



Board of Education

MEETING RECAP

January | 2023

ORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA

- Congratulations to Board members Kelli Neville and Dave Rogers who were elected as the BOE president and vice president, respectively, for the 2024 calendar year. Additionally, organizational items such as committee delegates and Ohio School Boards Association logistics were decided.
- The BOE meeting schedule for 2024 was approved. You can [find the schedule on our website here](#).

ACTION AGENDA

- The Board approved a trio of upcoming student travel trips including the annual eighth grade Washington, D.C. trip (120 students), the 9-11 grade Artists of Italy and France summer travel trip (11 students) and the annual DECA state competition (50 students).

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Treasurer/CFO Tom Golinar reviewed the financial report and investments for the month of December and announced that all district finances are on track per the forecast as the district is officially halfway through the fiscal year.
- The Board adopted the new tax budget, which is an annual filing with the county auditor and sets the tax budget between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025.
- The BOE heard the resolution to initiate a retire/rehire for Dennis Koenigsnecht. The district will officially post the resolution and there will be a public hearing as the next steps in this process.

REPORTS/INFORMATION/COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION

- The Board of Education approved the Superintendent's Committee assignments for the 2024 year.
- Assistant Superintendent Brent Wise and Mariemont High School principal Dr. Jim Renner presented the 9th grade scheduling process and course selection. The High School Experience committee has been exploring more efficient and thorough ways to present this process to current 8th grade students and families. They presented a document that all current 8th graders and their families will receive at the MHS Open House on January 25 which will clearly explain the process.



REPORTS/INFORMATION/COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION, cont'd.

- Dr. Renner, along with Director of Teaching and Learning Shannon Kromer, shared a couple changes in the high school course requirements.
 - MHS social studies staff members suggested that modern world history be consolidated to one yearly course (instead of its current two-year format) and a required world geography course be added to the high school curriculum for ninth grade students. This change will better fit the evolving needs of high school students and will be align to the Ohio academic standards.
 - The Ohio Department of Education has added one half credit of financial literacy to its graduation requirements. To comply with this requirement, MHS will add one semester-long course of 'Business Foundations' to the mandatory ninth grade curriculum. All current 9th and 10th grade students also will be required to complete the course before graduation, however several are already compliant with the requirement after previously taking 'Business Foundations' as an elective course.
- Mr. Wise and Coordinator of Technology and Experiential Education Brian Sugerman shared about the upcoming student leadership retreats for fifth, seventh and tenth grade students. These kindness, courage and respect retreats were an annual fixture for students prior to the Covid-19 pandemic. Mariemont City Schools was able to bring these retreats back with a special partnership with the Cincinnati Museum Center.