



Board of Education

MEETING RECAP

SEPTEMBER | 2024

CONSENT AGENDA

- The Board of Education approved the employment of Katherine Cummings (TPE, instructional aide); Lisa Niesen (TPE, instructional aide); Justin Thomas (MJHS, special education aide); Kaye Zelinski (ME, aide); and Aimee Boettcher (ME, special education aide); as well as the employment of Julie Nerl, Kim Arp, Paige Strickland, Joe Veeneman, Bruce Dixon and Betsy Ecker as adult ticket takers. Additionally, hours/days adjustments were approved for Julie Crawford (ME, bus aide); Lindsay Oberschlake (five additional days); and Kim Arp (transportation for student via district van).
- Pre-approval requests and reimbursements for college credits were approved for Kevin Dennis (MHS, pre-approved for 3 credits) and Sarah Whitaker (ME, pre-approved for 9 credits).

ACTION AGENDA

- The Board voted to approve the 2024-25 District Action Plan. This plan is constructed each year by the district's administrative team and guides the work of Mariemont City Schools throughout the school year. The updated action plan can be found on the [district's website here](#).
- The Board approved updates to Policy 5136 regarding personal communication devices and revisions were also accepted to the student handbooks. As discussed in the Board's special meeting, these revisions were made to align the district's practices with school board policy.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Treasurer/CFO Tom Golinar reviewed the financial report and investments for the month of August, and announced that all district finances are on track per the forecast. Additionally, the Board approved the SRO agreement and the substitute rates for the 2024-25 school year.
- The Board unanimously voted to proactively adopt a budget reduction plan if the district's 5.95-mill operating levy does not pass on November 5, 2024. The plan aims to map a path to financial stability and a balanced budget amidst rising costs and lower-than-average state funding. Reductions of approximately \$1,200,000 in 2025-2026 and \$1,900,000 in 2026-2027 are detailed with staffing and program changes. Should the proposed reductions be necessary, they are likely to impact every building and classroom in the district. [The full plan can be found online here](#).