

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER
Board Meeting Notes
Regular Meeting
December 18, 2025

Convened: 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Mary Kaley.

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

Roll call: Chelli Yoho was absent.

Acceptance and approval of Board meeting agenda for December 18, 2025, as presented on CivicPlus.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes of the October 16, 2025, policy committee meeting and the November 20, 2025 regular meeting, as presented.

The following visitor was received: Miss Hakin.

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

Board President, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- Mrs. Kaley said that it has been a pleasure to be the Board President this year. This Board is the best she has ever worked with, one of the reasons being that this Board wants to make everything better for students. Mrs. Kaley complimented both Mr. Griffith and Mrs. Seckman on the jobs they do as superintendent and treasurer.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- Governor Mike DeWine signed House Bill (HB) 434. It makes corrections to the transportation and main operating budgets. It included an emergency clause, so it became effective immediately upon signature.
- Governor Mike DeWine vetoed Senate Bill (SB) 50. He refused to change the law to allow 14- and 15-year olds to work until 9:00 p.m. on a school night. The legislature has until December 31, 2026, to vote to override his veto.
- The following were delivered to Governor DeWine on December 9, 2025:
 - House Bill (HB) 10 would require public school boards of education and the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce to adopt policies prohibiting the purchase of “cultivated-protein food” products or food “misbranded as a meat or egg product.”
 - House Bill (HB) 114 would alter the age requirements for kindergarten admission and hold harmless students affected by a scoring error on the biology end-of-course assessment during the 2024-2025 school year.
 - House Bill (HB) 124 would modify the process for property tax sales-assessment ratio studies.
 - House Bill (HB) 129 would include certain property tax levies in the calculation of a school district's effective millage floor.
 - House Bill (HB) 184 makes corrections to previous capital and main operating budgets.
 - House Bill (HB) 186 would cap tax growth for districts on the 20-mill floor to inflation through a retroactive tax credit and provide funds to reimburse school districts for some losses in 2026 and 2027.
 - House Bill (HB) 309 would allow county budget commissions to reduce millage on certain voter-approved tax levies, excluding debt levies, if they find it necessary or prudent to do so.
 - House Bill (HB) 335 would cap the inflationary growth on all inside millage beginning in tax year 2026.

After delivery, Governor DeWine has ten days (excluding Sundays) to sign, veto, or allow these acts to become law without his signature.

- Both the House and Senate clerks have released their schedules for the first half of 2026. The House will convene committee work the first week of February, with its first session of the year slated for Wednesday, February 18, 2026. The House has 10 confirmed meeting dates before its summer break. The Senate returns earlier, resuming committee work on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, with its first session on Wednesday, January 28, 2026. It has 11 confirmed session dates in total.
- Senate Bill (SB) 330 has recently been introduced. It would allow school districts to count mental health days

as excused absences and to name this the Student Wellness Act.

- Senate Bill (SB) 332 has recently been introduced. It would dissolve academic distress commissions and instead require student support teams for certain low-performing school buildings. The bill would also authorize a law enforcement agency to provide school resource officer services to a chartered nonpublic school.
- Senate Bill (SB) 333 has recently been introduced. It would establish the Statewide Youth Council in the Office of the Governor.
- House Bill (HB) 609 has recently been introduced. It would require a public body to allow for public commentary and testimony before taking formal action on any item.
- House Bill (HB) 610 has recently been introduced. It would dissolve existing academic distress commissions, repeal the law that creates new commissions and declare an emergency.
- House Bill (HB) 623 has recently been introduced. It would require religious dietary food options in school districts, hospitals and correctional facilities and prohibit the misrepresentation of halal foods.
- House Bill (HB) 625 has recently been introduced. It would enact the Student Athlete Mobility (SAM) Act regarding student petitions to participate in team sports at neighboring public schools.

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

- OSBA's *Student Success* article – *Industry partnerships lead to advanced manufacturing pathway*: Bucyrus City Schools was awarded approximately \$700,000 in a career-technical education grant from the State of Ohio. The district collaborated with industry partners and stakeholders to design the *True North Project*. The project included an Advanced Manufacturing Lab and Fabrication Lab and emphasized equipping students with the necessary skills for the workplace. The program is for PreK-12 and designed to help students graduate with confidence, purpose and career-aligned skills.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Mr. Griffith reviewed the Day School Report: The Senior Awards Ceremony will be held at the Kent State University MAC Center on Wednesday, May 27, 2026; and November Students of the Month are Senior, Logan Hysell, Electricity, Ravenna High School, and Junior, Sophia Smith, Cosmetology-W, Rootstown High School.
- The architects are currently working on plans for the new addition. The plans are preliminary and include site work and additional parking lots. Mr. Griffith displayed the preliminary site plans. The addition will include three classrooms and two labs. Mr. Griffith is working with the architects to ensure the plans will meet the needs of the programs. Preliminary plans for the Welding lab are too small. The plans will also need to include a manifold system where storage tanks will be housed on the outside of the building and gasses will be piped in. Soil testing will also need to occur because Maplewood was originally built on land that included wetlands. Additional parking areas displayed on the plans may not be possible because of the wetness of the soil in those areas.
- The Helping Hand raised \$5,400 this year. 30 students/families were given \$180 gift cards. The money raised is from staff contributions. The Helping Hand was originally started by Nancy McGee. Mr. Griffith thanked the entire Maplewood staff and associations for their generosity.
- Thirty-Two of last year's Cosmetology Students took the State Board test. All thirty-two passed the performance portion on their first attempt. Twenty-nine of those students passed the theory portion on their first attempt. The other three passed the theory portion on their second attempt. All of the students passed their State Boards and are licensed.

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 November, 2025.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of November, 2025.
- The investments were ratified for the month of November, 2025 and total investment earnings for the 2025 calendar year.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of November, 2025.

- Informational Items: Approved Fiscal Year 2025 Financial Statements and Compliance Audit; Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed Alternative Tax Budget; Pepple and Waggoner's 2026 School Negotiations Workshop, Holiday Inn Cleveland South, Independence, January 22, 2026; COSSBA, Consortium of State School Boards Associations, National Conference, Louisville, Kentucky, March 13-15, 2026.

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

- Authorized and directed the Board President and the Treasurer to give written notice of contract expiration to the following administrators: Michael Lenzo, Director of Business Affairs and Erin Zablony, Supervisor.
- Employed Santana Ortiz, Graphic Communications Instructor, for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.
- Accepted the resignations of the following individuals; Jean Beko, Aspire Receptionist, effective December 9, 2025, Deborah Rutan, Treasurer's Assistant, effective January 31, 2026, and Nancy Woodruff, Dental Assisting Instructor, effective June 30, 2026.
- Approved job classification transfers for Jennifer Mejia, from Bus Driver/Custodian to Secretary Class III, and CJ Nalepa Devine, from Secretary to the Superintendent, to Treasurer's Assistant.
- Approved Renee Bell, licensed staff, to be moved on the salary schedule for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Employed Selena Tate, Secretary Class III, for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.
- Approved employing part-time Aspire personnel, Tara West, as Aspire Receptionist.
- Approved application of the State Revenue Grant.

New Business:

- Appointed Mary Kaley, Board President, to serve as president pro tem for the Organizational Meeting on Thursday, January 15, 2026.
- Adopted the proclamation to name January 2026 as "School Board Recognition Month".
- Conducted first reading and review of policy 2460 - Special Education and the accompanying resolution.
- Adopted a plan to make up school hours under R.C. 3313.482.

Unfinished Business:

- Conducted the second reading and adoption of policies.
- Conducted the second reading and adoption of policy 1415 – Severance Pay.

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. **(5:35 p.m. – 6:06 p.m.)**

Adjourned: 6:06 p.m.