

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER
Board Meeting Notes
Regular Meeting
February 15, 2018

Convened: 7:02 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: Chelli Yoho was absent.

Featured Program: Dental Assisting

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, escorted the Board to the Dental Assisting lab where he introduced instructor, Mrs. Nancy Woodruff. Mrs. Woodruff and two of her students, Payton Ambrose and Kaitlyn Wetshtein, gave a presentation highlighting the Dental Assisting program.

Acceptance and approval of Board meeting agenda for February 15, 2018, as presented on BoardPaq.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes for January 11, 2018, organizational and regular meetings as presented.

No visitors were received.

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:

- The House Education and Career Readiness Committee heard proponent testimony on HB 438. HB 438 deals with the composition of Educational Service Centers and Local School Districts.
- The House Education and Career Readiness Committee heard proponent testimony on HB 428. HB 428 is titled the Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2018 and deals with student religious expression in public schools. Mrs. Kaley later spoke about West Branch Schools' long tradition of having prayer before athletic events being challenged by the Freedom from Religion Foundation, a non-profit organization based in Wisconsin. She said the West Branch Schools' administration was working on a compromise to allow the tradition to continue.
- The House Education and Career Readiness Committee conducted its third hearing on HB 377. HB 377 requires age-appropriate instruction in child sexual abuse and sexual violence prevention and in-service staff training in child sexual abuse prevention.
- The House Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee passed HB 58. HB 58 requires the State Board of Education to adopt a model curriculum for cursive handwriting instruction for students in grades kindergarten through five. OSBA previously opposed this bill but due to the elimination of the requirement for school districts to provide cursive handwriting instruction to students in grades kindergarten through five, no longer does.
- The House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee passed HB 87. HB 87 requires funds that are returned to the state because of a community school enrollment audit to be credited back to certain public school districts.
- Mr. Brian Violi spoke of recently introduced legislation, HB 512, which would combine the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio Department of Higher Education, and the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation under a new cabinet level agency, the Ohio Department of Learning and Achievement. The new agency would be headed by a cabinet level director appointed by the governor.

Student Achievement Liaison: Mrs. Yoho was not present to report.

- Mr. Brian Violi said he found the OSBA's *Student Success* student achievement in depth –*Study: How do emotions affect learning?* interesting. The study findings showed that watching something aimed at inducing feelings of sadness yielded better comprehension than watching something intended to make viewers happy.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- The plans for the interior modeling project have not been completed. Work is being done; however, the project may be delayed until the summer of 2019.
- Mogadore 6th graders and their parents will visit Maplewood on February 28, 2018 or March 1, 2018. There will be approximated 80 guests. They will have hands-on experience in three labs and tour the entire facility. Their visit will culminate with lunch in the MapleLeaf Restaurant.
- All of Maplewood's associate school Superintendents will visit on March 20, 2018. Each Superintendent will spend 40 minutes in a program working with students from their district. They will then be served lunch in the MapleLeaf Restaurant along with other Portage County Superintendents in conjunction with a meeting.
- The Board packet included the following: two *Record-Courier* articles, "Maplewood students earn distinguished welding certification status" and "Fortis' Ravenna campus to close by end of 2018"; Maplewood Board of Education 2018 Standing Committees; and Honor Roll Lists.
- Mr. Griffith reviewed the Day School report: Maplewood's Dental Assisting Instructor, Mrs. Nancy Woodruff, history and comments; 96 students recognized at the second nine weeks perfect attendance breakfast; important upcoming dates – SkillsUSA Regional Competition on March 3, 2018, FCCLA Regional Early Childhood Education Competition on March 10, 2018, DECA State Competition on March 9-10, 2018, and SkillsUSA State Competition on April 24-25, 2018; and January Students of the Month, Junior Hohan Jones, Rootstown, Power Equipment Mechanics and Senior Kendall Stewart, Streetsboro, Marketing Management.

Supervisor of Business Affairs: Mr. Lenzo was not present to report. Mr. Griffith gave Mr. Lenzo's report:

- Maplewood has purchased a new flatbed Ford 450 truck. The old truck was traded in. It was ten years old and had been needing repairs to keep it going. The new truck will be used to pick up orders and for trips back and forth from the warehouse. It has a 12 foot bed and a lift gate.
- The older freezer in the cafeteria went down. A new compressor/condenser unit was installed and it is back up and running again.
- Discussion has been taking place on ways to refresh the hallway walls and main office area. A Request for Qualifications for a design professional was published at the end of January. Mr. Lenzo and Mr. Griffith have met with the designer and are trying to formalize an approach on how to move forward.
- On the agenda for approval is an item which would allow Maplewood to enter into an agreement to put four older pieces of machinery from the Applied Engineering and Machining lab up for sale through an online auction. The four lathes should bring higher bids from an online auction than they would at Maplewood's annual auction. The machines are also very heavy and there will be a cost savings by selling them directly out of the lab and not needing to hire a rigging company to move them.

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, 2018.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of January, 2018.
- The investments were ratified for the month of January, 2018.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of January, 2018.
- Rates and Amounts Resolution for FY2019.
- Approved Amended Certificates of Estimated Resources FY2018 and Amended Appropriations FY2018.
- Approved the Restricted Indirect Cost Rate Agreement for FY2018 at the Ohio Department of Education approved rate of 8.27%.
- Approved the Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan Resolution.
- Informational Items: OSBA & ESC of Cuyahoga County 2017-2018 Leadership Academy, Independence, Thursday, March 8, 2018; OSBA Northeast Region Spring Conference, Trumbull Career & Technical Center, Warren, Thursday, March 22, 2018; NSBA Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas, April 6-9, 2018; OSBA Board Leadership Institute, Hilton Columbus/Polaris, April 27-28, 2018; 2018 Ohio ACTE Connections to Education Conference, Hilton Easton, July 23-25, 2018.

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

- Approved "unpaid leave" for Deborah Stoffer beginning February 20, 2018 through the end of the 2017-2018 school year in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 3310.13.
- Employed seven certificated/licensed substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year: Nancy Butcher, Danielle Hier, Brianne Lantz, Ashley Londrico, Kenneth Mattern, Grace Murray, and Barbara Yerian.
- Employed a classified substitute for the remainder of the 2017-2018 contract year: Barbara Sizemore.
- Accepted two donations.

- Approved the *Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology Service Provider Contract for Internet Service*.
- Approved the "College Credit Plus Master Agreement" with Kent State University.
- Adopted the 2018-2019 school year calendar.
- Approved an overnight field trip of DECA students and advisor to attend competition in Columbus, Ohio, on March 9-10, 2018.

New Business

- Approved a contract with Bus Movers LLC for the purpose of selling four (4) lathes through an online auction.

Executive Session: (7:58 p.m. to 8:59 p.m.)

Adjourned: 8:59 p.m.