

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER

Board Meeting Notes

Regular Meeting

October 15, 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 followed by a moment of silence.

Roll call: Heather Hakin, Jay Kelsey, Mike Wisniewski and Chelli Yoho were absent.

Featured Program: Superintendent, Mr. Randy Griffith, reviewed Ms. Meredith Hoover's history, qualifications, and comments. Mr. Griffith escorted the Board down to the Animal Science Lab where he introduced Ms. Hoover. Ms. Hoover, along with students Mariella Sandy, Morgan Vales, and Chloe Wallace, gave a presentation highlighting the Animal Science program.

Acceptance and approval of the Board meeting agenda for October 15, 2026, as presented on CivicPlus.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes for the September 17, 2026, regular meeting as presented.

No visitors were present.

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

Board President, Roger Boltz, reported on the following:

- Mr. Boltz thanked Mrs. Bonnie Lovejoy for running the Board meeting in September.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- House Bill (HB) 186 has caused reimbursement anomalies across the state. House Bill (HB) 186 became effective March 20, 2026. The bill caps, through a tax credit, property tax growth on voted levies to inflation for school districts at the 20 mill floor or JVSDs at the 2 mill floor. The state was to reimburse school districts for credits given relating to tax years 2023 and 2024 in counties that had reappraisals or updates (districts that went through reappraisal or update in tax year 2025 are not impacted by the reimbursement provision). However, instead of simply matching the district's reimbursements to the tax credit payments made, the law required separate calculation formulas. These calculations yielded differing results. A preliminary analysis indicates the net result statewide was nearly \$39 million in overpayments to 296 districts and \$15 million in underpayments to 73 districts. The legislature is actively working on a fix for the underpaid districts. For districts that were overpaid, they should not assume they will keep any part of the overpayment.
- A grassroots coalition of state school board associations across the country – including the Ohio School Boards Association – have launched the 40 by 40 campaign. At this year's Consortium of State School Board Associations (COSSBA) Federal Advocacy Conference in Washington D.C., the coalition shared the purpose of this campaign is to mobilize school districts across the country and other national educational partners to demand that Congress finally meet its decades-old commitment to fund 40% of the cost to educate students in need of special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). That promise made in 1975 has been unmet ever since, as federal IDEA funding today sits at just 10%. "40 by 40" asks Congress to fulfill its 40% federal funding promise by the year 2040. In the coming months, members will see a 40 by 40 website complete with marketing materials, media toolkits, sample board resolutions, and template letters to write members of Congress about the consequences underfunding IDEA has had on district's budgets and, more importantly, students.
- The Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) proposal to potentially terminate or significantly limit the E-Rate program publication comment period ended October 13, 2026.

- House Bill (HB) 998 was recently introduced. It would make an appropriation to reimburse county auditors for recent property tax changes.
- House Bill (HB) 999 was recently introduced. It would prohibit property tax exemptions for data centers.
- House Bill (HB) 1000 was recently introduced. It would regulate the dissemination of deceptive synthetic media with the intent to affect the results of an election for office.
- House Bill (HB) 1001 was recently introduced. This “Private Property Protection Act” would disallow property taxes from being a lien on property. It would instead require them to be the personal liability of the property owner and require county treasurers to abate delinquent taxes on property owned by senior citizens or certain disabled veterans.
- House Joint Resolution (HJR) 10 was recently introduced. It would enact Section 2b of Article XII of the Constitution of the state of Ohio to partially exempt the increased value of owner-occupied residences from taxation.
- House Bill (HB) 1009 was recently introduced. This “Stop Flock Abuse Act” would regulate the use of automated license plate recognition systems and mass surveillance technology.
- House Bill (HB) 1010 was recently introduced. This “Ohio Freedom from Mass Surveillance Act” would regulate the use of automated license plate recognition systems and mass surveillance technology.
- House Bill (HB) 1011 was recently introduced. This “1984 No More Act” would limit the use of automated license plate recognition systems and mass surveillance technology for one year and abolish the General Assembly limitations governing such systems and technology at that time.
- Senate Bill (SB) 469 was recently introduced. It would regulate the use of automated license plate recognition systems, mass surveillance technology, and captured surveillance data.

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

- OSBA’s *Student Success* research brief – *From programs to systems: Rethinking college and career readiness*: A 2026 study conducted by Hanover Research examines what it calls the “Return on Impact” of college and career readiness infrastructure, looking beyond traditional financial return to consider student readiness, staff capacity, family economic empowerment and districtwide capability. The study used information from a national survey of 357 K-12 educators and district leaders who use Xello (a software that assists students with identifying career pathways and postsecondary options), qualitative interviews with K-12 practitioners, and Xello platform engagement data from the 2025-2026 school year. The definition of student success has expanded beyond graduation. It goes beyond the financial. How do students feel about their outcomes, their successes, their jobs? Have they developed a clear plan? Have they had meaningful career exploration and made knowledgeable informed decisions? School districts are being asked to demonstrate stronger postsecondary outcomes while navigating staffing constraints, accountability requirements, evolving workforce expectations, and rising demands for data-driven decision-making. Districts face the common challenge of delivering readiness consistently across schools, grade levels, and student populations. The study findings suggest that districts reporting the strongest outcomes approach college and career readiness as a coordinated system rather than a collection of activities.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Mr. Griffith reviewed the Day School Report: Animal Science Student Roster; Parent/Teacher Conferences were held October 7, 2026, with 17.18% of parents attending; and September Students of the Month Senior, Michael Griffith, Hospitality Service Careers, Waterloo, and Junior, Jameson Patrick, Mechanical, Groundskeeping and Construction, Crestwood.
- Enbridge agreed to put new springs in the gas system so that we have seven pounds of gas pressure. That work is done. This should be sufficient to keep the schools warm until Enbridge will return after twelve weeks to complete the final setting. At that point, the gas line will have approximately ten pounds of pressure.
- Infinity Construction is currently installing curbs in the new parking areas. Asphalt will begin in the near future, hopefully before early November. The architects’ design left a space between the existing staff parking lot and the new parking lot towards the woods. Water mitigation was designed to run the water from the front parking

lot to the new parking lot and into the ditch and tree line area. They designed a break between the two parking lots that they planned to fill with dirt and grass. This design would have created a situation that would have been difficult to mow and maintain. Additionally, they had only one crosswalk from the lower parking lot area to the existing parking lot. At the last meeting, Mr. Griffith informed the architects that he wanted two areas with steps to go up into the existing parking lot from the lower lot. This will give visitors easier and safer access to the building. He also informed the architects that he wanted #1 and #2 stone instead of dirt and grass in the place between the lots to reduce maintenance. Overall, the construction is going fairly well, but we still have a long way to go.

- The school year has been going smoothly. There have not been a lot of discipline problems.

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 September, 2026.
- The checks/expenditures were approved for the month of September, 2026.
- The investments were ratified for the month of September, 2026.
- The bank reconciliation was ratified for the month of September, 2026.
- Approved transfers/advances for the month of October, 2026.
- **Informational Items:** Fiscal Year 2026 Financial Statements and FY2026 Compliance Audit; OSBA Capital Conference, Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, Ohio, November 15-17, 2026; COSSBA, Consortium of State School Boards Associations, National Conference, Hilton Anatole, Dallas, TX, March 11-14, 2027; Board Pay for Attendance at Approved Training Programs for Calendar Year 2026.

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

- Approved the employment and contract for CJ Nalepa Devine and Selena Tate as the Christmas in the Woods Co-Coordinator.
- Employed security personnel for Christmas in the Woods, November 6-November 7, 2026.
- Approved the grant application: Federal Revenue: E-Grant for Ohio SchoolNet.
- Accepted two donations.
- Commended staff who worked the Ravenna Balloon-A-Fair booth on September 26, 2026.
- Approved a contract extension with NEONET for Managed Internal Broadband Services (MIBS).
- Approved Change Order #001 to the Maplewood Career Center 2026 Capital Improvement Project with Infinity Construction.

Executive Session: Discuss employment or appointment of public employees, matters required to be kept confidential by federal law. (6:01 p.m. – 6:26 p.m.)

Adjourned: 6:27 p.m.