



Take Five Briefing
Board of Education Meeting
January 19, 2021

We understand that members of our school community may not be able to attend Board of Education meetings. To help keep stakeholders informed, the Take Five Briefing has been developed by the administration to touch upon five key topics discussed at the most recent public Board meeting.

Please view the meeting documents [here](#). The most recent MPS Education Update can be found [here](#).

- District Audit Presentation Provided:** The Board welcomed district auditor Man Lee from Nisivoccia LLP to present on the 2019-2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Auditors' Management Report (AMR). The [CAFR](#) is a set of financial statements reviewed by an independent auditor using generally accepted government auditing standards. The [AMR](#) provides a complement to the CAFR and includes recommendations on financial reporting practices to be addressed by district administration. Board members and members of the public were invited to ask questions regarding the documents and the presentation.
- Interim Assistant Principal Hired:** The Board approved the hiring of an Interim Assistant Principal at Madison Junior School. Deborah Iosso will begin her term at MJS on or about February 1st and will serve as the support to Acting Principal Brooke Phillips for the remainder of the year. Ms. Iosso spent 43 years in service to the Randolph Public School System and served most recently as the Principal of Randolph High School.
- Bylaw Approved:** The Board discussed and approved bylaw [0167 Public Participation in Board Meetings](#) for first reading. The bylaw makes minor adjustments to the structure and length of public comment during open public meetings.
- Winter Athletics Coaches Approval Continues:** The Board approved coaches for Boys' and Girls' Swimming and Winter Track for the upcoming winter season. Practices for both sports begins on February 1st and the season ends on March 27th. The district administration has developed safety protocols for winter sports in line with the NJ Department of Health and NJSIAA recommendations. Previously, the Board approved winter season coaches for Ice Hockey, Basketball, and Bowling, which are currently mid-season.
- Kean Dual Credit Program Approved:** The Board adopted [an agreement](#) between the district and Kean University to offer the course Holocaust, Genocide, and Modern Humanity as a dual-credit offering. The agreement will allow MHS students to take the course at the school, taught by a district staff member, for three college credits. The University will provide financial and technical support for the implementation of the course. This initiative builds on the district's partnership with the University through its participation in the Kean Diversity Council.