

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

Convened: 7:03 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 and was followed by a moment of silence.

Roll call: Dianne Whittlesey was absent.

Featured Program: Graphic Communications

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

Acceptance and approval of the minutes for February 15, 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, reported on the following:

- Mr. Violi congratulated Michelle Seckman and the Treasurer's department on another clean audit.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- The House of Representatives passed House Bill (HB) 87 by a vote of 94-2. The bill requires funds that are returned to the state due to a community school enrollment audit to be credited back to the applicable school districts.
- The House of Representatives passed House Bill (HB) 438 by a vote of 96-0. It deals with the composition of educational service centers (ESC's) and local school districts.
- The House of Representatives passed House Bill (HB) 529 by a vote of 92-3. It makes capital appropriations and re-appropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2020.
- The House Higher Education and Workforce Readiness Committee adopted a substitute version of House Bill (HB) 166. It pertains to financial assistance programs for students at Ohio technical centers and qualifies such centers for certain state funds.
- The Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee adopted a substitute version of House Bill (HB) 312. It deals with the use of credit cards and debit cards by school districts and other public entities.
- Patricia Brett asked Mr. Griffith about his views on House Bill (HB) 512. She said that State Board of Education member, Sarah Fowler, had recently attended a James A. Garfield Board meeting to present the Momentum award and she spoke about members of vocational education groups being in favor of House Bill (HB) 512. Mr. Griffith said that he had responded to an email from Sarah Fowler stating that he was not a proponent or opponent of House Bill (HB) 512. He also told her that the Ohio Department of Education has not recognized the work of Career & Technical Education students. Career & Technical Education students take a 900 hour course that they receive no credit for towards graduation. There is not a real Career & Technical Education pathway to graduation. He said the hope is that the Ohio Board of Regents or the Ohio Department of Education will recognize Career & Technical Education students by creating a pathway that issues points toward diploma attainment for Career & Technical training. The Ohio Department of Education focuses on academics and school to college pathways. Mr. Griffith said Sarah Fowler thanked him for his detailed email response. Mrs. Kaley said that OSBA, the Buckeye Association of School Administrators and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials oppose the bill, but six Career Technical Center Superintendents gave testimony in support of it.

Student Achievement Liaison:

- OSBA's *Student Success* student achievement in depth – *Study: Digital tools may boost science knowledge*: The research study of 2,303 students showed middle schoolers did better with science lessons when they could learn online, watch videos, play educational games, run virtual experiments, and collaborate with classmates. 71 teachers were given access to interactive online science units designed for the project aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) for grades six, seven and eight. The four units covered 10 to 14 weeks of daily instruction and included *Knowing my Body* (life science), *Caring for Our Planet* (life science), *Our Place in the Universe* (earth and space science); and *Energy: Going Beyond the Sports Drink* (physical science). English language learners in the

control group improved 15% and students with learning disabilities in the control group improved 18%. Students do better with hands on learning and the web-based learning tools are another way to teach science to diverse student populations.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Mr. Griffith and Mr. Lenzo met with Homeland Security on March 6, 2018, to discuss school security. They also consulted with a private organization and inquired about the cost of the company assessing the District's safety procedures. Mr. Griffith plans to meet with the Police Chief and the Fire Chief in the near future to ensure that Maplewood is doing everything possible to keep the students safe. Maplewood currently keeps all doors locked and visitors are buzzed in. The Ravenna Police Department has given Maplewood a tremendous amount of support over the years and it is very much appreciated. Mr. Griffith will look into possibly contracting with the Ravenna Police to provide security during the morning hours, possibly one officer inside and one outside. Discussion took place among the Board members regarding the meetings they have had at their local districts regarding student safety. Mrs. Kaley inquired if any Districts are using Bolo Barricade sticks. None were as of yet.
- On March 14, 2018, some of Maplewood's students participated in the student walk out. Approximately 27 students walked out in protest of gun violence. The students met in the cafeteria. One student spoke briefly and students wrote words of encouragement on a large paper that was provided. The walk out went very well. The students were well behaved and the staff did an excellent job. Everyone was very respectful. Officer Mark Cooper from the Ravenna Police Department came to help with the event.
- 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 the other Portage County Superintendents in conjunction with a meeting. The students really enjoy the visit and feel encouraged by the recognition they receive from their Superintendents. Many of the Superintendents have expressed how much they enjoy the visit also.
- The Board packet included the following: three *Record-Courier* articles, "Around Ravenna", "Would missile base help or jot local economy?", and "Richard D. Viebranz Sr. obituary"; and *OSBA Northeast News* article "2018 Award of Achievement Winners".
- Mr. Griffith reviewed the Day School report: Maplewood's Graphic Communications Instructor's, Mr. Rick Zadai, history and comments; DECCA State Competition – 6 students competed in Columbus on March 9-10, 2018, SkillsUSA State Competition – 27 students are competing in Columbus on April 24-25, 2018, FCCLA State Competition – Columbus on April 26-27, 2018; February Students of the Month, Junior Kaitlyn Wetshtein, Ravenna, Dental Assisting and Senior Payton Ambrose, Mogadore, Dental Assisting; and Maplewood End of Year Events – Dinner with the Teachers on April 4, 2018, Award of Merit Awards Ceremony on April 30, 2018, Option 4 Awards Ceremony on May 3, 2018, Sports Breakfast on May 15, 2018, Field Day on May 18, 2018, Senior Awards on May 29, 2018, and Juniors' last day on June 1, 2018.

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

- Mr. Lenzo said that along with the Ravenna Police Department, members of the Portage County Sherriff's Department often stop in the building.
- Mr. Lenzo and Mr. Griffith met with Tim Del Vecchio about building security and ways to improve it. Tim Del Vecchio works with Ohio Homeland security and is in a partnership with the Ohio Schools Council. He visited the school and walked down to visit the culinary customer service program. He recognized that Career Centers contend with somewhat unique circumstances and interface with the public in different ways than a typical K-12 high school. Mr. Del Vecchio was complementary on how Maplewood operates and will be following up with further conversation to suggest ways to continue to improve the safety for staff and students.
- Mr. Lenzo and Mr. Griffith also had an introductory phone conversation with a private school safety consultant. His name is Ken Trump. Maplewood will not be entering into an agreement with him at this time.
- Maplewood is purchasing a new tow motor for Power Equipment Mechanics. Mr. Lenzo is very excited to bring this new piece of equipment into the building.
- Maplewood has sold the two pieces of equipment from the Applied Engineering and Machining lab through the online auction. They were machining lathes and they brought in \$3,800.00 and \$4,200.00. Mr. Lenzo was pleased with the final price. Selling the machines on the online auction made it so Maplewood did not have to pay a company to come in and move the machines from the lab to the warehouse. This would have cut into the final sale cost of the lathes (\$360 @ 8 hours about \$1,440 to \$2,880).

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 February, 2018.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of February, 2018.
- The investments were ratified for the month of February, 2018.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of February, 2018.
- Approved Amended Appropriations FY2018.
- **Informational Items:** Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018 Audit; 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; Ohio ACTE 2018 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:

- Accepted the resignation of Mikayla Handy, Adult Education Secretary.
- Employed ASPIRE/Adult Education instructor.
- Employed four certified substitutes for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year: Annette M. Carlisle, Charles Rich, Brandi Natko and Brian Kiser.

Other Recommendations

- Review the 2018-2019 Student Handbook. The handbook, as displayed at the meeting, will be recommended for adoption at the April meeting.
- Approved an overnight field trip for SkillsUSA students and advisors to attend the SkillsUSA state competition in Columbus, Ohio, on April 24-25, 2018.
- Approved "*Take Your Child To Work Day*" for Thursday, April 26, 2018.
- Approved the revised 2018-2019 school year calendar.
- Approved the "*College Credit Plus Master Agreement*" with The University of Akron.

New Business

- Approved the advertisement and public auction of Maplewood Career Center property. The auction will be held at the school on May 10, 2018. This action will be conducted by district employees.
- Authorized district use of Walter Haverfield LLP, Attorneys at Law.
- Approved the American Red Cross Shelter Agreement.
- First reading and review of the policies.

Executive Session: Employment of Personnel (8:25 p.m. to 8:54 p.m.)

Adjourned: 8:54 p.m.