



Board of Education

MEETING RECAP

February | 2024

- Board president Kelli Neville opened the meeting by reading a statement addressing the threat of violence against Mariemont High School that occurred on February 7, 2024.
- The BOE also held a public hearing for the retire/rehire of MCSD employee Dennis Koenigsnecht.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Chaperones for the MHS Snowball dance were approved by the Board, as well as the employment of MHS head volleyball coach Katy Davis and an hours/days adjustment for ME bus aide Maura Hayskar.
- Pre-approval requests and reimbursements for college credits were approved for Laurel Robinson (ME, pre-approval for 3 credits); Sarah McRae (MHS, pre-approval for 6 credits and reimbursement); Emma Krusling (TPE, pre-approval for 6 credits and reimbursement); Maria Childs (ME, pre-approval for 3 credits); Tami Croll (TPE, reimbursement); Trista Howard (MHS, reimbursement); Amanda Loy (TPE, reimbursement) and Ericka Simmons (ME, reimbursement).

ACTION AGENDA

- The Board approved a pair of resolutions - one for membership into the Ohio High School Athletic Association for the 2024-25 school year and another for the paper and pencil version of the Grade 3 Ohio State Tests in English Language Arts.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Treasurer/CFO Tom Golinar reviewed the financial report and investments for the month of January and announced that all district finances are on track per the forecast as the district is officially seven months into the fiscal year.



REPORTS/INFORMATION/COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION

- CFO/Treasurer Tom Golinar, along with Superintendent Estepp, presented a financial planning update for the future of Mariemont City Schools. Among the information they presented:
 - 73% of the district's annual revenue is from local property taxes.
 - 80% of the district's expenditures is from salaries, benefits and other contracted employees.
 - The Five Year Forecast shows that expenditures have exceeded revenue; this is normal in school financing since school districts do not receive inflationary increases in revenue.
 - Three options for future action were shared: (1) \$1 million in reductions each year for the next three years; (2) No reductions to the expenditures and seek additional funding in November 2024; (3) \$750,000 in reductions for the 2024-2025 school year and seek additional funding in November 2025.
 - The district was last on the ballot in November of 2018 with a 2.5-mil operating levy. Those funds are projected to last the district six years while prior levies have averaged 3-4 years.
- The Board directed Treasurer Golinar and Superintendent Estepp to bring forward scenarios for different operating levy amounts at the March regular meeting.
- Superintendent Estepp gave an update on the district's preparation for the upcoming total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8, 2024. The timing of the eclipse presents logistical challenges for the school district that he and the administrative team are considering. He plans to make a decision about any changes to the school day by the end of February.