

# MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER

## Board Meeting Notes

### Regular Meeting

August 17, 2023

Convened: 5:02 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice President, Roger Boltz.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member, Jay Kelsey, and followed by a moment of silence.

Roll call: Heather Hakin, Mandy Minnick, Brian Violi, and Chelli Yoho were absent.

Acceptance and approval of the Board meeting agenda for August 17, 2023, as presented on BoardPaq.

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

No visitors were present.

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

Board Vice President, Roger Boltz, had nothing to report.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- The Ohio Department of Education released information and a timeline for the transition of roles and responsibilities from Ohio Department of Education to the Department of Education and Workforce (DEW). The State Board of Education and Ohio Department of Education have developed a transition plan. Department of Education and Workforce is to be a cabinet level agency with a director who is appointed by the Governor. The State Board of Education will still exist and retain some responsibilities which includes finding and confirming a new superintendent of public instruction, however with different responsibilities.
- Governor Mike DeWine announced this week that the state would be using a little over \$26 million dollars from the Governor's Emergency Education Relief dollars (GEER), which was appropriated by Congress for the COVID-19 pandemic, to fund tutoring services at no cost to schools and districts. Districts and schools may apply for tutoring services from six approved vendors for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Governor Mike DeWine signed Senate Bill (SB) 43, which modifies the homestead exemption for the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran. Senate Bill (SB) 43 will take effect on October 26, 2023.
- New legislation, House Bill (HB) 250, would revise the Military Enlistment diploma seal.

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

- OSBA's *Student Success* in-depth – Superintendents report stress levels double that of other working adults: A recent RAND Corporation study found superintendents in the United States report higher levels of job related stress compared to other working adults. Eighty-eight percent cited, “the intrusion of political issues and opinions into schooling”, as a source of stress in their job. The percentage of superintendents reporting politics as a stressor was highest among leaders in urban districts. Superintendents have also had to deal with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on students’ academic and social emotional needs, and the increased polarization on education issues like social studies curricula and LGBTQ-inclusive materials. Despite the high and frequent stress, 59% of the respondents said their job is worth it, and half said they’re coping with the stress “well” or “very well.” One in four superintendents are likely to quit soon, with burnout playing a role. Researches noted the survey results could be used to increase focus on well-being in professional development opportunities and leadership preparation programs.
- OSBA's *Student Success* article – Restorative justice helps build stronger schools: A Maryland district’s implementation of restorative justice practices is proving effective in resolving conflicts and creating healthier school climates.

- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *Students finding studying support online*: High school students are using YouTube and TikTok to find support and community around studying by streaming themselves while they are doing their homework.
- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *Minnesota program assists students formerly in foster care*: Minnesota has committed \$3.8 million to a program that assists residents who have aged out of foster care. The Fostering Independence Grants pay for college tuition, housing, books, fees, and other expenses.

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

- The window project is not complete. Some of the interior windows and film were not installed correctly. They will be fixed in the next few days.
- The sign on the front of the building is being repaired. The sign company filed a claim with their insurance company. The original installers of the Alucobond panels are installing new panels. When they are finished, the sign company will re-install the sign.
- New teachers started their in-service days yesterday. There are two new instructors and three new tutors.
- Junior Orientation will be next Tuesday. A couple thousand people are expected to be in the building. Additional ID scanners have been ordered but have not arrived. If they arrive, Mr. Griffith plans on having all visitors scan in. If not, parents will have the option to scan in with staff there to help them.

**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 July, 2023.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of July, 2023.
- The investments were ratified for the month of July, 2023 and the calendar year 2023.
- The bank reconciliation was ratified for the month of July, 2023.
- The bankers' acceptances and commercial paper were reviewed for Fiscal Year 2023.
- Approved the Change and Petty Cash Funds for FY2024.
- **Informational Items:** Fiscal Year 2023 GAAP Conversion; Fiscal Year 2023 Audit; Pepple & Waggoner School Law Update Seminar: Canton, Thursday, September 21, 2023, and Independence, Thursday, September 28, 2023; OSBA Northeast Region Fall Conferences: Wadsworth, Wednesday, October 4, 2023; OSBA Capital Conference, Columbus Convention Center, November 12 – 14, 2023.

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

- Employed classified personnel on a one-year contract for the 2023-2024 school year: Vanessa Jennings, Preschool Program Aide.
- Approved employment of certificated substitute, Victor Cianci, for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Approved employment of part-time Adult Education instructors and ASPIRE personnel.
- Approved one donation.
- Adopted the 2023-2024 Teacher Handbook.
- Adopted the Adult Education Faculty Handbook.

**New Business:**

- Approved the partnership agreement between Child Guidance and Family Solutions and Maplewood Career Center.
- Authorized the purchase of Make Up Air Units and Exhaust Fans from Gardiner, 31200 Bainbridge Road, Solon, Ohio 44139, utilizing the cooperative purchasing of the Ohio Schools Council ("OSC"), a regional council in the State of Ohio, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 167.081.
- Approved the ratification of the *modified* excluded classified personnel benefit document for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.

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**Executive Session:** Employment or appointment of public employees, security arrangements and emergency response protocols. **(5:55 p.m. – 6:10 p.m.)**

**Adjourned: 6:10 p.m.**