

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

Convened: 5:02 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Mr. 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, Lori Calcei, and Mandy Minnick were absent.

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

Acceptance and approval of the minutes of the October 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 congratulated Mrs. Mary Kaley, Mrs. Bonnie Lovejoy, and Mrs. Chelli Yoho on their successful re-elections.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- The House Government Oversight Committee amended and heard proponent testimony on House Bill (HB) 257. It would authorize certain public bodies to meet virtually, including the School Employees Retirement Board. School boards, among other boards, are not included in the authorization. The amendment also excludes the Board of Directors of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation from the bill's provisions, and requires public bodies to define "major nonroutine expenditure" and "significant hiring decision."
- The House Transportation Committee held a third hearing on House Bill (HB) 279. It would require occupant restraining devices to be installed on all school buses within five years.
- The House Transportation Committee held a third hearing on House Bill (HB) 140. It would increase penalties for passing a school bus and allow the use of cameras on school buses.
- The House Agriculture Committee held a second hearing on House Bill (HB) 193. It would establish procedures and requirements governing biosolid lagoons and biodigestion facilities — including granting county and township zoning authority over those lagoons and facilities — and modify the CAUV eligibility requirements for certain land used to produce biofuels.
- House Bill (HB) 310 was introduced. It is in regards to purchases of military service credit by State Teachers Retirement System members.
- House Bill (HB) 311 was introduced. It would prohibit differing ticket prices for online and cash school-affiliated events and require a student ticket to be less than an adult priced ticket.
- House Bill (HB) 312 was introduced. It would establish the Regional Partnerships Program and make an appropriation.
- Senate Bill (SB) 181 was introduced. It would prohibit differing ticket prices for online and cash school-affiliated events and require a student ticket to be less than an adult priced ticket.
- Senate Bill (SB) 182 was introduced. It would establish the Foster-to-College Scholarship Program, require the Department of Education and Workforce 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, reported on the following:

- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *Students gain work skills in simulated stores*: CVS has hosted a program in Orange City where high school students with disabilities learn technical and people skills working as a cashier in a simulated CVS store.
- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *Helping students unplug from technology*: The Director of Technology and Innovation at York City emphasizes the importance of building screen-free time into the curriculum. He

suggests implementing routines like spending time outdoors, 60 seconds of silence at the beginning of class with no phones, and participating in project-based service learning.

- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *Students need more pathways for success*: More than 40 million Americans have earned college credit but have not completed a degree. There is a need for more accessible, affordable, and practical options beyond traditional degrees to help students build their careers.
- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *Students participate in fire safety training*: Students in Providence, Rhode Island participated in the Fire Safety Careers and Technical Education School. They received 240 hours of training that could be applied to the Providence Fire Academy and were able to receive EMT certification upon completion.
- OSBA's *Student Success* in-depth – *Study finds mental health boost from middle school biking*: A study of more than 1,200 middle school students across the United States enrolled in the six-to-eight week cycling class, Ride for Focus, showed enhanced mental health. They had a more positive outlook on life. The study also found that students who did not limit their screen time to a maximum of two hours per day or who got less than eight-and-half hours of sleep saw less improvement in their well-being.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Mr. Griffith discussed Maplewood's student cell phone policies.
- Mr. Griffith reviewed the Day School Report and Board Packet: Student Perfect Attendance for the First Quarter, 96 students with Perfect Attendance; Sophomore Showcase on November 7 - 8, 2023; Parent Teacher Conferences on October 4, 2023, 11.95% participation; September Students of the Month – Senior, Troy Claypoole, HVAC, Streetsboro, and Junior, Payton Litsinger, HVAC, Southeast; October Students of the Month – Senior, Zoe Pastva, Cosmetology East, Ravenna, and Junior, Ethan Potteiger, Robotics and Computer Technology, Garfield; and Honor Roll 1st Quarter.

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 October, 2023.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of October, 2023.
- The investments were ratified for the month of October, 2023.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of October, 2023.
- Approved payments to board members for attendance to training sessions for the 2023 calendar year.
- Informational Items: Fiscal Year 2023 GAAP Conversion; Fiscal Year 2023 Audit; OSBA Capital Conference expense reimbursements; Christmas in the Woods Revenue Report; COSSBA, Consortium of State School Boards Associations, National Conference, Dallas, Texas, February 22 – 25, 2024; NSBA, National School Boards Associations, National Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 6 – 8, 2024.

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

- Approved payment of security personnel for the Christmas in the Woods event on November 3 - 4, 2023.
- Accepted two donations.
- Commended the Maplewood staff and students who participated in the Christmas in the Woods event on November 3 - 4, 2023.
- Commended the hard work and commitment demonstrated by Maplewood staff and students who participated in the Maplewood Sophomore Showcase event on November 7 - 8, 2023.

New Business:

- Approved convening the Board of Education Organizational meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., with the regular Board meeting to follow.
- Approved a 100% tax abatement request for 10 years and waive the 45 business day notification required by the Ohio Revised Code, in connection with the Ohio Department of Development Enterprise Zone Application of MCSM, LLC/SpringSeal Inc., 800 Enterprise Pkwy., Ravenna, OH 44266.

Adjourned: 5:30 p.m.