

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
Mapleton Local School District  
Board of Education Meeting Minutes

**Mapleton Local School District  
Board of Education Regular Board Meeting  
Mapleton HS/MS Media Center and Virtual Zoom Meeting Access  
August 17, 2020 4:30 P.M.**

**0651**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**A.** Mr. McKean called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Mapleton HS/MS Media Center and Virtual Zoom Meeting Access. The roll was called: Mrs. Benner, Present; Mr. Donley, Present; Mr. Grundy, Present; Mrs. Scurlock, Present; Mr. McKean, Present.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Given the recent signing of HB 197 that grants the Mapleton Board of Education the lawful authority to conduct board meetings virtually, we are suspending public comment for this meeting. The public may make comments by leaving a message at 419.945.8165 or sending an email to [publicparticipation@imountie.org](mailto:publicparticipation@imountie.org).

- 1) Ev DeVaul Ashland County Community Foundation (Jim Cutwright, ACCF President)  
Bob Simonson Endowment
- 2) Tanya Blough RN BSN Mapleton School Nurse, psi

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

Mrs. Benner motioned, seconded by Mr. Grundy to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 13, 2020 and Special Meeting held on July 28, 2020 and in the absence of any corrections approve as written.

**Vote:** Mrs. Benner, Yes; Mr. Grundy, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mrs. Scurlock, Yes; Mr. McKean, Yes.  
Motion Carried.

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

**A. Financial Report** – Mr. Donley motioned, seconded by Mrs. Scurlock to accept the July 2020 Financial Report as presented.

**Vote:** Mr. Donley, Yes; Mrs. Scurlock, Yes; Mrs. Benner, Yes; Mr. Grundy, Yes; Mr. McKean, Yes.  
Motion Carried.

**B.** Mrs. Scurlock motioned, seconded by Mrs. Benner to approve the following certified employee's increase in salary due to completing college course work per the negotiated agreement.

Cassie Swanson MA to MA+15

**Vote:** Mrs. Scurlock, Yes; Mrs. Benner, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mr. Grundy, Yes; Mr. McKean, Yes.  
Motion Carried.

**C.** Mr. Grundy motioned, seconded by Mrs. Scurlock to accept the following sports grant from the Ashland County Community Foundation football, wrestling and baseball.

**Vote:** Mr. Grundy, Yes; Mrs. Scurlock, Yes; Mrs. Benner, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mr. McKean, Yes.  
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**D.** Mrs. Benner motioned, seconded by Mr. Grundy to approve the following Certificate of Availability: PO 2100053 dated 07/01/2020; Invoice date 02/28/2020; Vendor: SC Strategic Solutions, LLC., \$7101.68.

PO 210102 dated 07/01/2020; Invoice date 06/30/2020; Vendor: Steps Educational Group, \$3600.00

**Vote:** Mrs. Benner, Yes; Mr. Grundy, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mrs. Scurlock, Yes; Mr. McKean, Yes.  
Motion Carried.

**V. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Board Reports**

1. OSBA – Nothing
2. Career Center – Thursday night meeting/School starts 8/31/2020
3. Legislative – Title IX training 8/14 changes
4. Athletic Council – Practicing and scrimmages

**B. Administrative Reports**

1. Mapleton Elementary School Mrs. Roblin
2. Mapleton Middle School Mr. Fulton
3. Mapleton High School Mr. Kline

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

**Superintendent’s Consent Agenda – Items A - C.**

Note: Items under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted under one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time the Board votes unless a Board Member requests an item be clarified or even removed from the Consent Agenda for separate action.

Mr. Grundy motioned, seconded by Mr. McKean to approve the Superintendent’s Consent Agenda.

**A. Employment - Classified**

1. Approve Pam Tallos as Assistant Cook for the 2020-2021 school year.
2. Approve Sarah Souris, Assistant Cook, for a continuing contract.
3. Adopt the following resolution for a classified reduction in force for FY21:

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.C. 3319.172, the Board may adopt a resolution ordering a reasonable reduction in the number of non-teaching employees; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XII of the Negotiated Agreement between the Board and the Ohio Association of Public School Employees, Local #348 (“Association”), the Board may implement such a reduction in force due to lack of funds or lack of work; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has recommended that the Board implement a reduction in force of the District’s non-teaching staff due to lack of funds and lack of work; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XII of the Negotiated Agreement, the Superintendent has met with the Association President to discuss the necessity of a reduction in force of the District’s non-teaching staff, and has provided notice of his intent to recommend the reduction in force to the Board to all Association

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Mapleton Local School District, Ashland County, Ohio, that:

**Section 1:** In accordance with the provisions of R.C. 3319.172 and Article XII of the Negotiated Agreement between the Board and the Association, the Board hereby reduces the following non-teaching positions due to lack of funds and lack of work:

♣ HS/MS Guidance Secretary

**Section 2:** Due to the reduction of the positions set forth above, the contract of the following employee shall be reduced to fifteen hours per week:

♣ Ms. Megan McCarty

**Section 3:** The contract reduction of hours identified above shall become effective July 31, 2020, and the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to immediately give notice of the reductions to the employee affected.

**Section 4:** It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 12 of H.B. 197.

**4.** Adopt the following resolution for a classified reduction in force for FY21:  
WHEREAS, on July 13, 2020, this Board adopted a resolution determining to implement a reduction in force of the District's non-teaching staff; and  
WHEREAS, as a consequence of the reduction in force, District employee Caley Gaus ("Employee") had her contract of employment suspended; and  
WHEREAS, a non-teaching position has been created, for which Employee is qualified and is the most senior employee in the relevant classification, and the Board desires to restore Employee to employment with the District in that position.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Mapleton Local School District, County of Ashland, State of Ohio, that:

**Section 1:** The non-teaching position of paraprofessional has been created in the District, for which Caley Gaus ("Employee") is qualified. In accordance with Article XII(G) of the Negotiated Agreement between the Board and OAPSE, Local #348, Employee is the most senior employee on the RIF recall list in the classification for the position. The Superintendent has offered Employee the position and he/she has accepted it. Therefore, Employee shall be restored to employment with the District in the position, effective August 17, 2020.

**Section 2:** It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 12 of H.B. 197.

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**5.** Adopt the following resolution for a classified reduction in force for FY21:  
WHEREAS, on July 13, 2020, this Board adopted a resolution determining to implement a reduction in force of the District’s non-teaching staff; and  
WHEREAS, as a consequence of the reduction in force, District employee Katy Amstutz (“Employee”) had her contract of employment suspended; and  
WHEREAS, a non-teaching position has been created, for which Employee is qualified and is the most senior employee in the relevant classification, and the Board desires to restore Employee to employment with the District in that position.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Mapleton Local School District, County of Ashland, State of Ohio, that:  
**Section 1:** The non-teaching position of paraprofessional has been created in the District, for which Katy Amstutz (“Employee”) is qualified. In accordance with Article XII(G) of the Negotiated Agreement between the Board and OAPSE, Local #348, Employee is the most senior employee on the RIF recall list in the classification for the position. The Superintendent has offered Employee the position and he/she has accepted it. Therefore, Employee shall be restored to employment with the District in the position, effective August 17, 2020.  
**Section 2:** It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 12 of H.B. 197

**B. Employment – Supplemental**

Approve the following supplemental contracts for FY21:

Shelby Ortiz	LPDC Committee
Skip Fulton	LPDC Committee
Matt Hess	LPDC Committee
Amy Long	LPDC Committee
Sandy Kowatch	LPDC Committee

**C. Employment – Pupil Activity**

1. Approve the resignation of Troy Bonidie, JV Football Coach, effective August 5, 2020.

2. Approve the following Pupil Activity Contracts for FY21.

Jake Wright	JV Football Coach
Tristan Lamp	Varsity Assistant Football Coach
Cody Elsten	Volunteer HS Football Coach
Kevin Cline	Volunteer HS Football Coach

**Vote:** Mr. Grundy, Yes; Mr. McKean, Yes; Mrs. Benner, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mrs. Scurlock, Yes.  
Motion Carried.

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**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** Mrs. Benner motioned, seconded by Mrs. Scurlock to approve the special services contract with the Tri-County ESC in the amount of \$258,320 for the handicapped preschool, fine arts and career connections services during the 2020-2021 school year.

**Vote:** Mrs. Benner, Yes; Mrs. Scurlock, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mr. Grundy, Yes; Mr. McKean, Yes.  
Motion Carried.

**B.** Mrs. Scurlock motioned, seconded by Mr. Donley to approve the employment services contract with the Tri-County ESC in the amount of \$18,940.62 for an aide at the Dale Roy School during the 2020-2021 school year.

**Vote:** Mrs. Scurlock, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mrs. Benner, Yes; Mr. Grundy, Yes; Mr. McKean, Yes.  
Motion Carried.

**C.** Mr. Grundy motioned, seconded by Mr. McKean to approve the interagency agreement to ensure interagency collaboration within Lorain County in the implementation of a comprehensive service delivery system for families with children birth through enrollment in Kindergarten and coordinated transition processes during the 2020-2021 school year.

**Vote:** Mr. Grundy, Yes; Mr. McKean, Yes; Mrs. Benner, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mrs. Scurlock, Yes.  
Motion Carried.

**D.** Mr. Grundy motioned, seconded by Mrs. Benner to approve the purchase of an eight-passenger van from Donley Auto Group at state bid pricing of \$33,403.00 using permanent improvement funds.

**Vote:** Mr. Grundy, Yes; Mrs. Benner, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mrs. Scurlock, Yes; Mr. McKean, Yes.  
Motion Carried.

**E.** Mrs. Scurlock motioned, seconded by Mr. Grundy to approve the billing rates totaling \$270,109.56 from Midland Council of Governments for the following 2020-2021 school year services: internet access contract, internet access VOIP, managed WiFi, network equipment maintenance, LAN contract, field tech contract, technology coordinator contract, EMIS coordinator contract, service fee, content filtering, INFOhio.

**Vote:** Mrs. Scurlock, Yes; Mr. Grundy, Yes; Mrs. Benner, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mr. McKean, Yes.  
Motion Carried.

**F.** Mr. Donley motioned, seconded by Mr. McKean to approve the first reading of the following revised or new policies:

- 2.05 Evaluation of Administrators**
- 3.05 Staff Conduct**
- 4.03 Evaluation of Teachers**
- 4.06 Working Remotely [New]**
- 6.08 Student Absences and Excuses**
- 6.19 Code of Student Conduct**
- 6.29 Pupil Health and Safety**
- 6.48 School and Non-School Sponsored Expression**
- 9.08 Title IX Grievance Procedure**
- 9.10 Complaints of Sexual Harassment**

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**9.41 Face Coverings (Masks) [New]**

**9.42 Recording of Academic Instruction and Other Services [New]**

**Vote:** Mr. Donley, Yes; Mr. McKean, Yes; Mrs. Benner, Yes; Mr. Grundy, Yes; Mrs. Scurlock, Yes.  
Motion Carried.

**G.** Mr. Grundy motioned, seconded by Mrs. Benner to approve the following resolution regarding Purdue Pharma L.P.

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2019, Purdue Pharma L.P., a privately held pharmaceutical company, filed for bankruptcy in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York as part of a plan to settle litigation with dozens of states and other plaintiffs who assert/allege the company fueled the opioid crisis through improper marketing and inappropriate distribution of prescription opiate medications around the country (said case is captioned In Re: Purdue Pharma L.P., et al., Chapter 11, Case No.19-23649-rrd); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recently learned that school districts in Ohio may have potential claims against the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy fund, and therefore the Board is eligible to file a Governmental Opioid Claimant Proof of Claim Form (hereinafter, “Proof of Claim”) in the pending bankruptcy case; and

WHEREAS, the Board maintains it has been harmed by the opioid epidemic that Purdue Pharma is alleged to have fueled, including but not limited to incurring damages for direct and indirect costs resulting from the opioid crisis, such as special education services, supports, and therapies, non-special education academic supports, and health insurance costs; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for filing a Proof of Claim was Thursday, July 30, 2020, at 5 p.m. (EST); and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent, in order to protect the Board’s ability to assert a claim to funds that will be distributed to claimants pursuant to the bankruptcy proceedings, requested that the law firm of Peters Kalail & Markakis Co., LPA, file on behalf of the Board a Proof of Claim and a Proof of Claim was filed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby ratifies and affirms and makes retroactively effective the Superintendent’s action in requesting that Peters Kalail & Markakis Co., LPA file the attached Proof of Claim (see Attachment A – Governmental Opioid Claimant Proof of Claim), and hereby endorses and certifies the content of the Proof of Claim.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board directs the Superintendent and/or Treasurer to take any further action necessary to process Board’s claim, including but not limited to generating and submitting any documentation necessary to delineate the harm the Board has experienced as a result of the opioid epidemic and establish the Board’s entitlement to damages and receipt of funds through the bankruptcy proceeding.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board authorizes the Superintendent and/or Treasurer to use Peters Kalail & Markakis Co., LPA and Gertz & Rosen, Ltd., to file and prosecute its claim in the bankruptcy proceeding, and authorize the Superintendent to enter into the attached Engagement Letter on behalf of the District (see Attachment B – Engagement Letter). The Board acknowledges and affirms that it has been informed in clear, concise and understandable terms that Peters Kalail & Markakis Co., L.P.A. and Gertz & Rosen, Ltd. will be representing the District as part of a joint representation that includes other Ohio public schools who have filed Governmental Opioid Claimant Proof of Claim Forms in the bankruptcy proceeding, with the expectation of reducing and sharing common expenses associated with pursuing this matter. The Board expressly agrees to waive any potential conflict of interest in accordance with the terms of the Engagement Letter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is hereby found and determined that all formal action of this Board concerning and/or relating to the adoption of this Resolution was taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Vote:** Mr. Grundy, Yes; Mrs. Benner, Yes; Mr. Donley Yes; Mrs. Scurlock, Yes; Mr. McKean, Yes.  
Motion Carried.

**H.** Mrs. Scurlock motioned, seconded by Mr. Grundy to approve the agreement with the Jefferson County Educational Service Center to provide internet-based educational curriculum and delivery system for the Mapleton Virtual Academy during the 2020-2021 school year.

**Vote:** Mrs. Scurlock, Yes; Mr. Grundy, Yes; Mrs. Benner, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mr. McKean, Yes.  
Motion Carried.

**I.** Mrs. Benner motioned, seconded by Mr. McKean to approve the independent contract agreement with the Ohio Schools Council to provide food management services and support during the 2020-2021 school year.

**Vote:** Mrs. Benner, Yes; Mr. McKean, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mr. Grundy, Yes; Mrs. Scurlock, Yes.  
Motion Carried.

**J.** Mr. Grundy motioned, seconded by Mrs. Scurlock to approve the Remote Learning Plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

**Vote:** Mr. Grundy, Yes; Mrs. Scurlock, Yes; Mrs. Benner, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mr. McKean, Yes.  
Motion Carried.

**VIII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- 1) Strategies for a Safe and Responsible 2020-2021 School Year
- 2) Remote Learning Plan

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Time In: 5:26 p.m. Time Out: 6:19 p.m.**

Mr. Grundy motioned, seconded by Mrs. Benner to adjourn into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee

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or official; to consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee or official unless the employee or official requests a public hearing; to consider the purchase or sale of property; to conference with an attorney to discuss pending or imminent court action; to discuss collective bargaining matters; to discuss matters required to be kept confidential by federal law, regulations or state statute or to discuss security matters.

**Vote:** Mr. Grundy, Yes; Mrs. Benner; Yes, Mr. Donley, Yes; Mrs. Scurlock, Yes; Mr. McKean, Yes.  
Motion Carried.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Benner motioned, seconded by Mrs. Scurlock to adjourn.

**Vote:** Mrs. Benner, Yes; Mrs. Scurlock, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mr. Grundy, Yes; Mr. McKean, Yes.  
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for 9/21/2020 at 4:00 p.m.

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President

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Treasurer

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