

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

**Mapleton Local School District
Organizational, Budget and Regular Meeting
Mapleton HS/MS Media Center
January 11, 2021
4:30 P.M.**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Tim McKean, President Pro Tempore, called the Organizational, Budget and Regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 4:30 p.m. at Mapleton HS/MS Media Center.

The roll was called:

Mrs. Benner, Present; Mr. Donley, Present; Mr. Grundy, Absent; Mrs. Scurlock, Present; Mr. McKean, Present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Any member of the Board of Education may nominate another member of the Board for office. A member may also nominate him or her self. Nominations do not require seconds. If more than one person is nominated for president or vice-president, the Treasurer shall publicly call the roll of the Board and ask members to vote their choice. (Ohio law requires a majority vote of all members to elect an officer.)

A. Election of President of the Board (No Second Required): The president pro-tempore will open the floor to nominations for President of the Board for 2021. Nomination(s) will be taken, closed and followed by a roll call vote for the election of the Board President. Mr. McKean nominated **Mrs. Benner**. Mr. Donley motioned, seconded by Mrs. Scurlock to close nominations for Mapleton Board President.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Donley, Yes; Mrs. Scurlock, Yes; Mrs. Benner, Yes; Mr. Grundy, Absent; Mr. McKean, Yes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Grundy arrived at 4:36 p.m.

Mrs. Benner was given the Oath of Office for President of the Mapleton Board of Education.

B. Election of Vice-President of the Board (No Second Required): Mrs. Benner nominated **Mrs. Scurlock**. Mr. Donley motioned, seconded by Mr. Grundy to close nominations for Mapleton Board Vice-President.

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

Mrs. Scurlock was given the Oath of Office for Vice-President of the Mapleton Board of Education.

III. ESTABLISH MEETING DATES/TIMES/LOCATION

Mr. Grundy motioned, seconded by Mrs. Benner to establish the following Regular Board Meeting schedule for 2021. Meetings will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the Mapleton HS/MS Media Center. Any change in the date, time, and location will be published in the designated newspaper. Additional meetings may be scheduled by the Board of Education at a time and place properly announced.

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February 8, 2021
March 22, 2021
April 19, 2021
May 17, 2021

June 21, 2021
July 19, 2021
August 16, 2021
September 20, 2021

October 18, 2021
November 15, 2021
December 13, 2021

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

IV. APPOINT COMMITTEES AND ASSIGN REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Grundy motioned, seconded by Mrs. Scurlock to appoint the following Board members to fill the Standing Committee assignments for the 2020 calendar year:

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| A. Ashland Co.-W. Holmes C.C. Representative: | Tom Donley |
| B. OSBA Legislative Liaison: | Mindy Scurlock |
| C. OSBA Legislative Liaison Alternate: | Tim McKean |
| D. Athletic Council: | Shawn Grundy |

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

V. CONSENT AGENDA: Items A through Q

Mrs. Benner motioned, seconded by Mr. McKean to adopt authorizations A-Q to allow for efficient financial management and full execution of duties by the Treasurer, Superintendent and Board of Education President.

Note: Items A through Q 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.

- A. Advances on Tax Settlement:** to authorize the Treasurer to secure advances from the auditor when funds are available and payable to Mapleton Local School District.
- B. Investment of Inactive Funds:** to authorize the Treasurer to invest inactive funds in financial institutions at the most productive interest rate whenever inactive funds are available.
- C. Payment of Bills:** to authorize the Treasurer to pay all bills within the limits of the appropriations resolution as bills are received for services rendered or materials received.
- D. Suspension/Expulsion Hearing Designee:** to appoint the Superintendent as designee to handle suspension/expulsion hearings.
- E. Authorize Signature of the Treasurer:** to recommend the Board of Education designate the Treasurer as the official signer (by hand or mechanical facsimile signature) of all legal documents and/or expenditures of funds on behalf of the Board of Education for calendar year 2021.
- F. Appoint Purchasing Agent:** to recommend the Board of Education appoint the Superintendent as the purchasing agent authorized for purchases up to \$10,000.00 without Board approval for the district for calendar year 2021.

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- G. Employment of Temporary Personnel:** to authorize the Superintendent to employ such temporary personnel as are needed for emergency situations, for calendar year 2021. Such temporary employments will be presented for approval by the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- H. Accept/Participate in Federal, State or Local Grants and Agreements:** to authorize the Treasurer and Superintendent to enter into and/or accept/participate in federal, state or local grants or agreements and authorize the Treasurer to appropriate funds for the grants awarded.
- I. Blanket Purchase Orders:** to authorize the Treasurer, pursuant to ORC 5705.41(D), to issue “blanket” purchase orders (certificates) not to exceed \$40,000.
- J. Establish Service Fund:** authorize the Treasurer to establish the Board Service Fund in the General Fund in the amount of \$2,500.00 (ORC states “not to exceed \$2.00 per student or \$20,000.00, whichever is greater”) for the purpose of paying expenses of the Board of Education for calendar year 2021 (ORC 3315.15).
- K. Borrowing Authority:** motion to authorize the Treasurer and Board of Education President to borrow funds, if needed, within the limitations established by state and federal law.
- L. Consulting Service and Purchasing Contracts:** authorize the Treasurer and Superintendent to enter into consulting service and purchasing contracts up to the amount allowed by law.
- M. Designate Local Newspaper:** motion to designate the Ashland Times-Gazette as the Mapleton Local School District official newspaper.
- N. Acceptance of Resignations:** motion to authorize the Superintendent, on behalf of the Board, to accept the resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session, subject to ratification by this Board; upon ratification by this Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent’s acceptance.
- O. Retain Legal Counsel:** motion to approve the law firms of Pepple & Waggoner, Ltd., Peck, Shaffer & Williams and Peters Kalail & Markakis Co., L.P.A. as needed for 2021.
- P. Approve Insurance for Board Members:** motion to approve providing health insurance for Board members, if requested. Board members will reimburse the district for the cost of this insurance.
- Q. Public Records Training:** approve the Treasurer as designee, or other designees as appointed by the Treasurer, to attend Public Records Training on behalf of the Board of Education members as required by ORC 109.43.

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

VI. REVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR 2022 TAX BUDGET

The Public Budget Hearing for Review of the Fiscal Year 2022 Tax Budget was conducted by the treasurer.

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VII. 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 until July 1, 2021, 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. (No emails.)

- A. Jim Cutright, Ashland County Community Foundation (Simonson Foundation)
- B. School Board Recognition Month
- C. Mapleton Middle School – Cassie Swanson/Teacher Mini Grant
- D. PK-12 STEAM Programs – Brandy Smith (last BOE meeting)

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS

Mr. McKean motioned, seconded by Mr. Grundy to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular meeting held on December 14, 2020 and in the absence of any corrections approve as written. **Vote:** Mr. McKean, Yes; Mr. Grundy, Yes; Mr. Donley, Yes; Mrs. Scurlock, Yes; Mrs. Benner, Yes. Motion Carried.

IX. TREASURER’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Financial Report – Mr. Grundy, seconded by Mrs. Benner to accept the December 2020 Financial Report as presented.

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

B. Mrs. Scurlock motioned, seconded by Mr. McKean to accept the following sports grant from the Ashland County Community Foundation for Boys and Girls Track.

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

X. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Board Reports

- 1. OSBA - Nothing
- 2. Career Center – Organizational meeting Thursday
- 3. Legislative – Handouts, COVID guidelines attending school
- 4. Athletic Council – Winter sports – wrestling and basketball back at it. Wrestling placed 2nd out of 11 schools. Girls basketball 4-7.

B. Administrative Reports

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| 1. Mapleton Elementary School | Mrs. Roblin – 3 rd grade ELA |
| 2. Mapleton Middle School | Mr. Fulton |
| 3. Mapleton High School | Mr. Kline |

XI. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Superintendent’s Consent Agenda – Items A. through B. 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 following:

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A. Employment – Classified

1. 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 Jessica Hardman (“Employee”) had her contract of employment suspended; and

WHEREAS, based upon the needs of the District for the 2020-2021 school year, the Superintendent has recommended the recall of the second most senior employee in the relevant classification for a three (3) hour Assistant Cook position; and,

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: In accordance with Article XII(G) of the Negotiated Agreement between the Board and OAPSE, Local #348, the Superintendent offered the three (3) hours Assistant Cook position to the most senior employee in the classification, who rejected the offer of recall. Employee is the second most senior employee on the RIF recall list in the classification for the position. Following the most senior employee’s rejection of the offer of recall, the Superintendent offered Employee the position and Employee has accepted it. Therefore, Employee shall be restored to employment with the District in the position, effective December 8, 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, as amended by H.B. 404.

B. Employment – Pupil Activity

1. Zach Durbin Volunteer Wrestling Coach
2. Wesley Kyser Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach

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

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A.** Mrs. Scurlock motioned, seconded by Mr. Grundy to accept the following donations for December 2020:

Duane and Janet Fulk	Mapleton HS Math Dept Calculators	\$135.00
PAC	Mapleton HS Math Dept Calculators	\$750.00

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

- B.** Mrs. McKean motioned, seconded by Mr. Donley to approve the Mapleton Middle School and Mapleton High Course Selection Guides for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

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XIII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION –
Tim McKean – Thank you

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Grundy motioned, seconded by Mr. McKean, to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2021.

President

Treasurer

Minutes Approved _____