

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER
Board Meeting Notes
Regular Meeting February 15, 2024

Convened: 5:03 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Jay Kelsey.

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

Roll call: Patricia Brett and Lori Calcei were absent.

Acceptance and approval of Board meeting agenda for February 15, 2024, as presented on BoardPaq.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes of the January 18, 2024, organizational meeting and the January 18, 2024, regular meeting as presented.

The following visitor was received: Miss Harley Hakin.

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

Board President, Jay Kelsey reported on the following:

- Mr. Kelsey attended the Pepple and Waggoner Special Education Seminar on February 9, 2024. He was given a list of 76 acronyms involving special education. He expressed his appreciation for everything the Maplewood staff and administration does regarding special education compliance.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- The House voted 75-19 to pass House Bill (HB) 2. This legislation contains some portions of the traditional capital budget as well as \$350 million of the \$700 million of One Time Strategic Community Investments authorized by HB 33, the biennial budget. HB 2, as passed by the House, contains \$600 million for the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission to use for school building improvement efforts across the state. This legislation now heads to the Senate.
- The House voted to pass Senate Bill (SB) 17. It would require the State Board to update the standards and model curriculum for financial literacy and entrepreneurship in grades nine-12 to include free market capitalism content. Senate Bill (SB) 17 now heads back to the Senate for a concurrence vote.
- The House Ways and Means Committee amended House Bill (HB) 344. It would eliminate replacement property tax levies and would make changes to the laws regarding property tax valuation complaints, counter-complaints and appeals. The amendment fixes a technical drafting error.
- The House Ways and Means Committee accepted a substitute version of House Bill (HB) 263. It would authorize a property tax freeze for certain owner-occupied homes. The substitute version makes the following changes to the bill: the age to qualify is reduced from 70 to at least 65 years old; the continual occupancy requirement is reduced from 10 years to two years; the total annual income to qualify is reduced from \$70,000 to \$50,000 or less; and the home value necessary to qualify is reduced to less than \$500,000. The requirement in the previous version was that the home be less than \$1 million.
- The House Public Health Policy Committee heard sponsor testimony on House Bill (HB) 356. It is regarding cardiac monitoring for youth. The bill also names the act the Healthy Cardiac Monitoring Act.
- The Joint Committee on Property Tax Review and Reform heard invitation-only testimony from the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, the National Federation of Independent Business, the Ohio Business Roundtable and the Ohio Farm Bureau. The committee is tasked with reviewing Ohio's current property tax structure and making recommendations on how to proceed with bills related to property tax reform pending in the General Assembly. The committee has not announced how many additional meetings will be held, but they must issue their report and recommendations by the end of the calendar year.
- The Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) proposed rules open for public comment. The current rules posted for comment are OAC 3301-2 Personal Information Systems, OAC 3301-3 Data Acquisition Sites, OAC 3301-10-01 School enrollment for victims of domestic violence, OAC 3301-16-08 State seal of biliteracy, and OAC 3301-51-09 Delivery of services. There were draft rules also posted for comment.

- House Bill (HB) 402 was introduced. It would authorize a property tax reduction in 2023 for properties with increased tax liability relative to 2022.

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

- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *Schools opt for snow days over remote learning*: Despite predictions that remote learning would replace snow days, recent weather disruptions have demonstrated schools are maintaining traditional snow days. Superintendents must balance logistical issues and public opinions. Power outages and internet outages reduce potential access for students. Many schools are only implementing remote learning for extended closures. Researchers, educators, and parents have questioned the effectiveness of remote learning. Schools and students can have absences counted against them if the student is unable to log in online.
- OSBA's *Student Success* in-depth – *Study of anonymous tip system finds reports about guns in schools*: Schools in 23 states have established an anonymous tip line serving more than 5 million students in grades six through 12, according to the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System (SS-ARS), started by the Sandy Hook Promise Foundation. A study evaluated the tip line as used by one state and its effectiveness at catching firearm-related threats. Researchers found there were more than 18,000 tips submitted to SS-ARS during the four years studied, from 2019 to 2023. A separate analysis of the data revealed the tips and interventions that followed anonymous reporting prevented six planned school shootings, 38 instances of school violence and more than 100 planned suicides. Gun-related tips seen in the study included concerns about bullying, interpersonal conflicts, and suicide. 38% were about potential school shootings and nearly a quarter were about seeing or knowing of a weapon. Gun violence has been the leading cause of death of children and teens in the U.S. since 2020, when it surpassed car accidents.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Many of Maplewood's associate schools are considering closing school or having a professional development day on April 8, 2024, because of the solar eclipse. This would be Maplewood's fifth calamity day. Any additional calamity days will need to be made up at the end of the school year.
- There is an item on the agenda to authorize the Superintendent to advertise for an architect. The Culinary Arts kitchen, classroom, locker rooms, and storage areas will be remodeled this summer. Old equipment will be replaced and freezers may be moved to the outside of the building. The hoods will be replaced in Culinary Arts and the cafeteria. Electrical outlets will be removed from the floor and suspended from the ceiling. Currently, students must go through two doors to enter their locker room and it is difficult for the instructors to supervise them. The goal is to expand the foot print of the kitchen and create a conducive facility to accommodate the instruction of 25 students and two chefs.
- A building addition is being planned for the following summer. There will be site issues to manage because of Maplewood's soil composition. Mr. Griffith is hoping to add more high bay labs. A Fire and EMT program is being considered, among other programs. This will provide more opportunities for students. Ohio needs more tradesmen and tradeswomen.
- Maplewood is working on a number of community projects. The Electricity program is partnering with Waterloo schools on a lighting project. The Auto Collision program is working with the Portage County Sheriff's office on a box truck. They are replacing the back wooden rolling door, refurbishing, and painting it. The Applied Engineering and Machining program may also be working with the Portage County Sheriff's office on manufacturing breaching tools.
- Maplewood is working with the Ohio Department of Education and SST 8 to move through an internal monitoring process with the associate school districts to ensure that special education students are receiving appropriate services. The process is two years long. Students will receive in-class intervention services and career assessments can no longer be used to determine program placement.
- Mr. Griffith is arranging a Superintendent visit in March. It will take place in the middle of a week. Associate school Superintendents will be placed in vocational programs with students from their district. It is very encouraging for the students when they have someone from their home district display concern about them and their education.
- The Board packet included the following: Day School Report, February 15, 2024, Mr. Craig Morgan; Honor Roll, 2nd Quarter, 1st Semester; and Maplewood Career Center 2024-2025 Calendar.

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, 2024.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of January, 2024.
- The investments were ratified for the month of January, 2024 and calendar year 2024.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of January, 2024.
- Approved Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources and Amended Appropriations for FY2024.
- Approved the Rates and Amounts Resolution for FY2025.
- Informational Items: FY2023 Financial Audit; OSBA Northeast Region Spring Conference, Wednesday, March 20, 2024, Akron, or Monday, March 25, 2024, Warren, Ohio; NSBA Annual Conference, April 6 - 8, 2024, New Orleans, Louisiana; OSBA Board Leadership Institute, May 3 - 4, 2024, Hilton Columbus/Polaris, Ohio; Ohio ACTE All Ohio Conference, July 15 - 17, 2024, Hilton Columbus/Easton, Ohio.

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

- Approved employment of part-time Adult Education instructors and ASPIRE personnel.
- Approved revised supplemental contract for Colton Scheall, Mechanical, Groundskeeping and Construction instructor.
- Accepted one donation.
- Approved the “College Credit Plus Master Agreement between Kent State University and Maplewood Career Center School District” beginning July 1, 2024.
- Approved the “College Credit Plus Master Agreement between The University of Akron and Maplewood Career Center School District” beginning July 1, 2024.
- Adopted the 2024 - 2025 school year calendar.

New Business:

- Approved the contract with NEONET for the provision of PRI/SIP service to Maplewood Career Center from April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2027.
- Approved the contract with NEONET for Managed Internal Broadband Services (MIBS) to Maplewood Career Center from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027.
- Approved the Master Service Agreement (MSA) with NEONET and Maplewood Career Center, effective July 1, 2024.
- Authorized the Superintendent to advertise for design professionals.

Unfinished Business:

- Approved the Revised GMP Amendment agreement with Whitehouse Construction Services Co., as Construction Manager at Risk, of the Maplewood Career Center - 2023 Window Replacement Project.

Executive Session: Discuss employment or appointment of public employees, matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes, and, safety and security. (5:58 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.)

Adjourned: 6:15 p.m.