

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER
Board Meeting Notes
Regular Meeting
August 16, 2018

Convened: 7:04 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Brian Violi.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Vice President, Jay Kelsey.

Moment of silence.

Roll call: All board members were present.

Acceptance and approval of Board meeting agenda for August 16, 2018, as presented on BoardPaq.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes for the July 19, 2018, regular meeting as presented.

The following visitors were received:

Michael Lenzo, Supervisor of Business Affairs

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

Board President, Brian Violi, had nothing to report.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- Governor John Kasich signed into law House Bill (HB) 87. It will require the Ohio Department of Education to credit funds returned to the state because of an audit of community school enrollment records to the school district from which the funds were originally deducted. Through amendments, it also moved the deadline for the submission of the five-year forecast from October 31st to November 30th, authorized the superintendent or school Board President to sign employment related documents affecting the treasurer or the treasurer's family, and permits a Board of Education to propose a substitute levy at an election in February, May, or November in the year after a replaced emergency levy is imposed.
- Governor John Kasich signed into law House Bill (HB) 318. It addresses the qualifications and duties of school resource officers (SROs). It also requires districts to implement positive behavioral interventions and supports (PBIS) frameworks or social and emotional learning initiatives in any buildings serving any of grades kindergarten through three. Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year, the new law also prohibits out-of-school suspensions and expulsions in grades K-3, except for offenses that threaten the health and safety of others. In the meantime, districts are required to reduce out-of-school suspensions and expulsions that result from minor offenses. A \$2 million appropriation is included for training staff in PBIS and an additional \$12 million for competitive grants will be available for fiscal year 2019. The latter funds are earmarked for training for SROs, school safety initiatives and increasing the awareness of staff about mental health issues affecting students.
- Governor John Kasich signed into law Senate Bill (SB) 216. It is titled the Public School Deregulation Act and addresses a variety of issues ranging from the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System to teacher licensure. Changes were made to the bill prior to it leaving the House of concurrence in the Senate. The House Education and Career Readiness Committee removed a provision that would have required students participating in the College Credit Plus program to pay 50% of the cost of textbooks for their college courses if their family income is more than twice the federal poverty level. The House floor removed a provision that would have excluded excused absences from the number of absences triggering a notice to parents. As a result, there is no change from this requirement enacted in the last General Assembly through HB 410.
- Governor John Kasich signed into law House Bill (HB) 312. It addresses the use of credit cards by school districts, among other entities, and establishes a prohibition on the use of debit cards except for the receipt of grant money. Each Board of Education must adopt a policy regarding the use of the credit card, which must occur either prior to opening an account or, for districts that already have an account, within three months of the bill's effective date. Among other items, the policy must identify the positions authorized to use the card, the permitted

types of expenses and the credit card account's maximum credit limit or limits. The new law recognizes two scenarios for using the card. The first is the situation where the treasurer/CFO retains physical possession of the card users check the card out for use. After a purchase, the card is then returned with an itemized receipt. In the second scenario, credit cards can be issued to employees, but the Board must then appoint a compliance officer who cannot be the treasurer/CFO. At least once every six months, the compliance officer must review the number of both active and inactive cards issued, the cards' expiration dates and the cards' credit limits. The failure of a credit card user to provide itemized receipts will make that user responsible for reimbursing the district the amount charged on the card. In addition, the treasurer/CFO, or designee, must file annually with the Board of Education a report detailing all rewards received based on the use of the credit card account.

Student Achievement Liaison, Chelli Yoho, reported on the following:

- OSBA's *Student Success* student achievement in depth – *Study considers the effect of summer slide:* Researchers tracked the achievement of students in more than 500 schools that participated in the MAP Growth test in reading and math. Over the summer, students lost from one third to one half what was learned. The losses did not seem to be driven by student race or income level.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Mr. Griffith spoke to the Board about the elimination of alternative pathways for graduation. These pathways were available to the Class of 2018 and will not be available to future classes. The elimination of the alternative pathways is expected to decrease graduation rates by 30 percent. Career Technical Education students take a 900 hour course in their chosen field, yet receive no points towards graduation. Well-paying jobs are available to these career technical students. These students' skills are in high demand. Also, students who are just not as academically inclined will not be able to receive a high school diploma. Mr. Griffith stated that this is crisis for all Ohio school districts. People will not want to move their families into a state that has such low graduation rates. Mr. Griffith encouraged the Board members to pass resolutions at their home schools requesting the legislature to re-instate the alternative pathways. He said everyone in the educational community has to get involved. Superintendents, the Educational Service Centers, and State Associations need to get involved. Parents need to be informed. Details regarding the pathways that are being eliminated are available on the Ohio Department of Education website. Board members requested Mr. Griffith help them draft the resolutions.
- The Board packet included the following: two *Record-Courier* articles, "*James A. Garfield graduate electrifies at national competition*", and "*Travis Synnestvedt is new Eagle Scout*".

Supervisor of Business Affairs, Mr. Lenzo reported on the following:

- The asphalt has been seal coated and lined. This process helps to protect the asphalt and looks great also.
- The two large conference rooms and cafeteria have been re-carpeted. They look more modern and contemporary.
- 37 floor areas in the labs have been resurfaced with an epoxy/resin flooring compound. This product is very durable. It will improve the look of the labs and help protect the flooring in these areas. Restrooms, locker areas, offices, and ancillary computer and storage rooms have been resurfaced.
- The new playground for Early Childhood Education looks amazing.
- This is one of the busiest times of the year for the custodial and maintenance staff. The crew is working very hard cleaning and getting the building ready for the return of our students and staff. Each classroom space was emptied, cleaned and then put back together. The staff has had to really be flexible due to all of the carpeting, painting and floor resurfacing. They have had to go above and beyond with stopping in the middle of something, and then responding to the needs of the contractors. Mr. Lenzo thanked them for all of their efforts and assistance.

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 July, 2018.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of July, 2018.
- The investments were ratified for the month of July, 2018.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of July, 2018.
- Approved the Change & Petty Cash Funds for FY2019.

- Approved the “Set-A-Sides” for FY2019.
- Accepted the Restricted Indirect Cost Rate Agreement for FY2019

Informational Items: Fiscal Year 2018 GAAP Conversion; OSBA School Security and Safety Solutions Summit, Wednesday, September 12, 2018, Columbus; Pepple & Waggoner School Law Update Seminars, Thursday, September 20, 2018, Glenmoor Country Club in Canton and Thursday, October 11, 2018, Double Tree by Hilton in Independence; OSBA Northeast Region Fall Conference, Wednesday, October 3, 2018, Galaxy Restaurant and Banquet Center, Wadsworth; OSBA Capital Conference, November 11-13, 2018, Columbus Convention Center

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

- Accepted the resignation of Douglas Starkey, Bus Driver/Custodian, effective August 15, 2018.
- Approved a revised salary notice and grant supplemental contracts for the following certificated/licensed personnel for the 2018-2019 school year: Ryan Buckles.
- Employed one ASPIRE instructor
- Employed two certificated/licensed teachers on a one-year limited teaching contract, granted supplemental contracts and issued a salary notice for the 2018-2019 school year: Charles Peterson and Kory Urban.
- Employed the following classified personnel on a one-year limited classified contract and issue a salary notice for the 2018-2019 school year: Jennifer Mejia – Cafeteria personnel
- Employed one certified/licensed substitute for the 2018-2019: Kenneth Clark
- Approved FY2019 grant applications: Perkins Career/Tech Education; ASPIRE Instructional; REAP; FY2019 Ohio K-12 Network Application
- Adopted the 2018-2019 Teacher Handbook.

New Business:

- Approved a resolution to join the National Purchasing Cooperative.

Adjourned: 8:04 p.m.