

**MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER**  
**Board Meeting Notes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**January 11, 2018**

**Convened: 7:42 p.m.**

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

**Roll call: Patricia Brett was absent.**

**Acceptance and approval of Board meeting agenda for January 11, 2018.**

**Acceptance and approval of the minutes for December 21, 2017 regular meeting as presented.**

**The following visitors were received:**

No visitors were present.

Present: Randy Griffith, Superintendent; Michelle Seckman, Treasurer

**Board President, Brian Violi, reported on the following:**

- Mr. Violi thanked his fellow Board members for giving him the opportunity to serve as the president of the Maplewood Career Center School District Board of Education for the 2018 calendar year. He said he would do his best.

**Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:**

- Mr. Griffith welcomed back Mr. Roger Boltz, Mrs. Bonnie Lovejoy and Mrs. Chelli Yoho for another term on the Maplewood Career Center Board of Education.
- Mr. Griffith congratulated Brian Violi and Jay Kelsey on their appointments as the 2018 Board President and the 2018 Board Vice President.
- Mr. Griffith thanked Mrs. Bonnie Lovejoy and Mr. Brian Violi for their service as the 2017 Board President and the 2017 Board Vice President and for their support of Maplewood Career Center.
- Mr. Griffith reported that Maplewood hosted the Portage County Leadership group earlier in the day. He said that he spoke in the morning. Also speaking were Mr. Bob Dunn from Southeast and Mrs. Jill Rowe from Crestwood. Mr. Griffith spoke to the group about Maplewood's efforts to align student' skills to the needs of the workforce. He mentioned Ben Gibson's 2016 second place finish in SkillsUSA National's in Masonry and Anthony Sacre's 2017 first place finish in SkillsUSA National's in Cabinetry. A gentleman in the group said that he had hired Ben Gibson, along with three other Maplewood graduates. He said his employees coming from Maplewood were some of his best employees, often better than more experienced workers.
- January 2018 is School Board Recognition Month. Mr. Griffith thanked the Board members for their service to Maplewood Career Center and their support of the students Maplewood serves. The support of the Board allows the Maplewood staff to provide quality education. Mr. Griffith thanked the Board members on behalf of the staff and students at Maplewood Career Center.
- Mr. Griffith will be meeting with Steve Manka next week. Mr. Manka is a designer and an architect. He has provided sketches and drawings to update some interior portions of the building. Mr. Griffith said that while some of the brick will be kept, areas will be updated and modernized in appearance. Mr. Griffith said he would provide more information to the Board at the February meeting.
- Maplewood is working with Streetsboro Schools to construct two concession stands and press boxes for their baseball field. The structures will be 9' x 18', two stories, set in a concrete foundation, with steps leading to the press box. Maplewood will pour the foundation and build the structures. Most of the fabrication will be done at Maplewood and transported to the site to be put together.
- PARTA reinstated door to door services at Maplewood on January 9, 2018 and has not attempted to reinstate a fixed bus stop. However, PARTA is still advertising a fixed bus stop at Maplewood Career Center on their website. While PARTA has restored the dial-a-ride services, there is a possibility that PARTA will discontinue services to Maplewood Career Center in the future.
- The Board packet included the following: *Record-Courier* article, "Maplewood voluntary drug test program grows", 180 students are currently participating in the program; and Election of Officers at the Organizational Meeting.
- Discussion took place regarding school closings.

**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 December 2017.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of December 2017.
- The investments were ratified for the month of December 2017.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of December 2017.
- Alternative Tax Budget FY2019.
- Informational items: Group Health Insurance Plans for Board Members, Bylaw 147; OSBA Roster Information; Pepple & Waggoner School Negotiations Workshop, Independence, January 25, 2018; OSBA & ESC of Cuyahoga County 2017-2018 Leadership Academy, Independence, February 6, 2018; OSBA Mastering Your Board Leadership Skills, Rootstown NOMU, February 10, 2018; Pepple & Waggoner Special Education Seminar, Independence, February 21, 2018; NSBA Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas, April 7-9, 2018; OSBA Board Leadership Institute, Hilton Columbus/Polaris, April 27-28, 2018

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

**Other Recommendations:**

- Set the day school tuition at \$6,010.00 for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Recognized the month of February 2018 as "*National Career and Technical Education Month*".
- Recognized the month of February 2018 as "*National African-American History Month*".

**Executive Session** (8:03 p.m. – 8:32 p.m.)  
Employment of Personnel

**Adjourned: 8:32p.m.**