



Board of Education

# MEETING RECAP

MAY | 2025

## CONSENT AGENDA

- The Board of Education approved the employment of eight staff members for the 2025-26 school year, including Tricia Brichler (ME, health aide), Kristie Ruff (MHS and MJHS health aide); Kathryn Root (ME, administrative assistant), Collin Petrello (MHS, math teacher), Jackie Heinzelmann (STEM teacher and innovation coach), Laura Burns (TPE, 3rd grade teacher), Katherine Cummings (ME, 1st grade teacher) and Ben Devictor (MJHS, ELA teacher). Additionally, hours/days adjustments were approved for Kim Arp Amy Stetter and Paige Strickland; level adjustments were approved for Rita Burke and Joe Veeneman; and a resignation was approved for Amanda Loy (TPE, 1st grade teacher).
- College credit approvals/reimbursements were approved for Tricia Woitha (TPE), Emma Krusling (TPE), Courtney Miller (ME), Colleen Herking (ME), and Ashley Toon (TPE).
- Other items approved as part of the Consent Agenda include Science of Reading stipends, extra days, limited and continuing contracts for the 2025-26 school year and Fellowship/Workgroup payments.

## ACTION AGENDA

- The Board approved the Mariemont City Schools fees for the 2025-26 school year, as well as the student and parent handbooks (note that handbooks may see additional updates before the start of the school year depending on bills that are passed at the state level during the summer months.)
- The sports medicine service agreement with Mercy Health-Anderson Hospital was approved, extending the long-standing positive partnership the district has with its athletics sports medicine provider.
- The Board approved the resolution from the Great Parks of Hamilton County for the Columbia Connector Shared Use Trail. Director of Human Resources and District Operations, Lance Hollander, shared that the district had been working with Great Parks and the Ohio Department of Transportation for many years to secure this bike trail. It will run through a portion of land owned by the district and will connect two portions of a bike trail already in place.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

- Treasurer/CFO Tom Golinar reviewed the financial report and investments for the month of April and shared that the reports are on track per the forecast. He also presented an update to the Five-Year Forecast, which is done each May. He shared that the forecast may change based on which state funding model is finalized. This is also the first year without Covid funding, which is reflected in the forecast.
- The Apple lease was approved to replace all 7th, 8th and 9th grade iPads as well as staff devices. This cost is split between the general fund and student fees.
- Salary schedules for staff, the 2025-26 athletic and non-athletic supplemental salary schedule, addendums to the Superintendent and Treasurer contracts and the 2025-26 holiday schedule were all approved.

## REPORTS/INFORMATION/COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION

- Members of the Administrative team, as well as members of the 2024-25 Fellowship cohort, reviewed the 2024-25 District Action Plan. Director of Teaching and Learning, Shannon Kromer, gave a literacy update while Assistant Superintendent, Brent Wise, and Coordinator of Experiential Education and Technology, Brian Sugerman, presented updates on technology. With the conclusion of the Destination 2026 strategic plan on the horizon, Superintendent Estopp and the Fellowship group gave an update on the development of the next strategic plan, which will be called Destination Next.
- Mr. Hollander presented a first reading of 24 district policy updates. The Board will take action on these policies at the June Board of Education meeting.

## RECOGNITIONS

- Superintendent Estopp presented the 2025 Marie Huenefeld Friend of the School Award to Ry Naticchioni.
- 6th grade students at Terrace Park Elementary School were recognized for participating in the regional and state science fairs.
- Students in grades 3-6 at both Mariemont Elementary School and Terrace Park Elementary School were honored for winning the Continental Math League.
- Mariemont High School students were recognized for advancing to the national Ethics Bowl competition.

