

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER
Board Meeting Notes
Regular Meeting February 19, 2026

Convened: 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Roll call: Chelli Yoho and Mandy Minnick were absent.

Featured Program: Superintendent, Mr. Randy Griffith, reviewed Mrs. Alexis Rutledge's history, qualifications, and comments. Mr. Griffith escorted the Board to the Medical Assisting lab where he introduced Mrs. Rutledge. Mrs. Rutledge and three of her students, Alexa Christopher, Isabelle McKenna and Mya Larupe-Jones, gave a presentation highlighting the Medical Assisting program.

The meeting recessed at 5:02 p.m. and reconvened at 5:11 p.m.

Acceptance and approval of Board meeting agenda for February 19, 2026 as presented on CivicPlus.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes of the January 15, 2026, organizational meeting, and the January 15, 2026, regular meeting, as presented.

The following visitor was received: Ms. Heather Maloney.

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

Board President, Roger Boltz, had nothing to report.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- Governor, Mike DeWine, and the Senate Finance Chair, Jerry Cirino, and the House Finance Chair, Brian Stewart, confirmed this week that the biennial capital budget process is officially underway. Administrative agencies are working to prepare their requests for the legislature, including the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission, which allocates state funding for public school district facilities projects. In addition to funding projects for state agencies, the legislature can advance bond-eligible projects the public desires in their communities. The House and Senate have agreed on a March 12th deadline to accept capital budget applications. Both chambers have expressed their intent to pass the capital budget before June.
- The Senate Education Committee heard sponsor testimony on a series of bills:
 - Senate Bill (SB) 310 would require public schools to include fetal development information in any instruction that addresses human growth, development or sexuality.
 - Senate Bill (SB) 326 would require school districts to offer, and students to complete, at least one high school computer science course.
 - Senate Bill (SB) 318 would authorize a law enforcement agency to provide school resource officer services to a chartered nonpublic school.
 - Senate Bill (SB) 311 would make changes to the law regarding the operation of public and chartered nonpublic schools.
 - Senate Bill (SB) 328 would create the Education and Workforce Return on Investment Initiative, a middle school career exploration course requirement with student academic and career plans.
- The Senate Finance Committee held its first hearing on Senate Bill (SB) 13. This bill 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 program.
- The Senate Finance Committee held its second hearing on Senate Bill (SB) 120. This bill would establish the Urban

Farmer Youth Initiative Pilot Program, codify certain property tax requirements for agricultural land, and make an appropriation.

- The House Ways and Means Committee held its first hearing on House Bill (HB) 420. This bill would disallow and eliminate continuing levies by 2030. This is the first of three bills in the “Taxpayers Freedom Trilogy,” named “Act One: Discontinuing the Continuum.”
- The Senate Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety Committee heard sponsor testimony on House Bill (HB) 3, the “School Bus Safety Act.” It would create a School Bus Safety Grant Fund at ODEW to assist districts with the cost of installing safety features on new and existing school buses and increase the penalties for illegally passing a school bus.

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

- An occupational therapist at Huntington Elementary School in Brunswick started a shoe-tying Hall of Fame. Shoe tying is a skill that has somewhat disappeared. Students are wearing crocs and slip ons and they’re not knowing how to tie their shoes. Shoe tying helps students to develop motor skills in dexterity and memory skills that will transfer into the classroom. It also enhances student independence and confidence.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Mr. Griffith thanked Ms. Kelly Rich for coming to visit Maplewood’s programs and eating lunch in the Mapleleaf. The visit was from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It was a great visit.
- The construction plans are coming along. Most of the new facilities are designed. There will be some modifications along the way. Site surveys are being completed to ensure that we do not hit underground drainage, technology wiring, utilities, etc. The existing welding lab will be upgraded in unison with the new welding lab. Storage, welders, bottle storage, booths, and welding curtains will all be upgraded. The delivery system in the current welding lab will also be upgraded. Parking areas will be added. Plans for additional parking are in the beginning phase.
- Maplewood has been involved with TriMark since 2024. To date, they have not been able to fix frost issues in the freezers they supplied. Payment has been withheld. Mr. Griffith offered to pay them off if they remove the freezers and subtract the cost of the freezers from the pay-out. TriMark offered to discount the freezers. Paying for freezers that do not work is not an option. Mr. Griffith is consulting with legal counsel regarding options.
- Mr. Griffith reviewed the Day School Report: The second nine weeks perfect attendance drawing was held January 22, 2026, with 81 students being recognized; Parent/Teacher conferences were held on February 4, 2026, with 10.27% of parents attending; Upcoming important dates are the end of the third nine weeks grading period on March 20, 2026, Spring break from March 30 – April 2, 2026, and ACT/SAT Junior testing dates; December Students of the Month are Junior, Patton Jester, Robotics & Computer Technology, Windham, and Senior Jonah Menough, Robotics & Computer Technology, Garfield; and January Students of the Month are Junior Linda Woods, Cosmetology West, Ravenna, and Senior Kamryn Lynn, Dental Assisting, Waterloo.
- Mr. Griffith reviewed the remainder of the Board Packet: Honor Roll – 2nd Quarter, 1st Semester; Maplewood Career Center 2026-2027 Calendar; and Board of Education 2026 Standing Committees.

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, 2026.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of January, 2026.
- The investments were ratified for the month of January, 2026 and calendar year 2026.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of January, 2026.
- Approved Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources and Amended Appropriations for FY2026.
- Approved Forecast & Assumptions for FY2026.
- Approved the Rates and Amounts Resolution for FY2027.
- Informational Items: FY2025 Financial Audit; Approved Christmas in the Woods 2025 Financial Report; COSSBA, Consortium of State School Boards Associations, National Conference, Louisville, Kentucky, March 12-15, 2026. OSBA Northeast Region Spring Conference, Polaris Career Center, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, March 25, 2026, or Choffin Career & Technical Center in Youngstown, Ohio, March 30, 2026; OSBA Board Leadership Institute 2026,

Hilton-Polaris, Columbus, Ohio, May 8-9; ACTE 2026 All Ohio Conference, Hilton-Easton, Columbus, Ohio, July 20-22, 2026.

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

- Employed Rachel Raatz, Attendance Secretary, for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.
- Approved employment of Kristi Forshey, Dental Assisting Instructor, for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approved employment of Trevor Walko, Mathematics Instructor, for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Accepted the resignation of Emma Sandy, Attendance Secretary, effective February 4, 2026.
- Accepted the resignation of Robert Bird, Robotics & Computer Technology Instructor, effective February 17, 2026.
- Approved employment of Kory Urban, Robotics & Computer Technology Instructor, for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.
- Adopted the 2026-2027 school year calendar.

New Business:

- Authorized the Superintendent to approve a contract with Infinity Construction, as Construction Manager at Risk, for the Maplewood Career Center 2026 Capital Improvement Program.
- Authorized the Superintendent to approve a contract with NEONET for Cat2 Internal Connections Equipment Service Order.

Executive Session: Employment or appointment of public employees, matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes, safety, and security. (5:36 p.m. – 6:14 p.m.)

Adjourned: 6:14 p.m.