

**Mapleton Local School District  
Board of Education Regular Board Meeting**

**Mapleton Middle School Music Room  
March 16, 2015 7:30 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Grundy called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Mapleton Middle School Music Room.

The roll was called: Mr. Donley, Present; Mrs. Ragle, Present; Mr. Walter, Present; Mr. Welch, Present; Mr. Grundy, Present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**A. Students of the Month**

Preschool: Dominic Knighton – Mrs. MacKenzie

Kindergarten: Tommy McEuen – Mrs. MacKenzie

1<sup>st</sup>: Preston Rohr – Mrs. Kerschner

2<sup>nd</sup>: Jay Kettering – Mrs. Kerschner

3<sup>rd</sup>: Brooklyn Schmitz – Mrs. Smith

4<sup>th</sup>: Brycn Cucco – Mrs. Krause

5<sup>th</sup>: Matt Recker – Mrs. Hirst, Mrs. Tibbs, Mrs. Goodwin

6<sup>th</sup>: Luke Chacey – Mr. Ortiz

8<sup>th</sup>: Logan Pharmer – not present

10<sup>th</sup>: Ian Maund – not present

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS**

Mrs. Ragle motioned, seconded by Mr. Donley to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular meeting held on February 9, 2015, and Special Meeting held on February 11, 2015 and in the absence of any corrections approve as written.

**Vote:** Mrs. Ragle, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mr. Walter, Yes; Mr. Welch, Yes; Mr. Grundy, Yes.  
Motion Carried.

**IV. TREASURER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**A. Financial Report** – Mr. Walter motioned, seconded by Mr. Welch to accept the February, 2015 Financial Report as presented.

**Vote:** Mr. Walter, Yes; Mr. Welch, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mrs. Ragle, Yes; Mr. Grundy, Yes.  
Motion Carried.

**B.** The following motion was pulled from the agenda as Mrs. Ragle will no longer be attending. Recommends authorization to make payment from the Board of Education Service Fund for the registration fee of \$130.00 for Mrs. Colleen Ragle, Board of Education member, to attend the OSBA State Legislative Conference 3/25/15.

**C.** Mrs. Ragle motioned, seconded by Mr. Welch to approve the following Certificate of Availability:

PO 1500752 dated 2/2/15; Invoice date 10/20/14; Vendor: Truck Sales & Service, Inc. for \$3,161.37.

**Vote:** Mrs. Ragle, Yes; Mr. Welch, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mr. Walter, Yes; Mr. Grundy, Yes.  
Motion Carried.

**D.** Mr. Walter motioned, seconded by Mrs. Ragle to approve the following certified employees' increase in salary due to completing college course work per the negotiated agreement.

**Discussion:** Mr. Welch inquired as to when this will take effect.

**Kerry Reisinger** MA, Step 2

**Craig Wentworth** MA, Step 4

**Vote:** Mr. Walter, Yes; Mrs. Ragle, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mr. Welch, Yes; Mr. Grundy, Yes.  
Motion Carried.

**V. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Administrative Reports**

1. Elementary: Mrs. Weaver

2. Middle School/High School: Mr. Morabito

3. Athletics: Mr. Kowatch

4. Online Academy/Special Education: Ms. Witchey

**B. Board Reports**

1. OSBA - none

2. Career Center - none

3. Legislative - none

4. Athletic Council – none

**VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

At this point, Mr. Hopton led a lengthy discussion regarding the district's work on the District Improvement Plan. Also discussed was the proposed county school financing district that would be formed by Tri-County Educational Service Center for the purpose of seeking countywide funding for preschool education. The board members asked questions and offered opinions on this proposal.

**A. Employment – Supplemental**

1. Mr. Donley motioned, seconded by Mr. Grundy to approve the following supplemental contracts for FY15.

**Misty Smith** H.S. Assistant Softball Coach Gr V, Step 1 \$2,494.72

**Vote:** Mr. Donley, Yes; Mr. Grundy, Yes; Mrs. Ragle, Yes; Mr. Walter, Yes; Mr. Welch, Yes. Motion Carried.

2. Mr. Walter motioned, seconded by Mr. Welch to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between MTA and Mapleton Local School District to allow **Matthew Kidney** and **Corey Kline** to split the H.S. Head Baseball Coach and High School Assistant baseball coach stipends as follows:

**Matthew Kidney** H.S. Head Baseball Coach Gr IV, Step 0 \$3,430.24 \$3,080.98

**Corey Kline** H.S. Assistant Baseball Coach Gr V, Step 0 \$2,494.72 \$2,843.98

**Discussion:** Mrs. Ragle questioned why we needed a Memorandum of Understanding.

**Vote:** Mr. Walter, Yes; Mr. Welch, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mrs. Ragle, Yes; Mr. Grundy, Yes. Motion Carried.

3. Mr. Grundy motioned, seconded by Mr. Welch to approve **Denise Whitesel** as a Friday School Monitor at \$20.00/hour.

**Discussion:** Mrs. Ragle questioned what duties are performed by the Friday School Monitor.

**Vote:** Mr. Grundy, Yes; Mr. Welch, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mrs. Ragle, Yes; Mr. Walter, Yes. Motion Carried.

**B. Employment – Volunteer**

1. Mr. Walter motioned, seconded by Mr. Grundy to approve the following volunteers for FY15:

**Corey Armstrong** HS Baseball, Boys

**Carey Fulk** MS Track

**Vote:** Mr. Walter, Yes; Mr. Grundy, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mrs. Ragle, Yes; Mr. Welch, Yes. Motion Carried.

**C. Employment – Certified**

1. Mrs. Ragle motioned, seconded by Mr. Welch to accept the retirement resignation of **Katherine Harpster**, Mapleton Special Education Intervention Specialist effective May 31, 2015.

**Vote:** Mrs. Ragle, Yes; Mr. Welch, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mr. Walter, Yes; Mr. Grundy, Yes. Motion Carried.

**D. Reduction In Force - Certified**

1. Mr. Walter motioned, seconded by Mrs. Ragle to approve the reduction of the number of certified staff, effective at the end of the 2014-2015 contract, due to financial reasons. The positions to be reduced are as follows:

MS/HS Social Studies

HS English

Elementary Teacher

**Vote:** Mr. Walter, Yes; Mrs. Ragle, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mr. Welch, Yes; Mr. Grundy, Yes. Motion Carried.

**E. Employment – Classified**

1. Mrs. Ragle motioned, seconded by Mr. Walter to accept the resignation of **Robin Thornburg**, Mapleton Elementary Cleaner effective March 21, 2015.

**Vote:** Mrs. Ragle, Yes; Mr. Walter, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mr. Welch, Yes; Mr. Grundy, Yes. Motion Carried.

**F. Employment**

1. Mr. Walter motioned, seconded by Mr. Donley to approve the 3 year contract of **Joseph Morabito** as Mapleton High School Principal effective August 1, 2015.

**Vote:** Mr. Walter, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mrs. Ragle, Yes; Mr. Welch, Yes; Mr. Grundy, Yes. Motion Carried.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A.** Mrs. Ragle motioned, seconded by Mr. Welch to accept the following donations for February 2015:

BW3's Washington DC Trip Fundraiser \$450.00

FFA Donations – Farm Machinery Show \$100.00

**Vote:** Mrs. Ragle, Yes; Mr. Welch, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mr. Walter, Yes; Mr. Grundy, Yes. Motion Carried.

**B.** Mr. Grundy motioned, seconded by Mr. Welch to approve the reading of and accept the updated Chapters: **6.15** – Graduation/Diploma Requirements; **6.18** – Student Discipline; **6.38** – Fire and Tornado Warning Drills; **7.27** – College Credit plus Program and **7.33** – Career Advising; of the Policy Book as prepared by Pepple & Waggoner, Ltd.

**Vote:** Mr. Grundy, Yes; Mr. Welch, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mrs. Ragle, Yes; Mr. Walter, Yes.  
Motion Carried.

**C.** Mr. Walter motioned, seconded by Mrs. Ragle to authorize and direct the Treasurer to place a notice in the Ashland Times-Gazette no later than March 18, 2015, which reads substantially as follows:

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Mapleton Local School District Board of Education hereby gives public notice in accordance with Section 3307.353 of the Ohio Revised Code that Rodney Hopton who is currently employed by the Board of Education as Superintendent, will be retired and seeking re-employment with the Mapleton Local School District in the same position following his service retirement.

The Mapleton Local School District Board of Education hereby gives public notice in accordance with Section 3307.353 of the Ohio Revised Code that Craig Wiley who is currently employed by the Board of Education as teacher, will be retired and seeking reemployment with the Mapleton Local School District in the same position following his service retirement.

The Board of Education will hold a public meeting on the issue of re-employing the above-named person at a meeting to be held on April 20, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mapleton Local School District, located at 635 Co Rd 801, Ashland, Ohio.

**Vote:** Mr. Walter, Yes; Mrs. Ragle, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mr. Welch, Yes; Mr. Grundy, Yes.  
Motion Carried.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Time In: 9:05 PM Time Out: 9:45 PM**

Mrs. Ragle motioned, seconded by Mr. Walter to enter into executive session to discuss negotiations with Mr. Hopton and Mr. Russomanno present.

**Vote:** Mrs. Ragle, Yes; Mr. Walter, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mr. Welch, Yes; Mr. Grundy, Yes.  
Motion Carried.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Ragle motioned, seconded by Mr. Walter, to adjourn.

**Vote:** Mrs. Ragle, Yes; Mr. Walter, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mr. Welch, Yes; Mr. Grundy, Yes.  
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

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President

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Treasurer

Minutes Approved \_\_\_\_\_