: Superintendent Randy Griffith, reviewed Mr. Britt Palmer's history, qualifications, and comments. Mr. Griffith escorted the Board down to the Welding lab where he introduced Mr. Palmer. Mr. Palmer and students, Hanna Haines, Shay McGuire, and Jonathan Reeves, gave a presentation highlighting the Welding program.

The meeting recessed at 5:02 p.m. and reconvened at 5:23 p.m.

Acceptance and approval of Board meeting agenda for February 16, 2023, as presented on BoardPaq.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes of the January 19, 2023, organizational meeting and the January 19, 2023, regular meeting as presented.

No visitors were present.
Present: Mr. Randy Griffith, Superintendent; Mrs. Michelle Seckman, Treasurer.

Board President, Brian Violi reported on the following: Mr. Violi said he was very impressed with Mr. Palmer's classroom presentation. He did an excellent job and it is obvious his students are devoted to him.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- Governor Mike DeWine announced the executive budget recommendations during the annual State of the State address. He highlighted the following education related items: the continued phase-in of the Fair School Funding Plan; providing all public and private schools funding for school resource officers; providing $100 million to launch new in-demand career-tech programs and industry-recognized credential programs across the state; increasing the eligibility for EdChoice vouchers up to 400% of the federal poverty level; requiring the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to create professional development coursework rooted in evidence-based strategies for effective literacy instruction and providing funding to schools and districts to incorporate the literacy training in their classrooms; requiring the Ohio Department of Education to support up to 100 additional literacy coaches in schools and districts with the lowest reading proficiency; continuing funding for tutoring services; and providing additional College Credit Plus funding to provide additional training for teachers to instruct classes on high school campuses.
- Senate Bill (SB) 1 was introduced. It would reform the functions and responsibilities of the State Board of Education, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Ohio Department of Education.
- Senate Bill (SB) 2 was introduced. It would provide a full or partial tax exemption to developers and owners of newly constructed homes within specified areas during the construction period and for ten years after the home is occupied.
- Senate Bill (SB) 5 was introduced. It would establish the Workforce Voucher Program that would award vouchers to students at public and private institutions of higher education seeking degrees, certifications, or licenses for in-demand jobs. It would require each public high school, including community and STEM schools, school counselors annually to inform all 11th grade students about the Workforce Voucher Program and to promote the program. It would require the Ohio Department of Education to notify annually each public high school of the requirements.
- Senate Bill (SB) 6 was introduced. It would prohibit STRS and SERS, among others, from making investment decisions for the primary purpose of influencing environmental, social, and corporate governance policies.
- Senate Bill (SB) 11 was introduced. It would expand eligibility for EdChoice scholarships to all students beginning with scholarships sought for the 2023-2024 school year. It would also increase the homeschool expense tax credit from $250 to $2,000.

- Senate Bill (SB) 14 was introduced. It would allow school districts to employ veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces that have met certain requirements to be employed as teachers without licenses.
- Senate Bill (SB) 17 was introduced. It would require the State Board of Education to update the standards and model curriculum for financial literacy and entrepreneurship in grades nine through twelve to include free market capitalism content.
- Senate Bill (SB) 18 was introduced. It would eliminate the obsolete requirement that school districts or school buildings in academic emergency or academic watch submit information to the Ohio Department of Education before approval of a three-year continuous improvement plan. It would eliminate the obsolete requirements for site evaluations for districts and buildings in academic emergency or academic watch. It would modify the type of communication through which the Ohio Department of Education must distribute required notice of certain events or certain services. It would allow school districts to meet via electronic means to conduct a hearing for students and parents regarding notice to the Register of Motor Vehicles for excessive unexcused student absences from school. It would allow a county, township, or municipal corporation to meet with a school district to discuss the terms of an agreement for the creation of a tax-exempt district. It would remove the requirement that a school district publish, in a newspaper of general circulation, notice of intent to donate property that is not needed, obsolete, or unfit for the district's use with a value of less than $2,500, but would maintain the requirement of continual posting of such notice in the school district board's office, and permit a nonprofit organization to submit electronically its written notice to a school district board of its desire to obtain donated district property.
- Senate Bill (SB) 23 was introduced. It would expand political subdivision joint purchasing authority to expressly include purchases for construction services.
- Senate Bill (SB) 27 was introduced. It would ratify the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact.
- Senate Bill (SB) 29 was introduced. It would enact laws pertaining to technology providers of education records and data. It would require school districts to make public certain information regarding the technology provider. It would limit what school districts can access or monitor on a school-issued device.
- Senate Bill (SB) 43 was introduced. It would extend the homestead exemption for the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran to spouses of a disabled veteran who dies before receiving a qualifying disability rating.
- Senate Bill (SB) 44 was introduced. It would require a state occupational licensing agency to accept electronic license applications.
- Senate Bill (SB) 47 was introduced. It would prohibit a public employer from providing paid leave or compensation for a public employee to engage in political activities, including lobbying.
- Senate Bill (SB) 49 was introduced. It would enact the Religious Expression Days "R.E.D." Act. It would require school boards to adopt a policy providing students, teachers, and staff with religious accommodations for up to three days.

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

- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *Network of states looks to grow teacher apprenticeships:* More than a dozen states are participating in the National Registered Apprenticeship Teaching Network to get more teachers on the job more quickly. Tennessee was the first federally approved model.   Leaders from Tennessee hope the mistakes they made in the beginning will help others in the process. West Virginia offers a teaching apprenticeship program that offers duel enrollment courses in the last two years of high school. Apprentices start college as sophomores. They complete two full years of undergraduate coursework in tandem with more student teaching. They return to their home K-12 district when they are college seniors for a salaried position as a full-time teacher while being mentored.
- OSBA's *Student Success* in-depth – *Why school-posted student photos are a privacy concern:* Findings published in the academic journal, *Educational Researcher*, reveal that students are identifiable in nearly five million of eighteen million photos analyzed. This raises concerns about companies accessing personal information and images being collected for facial recognition and other purposes. Often photos are accompanied by personal identifying information, such as full names and approximate locations. Researchers question that even if schools have a media release on file, signed by the parent, is it ethical to post students photos?

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Mr. Griffith reviewed the Day School Report - Second nine weeks perfect attendance prize drawing had 66 students recognized: Parent/Teacher conferences had 17.7% attendance: Important Dates coming up: December Students of the Month, Junior, Daniel Pipic, Carpentry, Rootstown, and Senior, Kaitlin Belknap, Culinary Arts, Garfield: and January Students of the Month, Junior, Kasey Harrigal, Early Childhood Education, Waterloo; Senior, Jessica Hahn, Medical Assisting, Rootstown; and Senior, Rachel Whetstone, Medical Assisting, Mogadore.
- Maplewood is proceeding with the window replacement project this summer. The architectural plans arrived this week. Mr. Griffith has concerns regarding the masonry around some of the windows not matching the sand stone in the front. He will be asking for changes to be made to the plans.
- Maplewood is hosting the Northeast Ohio Regional SkillsUSA competition. The machining and engineering competition will take place on Saturday, February 18, 2023. The remaining competitions will take place on Saturday, February 25, 2023. The competitions will start at 7:30 a.m. The awards ceremony will be in the afternoon. The timing will depend on how much time will be needed for judging. Mr. Griffith invited the Board members to attend.
- The Maplewood Carpentry program is designing and constructing a new Maplewood fair booth. The materials are currently being acquired.
- The Board packet included the following: Day School Report, February 16, 2023, Mr. Craig Morgan; Honor Roll – 2nd Quarter, 1st Semester; Maplewood Career Center 2023-2024 Calendar; and Board of Education 2023 Standing Committees.
- The Maplewood senior class voted in favor of having the Senior Awards Ceremony at the Kent State University Memorial Athletic Convocation Center. It will be held on June 1, 2023.

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 audit for the month of January, 2023.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of January, 2023.
- The investments were ratified for the month of January, 2023 and calendar year 2023.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of January, 2023.
- Approved $11,000 advance to the Adult Education Fund.
- Approved the Rates and Amounts Resolution for FY2024.
- **Informational Items**: Superintendent and Treasurer Contracts; Fiscal Year 2022 Audit; Portage County Auditor's Property Valuations and Mileage Rates; OSBA Northeast Region Spring Conference, March 27, 2023, Dilucia's Banquet Room in Warren; COSSBA, Consortium of State School Boards Associations, National Conference, Tampa Bay Convention Center, Florida, March 31 - April 2, 2023; OSBA Board Leadership Institute, Hilton Columbus/Polaris, April 28 - 29, 2023; Ohio ACTE Annual Innovation & Impact Conference, July 24-26, 2023, Hilton Columbus/ Easton.

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

- Approved the "College Credit Plus Master Agreement between Kent State University and Maplewood Career Center School District" beginning July 1, 2023.
- Approved the "College Credit Plus Master Agreement between The University of Akron and Maplewood Career Center School District" beginning July 1, 2023.
- Adopted the 2023-2024 school year calendar.

Executive Session: (6:01 p.m. – 6:13 p.m.)

Adjourned: 6:13 p.m.