



Board of Education

MEETING RECAP

April | 2025

CONSENT AGENDA

- The board approved an hours/ days adjustment for Katherine Cummings (classified personnel actions) and Colleen Herking (certified personnel actions).
- The board approved the following certified personnel actions: the employment of Amanda McHugh (Coordinator of Student Success & Wellbeing), Allysa Babb (Intervention Specialist at Mariemont Elementary), and Chelsea Meyer (High School Counselor), all effective for the 2025-26 school year.
- The board also accepted the resignations of Emily Williams, Jill Strall, and Cindy Wilmes, all effective at the end of the 2024-25 school year.
- The board approved the hiring of Dr. John Hill as the next principal of Terrace Park Elementary, effective August 1, 2025. Dr. Hill comes to Mariemont from Wyoming City Schools and previously served in Milford. The board also approved Tami Croll as Director of Student Services and accepted her resignation as principal, effective at the end of the 2024-25 school year, along with up to 10 transition days for Dr. Hill between April 15 and July 31 at the principal per diem rate.
- The board approved employee pre-approval requests for college credit: Sarah Whitaker (9 credit hours)
- Reimbursements were approved for Maria Childs and Sarah Whitaker.

ACTION AGENDA

- The board approved the addition of special education models and procedures to the agenda, confirming compliance with state policies.
- The board approved the deletion of the Parent/Student Handbooks for Elementary, Junior High, and High School from the agenda. The board will approve the handbooks at a later date once there is more clarification on required state policy changes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- The board adopted the financial report. Tom Golinar, CFO, noted that we are 75% through the fiscal year and on track with the forecast. A more detailed May forecast will be presented next month. The district also received \$48,000 in revenue this month.
- The board approved several key items, including:
 - The BWC Group Plan with Sheakley.
 - A cost-of-living increase request for Aramark's food service contract.
 - A resolution to initiate the retire-rehire process for Jeffrey Radloff and Stephen Phelps.
 - Adjustments to the June and October board meeting dates, with the June meeting now scheduled for June 16th and the October meeting for October 20th.
 - Approval of substitute rates for long-term substitutes through the Center for Collaborative Solutions.
- The board discussed the House's budget proposal, which includes a new cap on public school district cash balances, limiting them to 30%. This unprecedented restriction would severely impact the district's ability to plan for long-term stability, requiring the return of locally approved funds and the establishment of a levy schedule every 1-2 years. While the Senate is reviewing this proposal, it remains a significant concern and could result in a fundamental shift in how public schools are funded.

RECOGNITIONS

- The Board of Education opened the meeting with several student recognitions
 - Nearly 50 MCSD students were recognized for their achievements in the arts, including Power of the Pen regional and state qualifiers and visual artists whose work has been showcased across the region and state.

