

**MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER**  
**Board Meeting Notes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**June 15, 2023**

**Convened: 5:04 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 followed by a moment of silence.**

**Roll call:** Patricia Brett, Mandy Minnick, and Joan Seman were absent.

**Public Hearing:** A public hearing was held for comments regarding the Board of Education of the Maplewood Career Center considering the re-hiring of Mr. Craig A. Morgan as the Career Technical Director, at the June 15, 2023, regular meeting, effective July 5, 2023. Mr. Morgan is retiring from his position as Career Technical Director, effective June, 30, 2023.

**Accepted and approved the Board meeting agenda for June 15, 2023, as presented on BoardPaq.**

**Accepted and approved the minutes for the May 18, 2023, policy committee meeting, the May 18, 2023, records commission meeting, and the May 18, 2023, regular meeting as presented.**

**The following visitors were received:** Ms. Renee English, Mr. Preston English, and Mr. Gavin English.  
Present: Mr. Randy Griffith, Superintendent; Mrs. Michelle Seckman, Treasurer

**Board President, Brian Violi, had nothing to report.**

**Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:**

- The Senate unanimously passed Senate Bill (SB) 44. The bill would require a state occupational licensing agency to accept electronic license applications.
- The Senate Finance Committee accepted a substitute version of House Bill (HB) 33, the biennial budget for fiscal years 2024 and 2025. It is important to note that the Senate's budget decreases funding for traditional K-12 schools (which serve more than 80% of Ohio students) by \$542 million over the next two years while increasing private school voucher funding (which goes to less than 10% of students in the state) by \$372 million. OSBA, the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA) and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) released an eAlert highlighting the significant concerns of the bill, and provided joint testimony.
- The House Primary and Secondary Education Committee amended House Bill (HB) 8. The bill would enact the Parents Bill of Rights, requiring public schools to adopt a policy on parental notification regarding student health and well-being and instructional materials with sexually explicit content. The amendment would require schools to ensure that any sexuality content is age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate; replace references to "sexually explicit content" with "sexuality content" and defines "sexuality content" as any oral or written instruction, presentation, image or description of "sexual concepts" or "gender ideology"; exclude instruction on venereal disease, abstinence, child sexual abuse prevention and sexual violence prevention from the definition of "sexuality content"; remove provisions requiring that schools allow parents to review sexually-explicit materials and instead requires schools to disclose any instructional materials that include sexuality content to parents and allow parents to request to excuse their child from such instruction in favor of an alternative class; permits parents whose written concerns are unresolved after 30 days to request a hearing before the school district's board of education and requires the school board to conduct a hearing and make a determination regarding the parent's concern; define "biological sex" as the biological indication of male and female; and define "student's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being" to include all of the following: a student's academic performance; any sickness, physical injury, or psychological trauma suffered by a student; any pattern of bullying or harassment by or against a student in violation of district policy; any request by a student to identify as a gender that does not align with the student's biological sex;

and exhibition of suicidal ideation or persistent symptoms of depression, severe anxiety or other mental health issues.

- The Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee heard sponsor testimony on Senate Bill (SB) 49. The bill would enact the Religious Expression Days "R.E.D." Act and require school boards to adopt a policy providing students with religious accommodations for up to three days.
- The Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee heard sponsor testimony on House Bill (HB) 147. The bill would make changes to teacher licensure revocation, teacher hiring practices and conduct unbecoming to the teaching profession.
- The Senate Government Oversight Committee held a third hearing on Senate Bill (SB) 91. It would make changes to laws regarding fraud, waste, and abuse of public funds.
- The Senate Workforce and Higher Education Committee held a second hearing on Senate Bill (SB) 104. The bill would revise the operations of the College Credit Plus (CCP) Program, including requirements for students, public and chartered nonpublic schools, public and private colleges, the Chancellor of Higher Education, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. OSBA, the Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators (OASSA), BASA and OASBO provided testimony.
- The House State and Local Government Committee held a second hearing on House Bill (HB) 74. The bill would establish a plan to migrate the state's information technology systems to the state's computer center and cloud environment and establish a cybersecurity and fraud advisory board.
- The House Ways and Means Committee passed House Bill (HB) 125. The bill would modify the income tax deductions for contributions to 529 plans and ABLE accounts.
- The House Ways and Means Committee held a second hearing on House Bill (HB) 90. The bill would authorize a total property tax exemption for the homesteads of totally disabled veterans and their surviving spouses.
- The House Higher Education Committee passed House Bill (HB) 164. The bill would establish the Foster-to-College Scholarship Program. The bill would require the Department of Education to hire a full-time school foster care liaison and make an appropriation for the Foster-to-College Scholarship Program.

**Student Achievement Liaison, Joan Seman, was not present to report.**

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

- The window replacement construction project started yesterday with demolition of the masonry around the windows. They incorrectly installed brick instead of split faced block. The architect did not change the plans to reflect the use of split faced block as he had been requested to do. Mr. Griffith will work with the architect and construction manager to have this corrected.
- Other summer projects include painting of labs and classrooms, installation of epoxy floors, and electrical upgrades. Additional driver's license scanners will be installed in customer service areas that have higher volumes of contact with the public.
- The Senior Awards Ceremony on June 1, 2023, was a success. Mr. Griffith said it was the best during his tenure at Maplewood.
- Mr. Griffith is researching programs to be in the lab previously used by the Marketing program. Possible programs are Pharmacy Tech, and Biotechnical Engineering. Mr. Griffith said he was disappointed the Optician program, marketed last year, did not receive more interest. There are a lot of high paying Optician jobs available in the area.
- The Board packet included the following: Day School Report, June 15, 2023, Mr. Craig Morgan; Summa Health Nurse Practitioner's Report; Yearly Student Achievement Report, 2022-2023 School Year; and 2022-2023 Student Achievement Reports by School District.
- Mr. Griffith reviewed the Day School Report: Current Enrollment Data – 417 incoming Juniors, 740 total enrollments; Advisory Board Minutes; Student Achievement & Industry Credential Report; and Items in Progress.

**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 May, 2023.

- The expenditures were approved for the month of May, 2023.
- The investments were ratified for the month of May, 2023.
- The bank reconciliation was ratified for the month of May, 2023.
- Approved a \$8,000 advance to the Adult Education Fund.
- Approved the FY2024 Temporary Appropriations.
- Approved the Year End Accounting Procedures for FY2023.
- **Informational Items:** 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:**

- Accepted the resignation of Nina Schroeder, English Teacher, effective June 30, 2023.
- Approved employment of part-time Adult Education instructors and ASPIRE personnel.
- Employed certificated/licensed administrator for the 2023-2025 school years, Renee English, Supervisor.
- Approved employment of Anita Binegar, Substitute Custodian, for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Approved re-hiring administrator Craig Morgan, Career Technical Director, for the 2023-2025 school years.
- Employed certificated/licensed teacher Blake Collins, Special Education Tutor, for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Approved the following grant applications: ASPIRE Instructional Grant FY2024, Perkins Career/Tech Education FY2024 Grant, and Ohio K-12 Network Application Grant FY2024.
- Approved three donations.

**Other Recommendations:**

- Adopted textbooks for use during the 2023-2024 school year.
- Adopted Courses of Study.
- Accepted membership minutes of 2022-2023 instructional and program advisory committees.

**New Business:**

- Nominated and appointed Jay Kelsey as OSBA delegate and Brian Violi as OSBA alternate for the 2023 Capital Conference.
- Conducted the first reading and review of policies.

**Executive Session:** Employment or appointment of public employees, security arrangements and emergency response protocols. (5:32 p.m. – 6:01 p.m.)

**Adjourned: 6:01 p.m.**