

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER
Board Meeting Notes
Regular Meeting
May 18, 2023

Convened: 5:02 p.m.

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

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

Roll call: Roger Boltz, Patricia Brett, Joan Seman, and Chelli Yoho were absent.

Featured Program: Superintendent, Mr. Randy Griffith, reviewed Mr. Ryan Buckles' history, qualifications, and comments. Mr. Griffith escorted the Board down to the Culinary Arts lab where he introduced Mr. Ryan Buckles and Mr. Vincent Barholt. Mr. Ryan Buckles and Mr. Vincent Barholt, along with their students Tyson Kutscher, Kaitlin Belknap, Maeve Blyler, Loraine Rider, Hayley Mullens, Zach Seebacher, Heaven Tatum, and Miguel Coter, gave a presentation highlighting the Culinary Arts program.

The meeting recessed at 5:09 p.m. and reconvened at 6:01 p.m.

Acceptance and approval of the Board meeting agenda for May 18, 2023, as presented on BoardPaq.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes for the April 20, 2023, regular meeting as presented.

No visitors were present.

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

Board President, Brian Violi did not have anything to report.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- The Senate Education Committee held an eighth hearing on House Bill (HB) 33, the biennial budget. OSBA, the Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators (OAESA), the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA) and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) provided proponent testimony.
- The House Primary and Secondary Education Committee passed House Bill (HB) 117. It would eliminate retention under the Third Grade Reading Guarantee and expand the grades for which intensive reading intervention is provided. The bill also modifies the English language arts assessment to be administered once in the third grade and expands the inclusion of phonics in learning standards. OSBA, OAESA, BASA and OASBO provided proponent testimony.
- The House Primary and Secondary Education Committee held its second hearing on House Bill (HB) 103. The bill would establish the Ohio Social Studies Standards Task Force to develop new social studies academic standards for use beginning with the 2024-25 school year.
- The House Primary and Secondary Education Committee held its fourth hearing on House Bill (HB) 8. It would enact the Parents Bill of Rights to require public schools to adopt a policy on parental notification regarding student health and well-being and instructional materials with sexually explicit content.
- The House Higher Education Committee passed House Bill (HB) 6. It would enact the Save Women's Sports Act. The bill would require schools, state institutions of higher education and private colleges to designate separate single-sex teams and sports for each sex.
- The House Commerce and Labor Committee passed Senate Bill (SB) 30. It would allow a person aged 14 or 15 to be employed between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. during the school year if the person has parental or legal guardian consent.
- The House Commerce and Labor Committee passed Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 2. It urges Congress to make changes to the Fair Labor Standards Act to allow a person under 16 years of age to be employed between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. during the school year.
- The House Economic and Workforce Development Committee held a fourth hearing on Senate Bill (SB) 1. It would rename the Ohio Department of Education as the Department of Education and Workforce (DEW)

and would create the position of director of education and workforce. The bill also would reform the functions and responsibilities of the State Board of Education and the superintendent of public instruction.

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

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- The window replacement construction project is scheduled to start June 10, 2023. Exterior windows will be replaced with windows with 3M Safety and Security Film installed on them. Interior door windows will be replaced with 3M taped windows if the doors have wire mesh.
- The Carpentry program is working on the new Maplewood fair building at the Portage County Fairgrounds. Mr. Griffith has seen it and it is one of the nicest buildings there. Hopefully, it will be finished before the school year ends.
- Upcoming events: Field Day on May 26, 2023; Senior Awards Practice on June 1, 2023; Senior Awards Ceremony on June 1, 2023; and Juniors last day on June 6, 2023.
- Mr. Griffith reviewed the Day School Report: SkillsUSA State Competition Results; SkillsUSA National Competition in Atlanta, Georgia, on June 19-23, 2023 (Medical Assisting instructor and student); FCCLA State Competition Results; and Incoming Junior Enrollment – 415 for the 2023-2024 school year.

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 April, 2023.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of April, 2023.
- The investments were ratified for the month of April, 2023.
- The bank reconciliation was ratified for the month of April, 2023.
- Approved the FY2023 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources and Amended Appropriations.
- Accepted the Restricted Indirect Cost Rate Agreement for FY2024 at the Ohio Department of Education approved rate of 9.40%.
- **Informational Items:** Personnel Committee Meeting, June 15, 2023, 4:30 p.m.; Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, June 15, 2023, 4:45 p.m.; and 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 three resignations: Amy Kovach, Bill Darby, and Cynthia Simmons, effective June 30, 2023.
- Approved the non-renewal of John Sisson's one-year limited contract, effective June, 7, 2023.
- Approved the course/program/position/personnel list per the Maplewood Career Center Education Association Negotiated Agreement.
- Re-employed administrators: Laure Gauntner, Adult Education Director, Joseph Hinton, Cafeteria Supervisor, Ted Slankard, Supervisor, and Jennifer Smith, Director of Technology.
- Re-employed certificated/licensed teachers on one-year contracts for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Re-employed certificated/licensed tutors on one-year contracts for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Granted certificated/licensed teachers' supplemental contracts for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Re-employed certificated/licensed substitute teachers for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Re-employed classified substitutes for the 2023-2024 contract year.
- Re-employed classified personnel on a two-year contract: Alyssa Finch, Director's Secretary, Jennifer Mejia, Custodian, Frankie Milnes, Receptionist, CJ Nalepa Devine, Secretary to the Superintendent, and Elizabeth Slater, Custodian.
- Re-employed classified personnel on a continuing contract: Jeremy Dewitt, Shipping and Receiving, Catherine Frances, Preschool Aide, Chris Simyak, Custodian/Shipping and Receiving.
- Approved personnel salary notices for the 2023-2024 school/contract year.
- Approved part-time Adult Education instructors and ASPIRE personnel.
- Approved employment of Anita Binengar, Substitute Secretary/Receptionist for the 2023-2024 school year, on an as needed basis.

- Accepted three donations.
- Adopted the Maplewood Preschool Parent Handbook.
- Approved the student program fees for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Reviewed the textbook list for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Reviewed Courses of Study for: Applied Engineering and Machining, Auto Service Technology, Dental Assisting, Electricity, HVAC, Medical Assisting, and Power Equipment Mechanics.
- Approved an overnight fieldtrip for SkillsUSA Medical Assisting Student and Instructor to attend the SkillsUSA Nationals, in Atlanta, Georgia, June 19-23, 2023.

New Business:

- Authorized the execution and delivery of a master electric energy sales agreement between the District and Power4Schools' endorsed electric supplies, Engie Resources LLC.
- Authorized the Superintendent to employ legal counsel, David Allen Sed, Attorney at Law, Ravenna, as needed.

Executive Session: Negotiations, employment, or appointment of public employees. (6:35 p.m. – 6:38 p.m.)

Adjourned: 6:38 p.m.