

**MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER**  
**Board Meeting Notes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 16, 2024**

**Convened: 5:05 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, Heather Hakin, Mandy Minnick, and Chelli Yoho were absent. Field Representative not yet appointed.

**Featured Program:** Superintendent, Mr. Randy Griffith, reviewed Mr. Colton Scheall's history, qualifications, and comments. Mr. Griffith escorted the Board down to the Mechanical, Groundskeeping and Construction lab where he introduced Mr. Scheall. Mr. Scheall gave a presentation highlighting the Mechanical, Groundskeeping and Construction program.

The meeting recessed at 5:09 p.m. and reconvened at 5:28 p.m.

**Acceptance and approval of the Board meeting agenda for May 16, 2024, as presented on BoardPaq.**

**Acceptance and approval of the minutes for the April 18, 2024, regular meeting, and the April 18, 2024, policy committee meeting as presented.**

**No visitors were present.**

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

**Board President, Jay Kelsey did not have anything to report.**

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

- School Districts that currently do not have a policy limiting cellphone usage during school hours will soon be required to create a policy. House Bill (HB) 250, a bill that includes a requirement for school districts to have a cellphone policy has been signed by Governor Mike DeWine. In his State of the State speech, Governor DeWine talked about his concerns with students and their ability to access cellphones during the course of their school day. He encouraged the legislature to take action by putting forth a bill that would decrease cellphone usage during the school day, recognizing that public schools should create a policy that best works for their community. Senator Andrew Brenner, Chair of the Senate Education Committee, worked to include the amendment to House Bill (HB) 250, a bill that originally only pertained to revising the "military enlistment seal" and renaming it the "military seal". The amendment requires each public school to adopt a policy governing the use of cellphones by students during school hours. It also requires districts make their cellphone usage policy publicly available and post it on their websites. It requires the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce to adopt a model cellphone policy that could be used by districts. Schools will not be required to use the model policy. The bill does acknowledge that certain students may need access to a cellphone if included in their individualized education program (IEP) or section 504 plan. Schools have until July 1, 2025, to adopt a policy at a public Board meeting.
- House Bill (HB) 485 was introduced. It would require each public school to adopt an internet safety policy for students who use internet access provided by the school, require each public school to include instruction in the social, emotional, and physical effects of social media to students in grades six through twelve, and prohibit districts and schools from permitting a student to use a personal wireless communication device during instructional time.
- House Bill (HB) 506 was introduced. It would require schools who choose to have overdose reversal drugs to have certain administration and storage policies.

- House Bill (HB) 518 was introduced. It would authorize a civil penalty related to drivers who illegally pass a school bus but cannot be identified. It would also designate the month of October as “School Bus Safety Awareness Month,” and designate this act as the School Bus Safety Act.

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

- OSBA’s *Student Success* article – *Lorain students learn culinary skills with updated technology*: Culinary students at Lorain City’s Lorain High School are learning on the most up-to-date technology to prepare for careers in the culinary industry. They are using the new Toast system. Using the system, the server goes to the table with a tablet and takes the order, it goes right back to the kitchen and then prints a receipt where they can pay and do everything at once. The culinary students learn entry level skills to go further to become a chef or to become a restaurant manager. They take two years of the program where they learn knife skills, making roux and gravies, deserts, and restaurant front service. According to the National Restaurant Association, the restaurant and food service industry is the nation’s second-largest private-sector employer.
- OSBA’s *Student Success* in-depth – *\$500 Leo Lucas Scholarship available to high school seniors*: This scholarship provides graduating high school seniors from ethnically diverse backgrounds with a \$500 scholarship. The student must attend a public high school whose district is an OSBA member, and the student must plan to attend an accredited post-secondary institution with the intention of completing a two- or four-year degree.

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

- Maplewood’s cellphone policy only permits students to use their cellphones during lunch or breakfast periods. Student’s cellphones must be turned off at all other times.
- Medical and recreational marijuana will become an issue. Students are not permitted to come to school under the influence, nor are they permitted to smell of marijuana.
- The architectural plans for the Culinary Arts back of the house facilities, classrooms, and lockers should be completed by June. The project will not be completed until the end of October. The project includes the replacement of two hoods. The estimated cost of each hood is \$400,000.
- Mr. Griffith anticipates remodeling the Auto Collision lab over the summer of 2025. Two additional overhead doors will be added. One on each side of the current overhead door. Two new paint booths will be installed and there will be a designated paint room.
- End of year events include Field Day on May 17, 2024, and Senior Awards practice and ceremony on May 28, 2024. The last day for students is May 31, 2024.
- Mr. Griffith reviewed the Day School Report: SkillsUSA State Competition Results; SkillsUSA National Competition in Atlanta, Georgia – Jersie O’Farrell, Medical Assisting, Dakota Bishop, Information Technology, and Joseph Wright, Cabinetmaking; Incoming Junior Enrollment; All Year Perfect Attendance Breakfast on May 16, 2024; and April Students of the Month, Junior, Vincent Hajdu, HVAC, Mogadore, and Senior, De’ahja Hill, HSC, Streetsboro.
- The Board packet included the following: Day School Report, May 16, 2024, Mr. Craig Morgan.

**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, 2024.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of April, 2024.
- The investments were ratified for the month of April, 2024.
- The bank reconciliation was ratified for the month of April, 2024.
- Approved a Commercial Card Resolution agreement.
- **Informational Items:** Personnel Committee Meeting, June 20, 2024, 4:30 p.m.; Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, June 20, 2024, 4:45 p.m.; and 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:**

- Employed two certificated/licensed instructors for the 2024-2025 school year: Anthony Schulmeister, Information Technology Instructor and Shawn Wilson, Welding Instructor.
- Accepted two resignations: Joshua Cramer, effective May 10, 2024, and Brian McCombs, effective June 4, 2024.
- Approved the course/program/position/personnel list per the Maplewood Career Center Education Association Negotiated Agreement.
- Re-employed administrators: Joseph Hinton, Cafeteria Supervisor, Michael Lenzo, Supervisor of Business Affairs, and Rachel Simone, Supervisor.
- Re-employed certificated/licensed teachers on one-year contracts for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Re-employed certificated/licensed tutors on one-year contracts for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Granted certificated/licensed teachers' supplemental contracts for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Re-employed certificated/licensed substitute teachers for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Re-employed classified substitutes for the 2024-2025 contract year.
- Re-employed classified personnel on a two-year contract: Jackie Bower, Attendance Secretary, Luke Chilson, Custodian, Theresa Cooper, Adult Education Secretary, Vanessa Jennings, Preschool Program Aid, Sara McMahan, Cafeteria, and Dennis Schaeffer, Custodian.
- Re-employed classified personnel on a continuing contract: Marica Todd, Cafeteria.
- Approved personnel salary notices for the 2024-2025 school/contract year.
- Approved employment of Anita Binegar, Substitute Secretary/Receptionist for the 2024-2025 school year, on an as needed basis.
- Approved seasonal employment of Dakota Bishop, Seasonal Helper – Technology Department, on an as needed basis, for the 2023-2024 contract year.
- Accepted one donation.
- Adopted the 2024-2025 Maplewood Preschool Parent Handbook.
- Approved the student program fees for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Reviewed Courses of Study for: Criminal Justice, Mechanical, Groundskeeping and Construction, and Robotics and Computer Technology.
- Approved an overnight fieldtrip for three Maplewood Career Center Students and two Instructors to attend SkillsUSA Nationals, in Atlanta, Georgia, June 24 – 28, 2024.

**New Business:**

- Conducted the first reading and review of policies.

**Adjourned: 6:04 p.m.**