



Take Five Briefing **Board of Education Meeting** **July 20, 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.

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- 1. New Staff Welcomed:** The Board approved a number of new staff members to full time positions in the district. Joining the district next school year are Lauren Waselik (CAS, Art); Shayna Germansky (CAS, ABA Pre-K); Lisa DiTuro (MHS, ELA); Aylene Solis (MHS, Spanish); Laura Solages (MHS, Spanish); Alison Mackessy (MHS, Secretary); Danielle Drummond (MJS, Special Education); Pauline Bliss (MJS, Nurse); Anthony Veiga (MJS, PE); Nicole Cancelliere (MJS, Special Education); Patrice Sala (TJS, Special Education).
- 2. Board Liaisons Recognized:** The Board recognized students who participated in the Board Liaison program during the 2020-2021 school year. The liaisons participated in regular meetings with Superintendent Mark Schwarz and attended Board meetings and the District Restart Committee throughout the year to provide student voice to the planning conversations. The liaisons recognized were: Gabrielle Bruns, Madison Dodds, PJ Giglio, Sadie Hoberman, Aisling McShane, and Ella Tucker.
- 3. Senior Internship Study Presented:** The Board welcomed recent MHS graduate Julianne Finn to present on her project completed through the Senior Internship program during the 2020-2021 school year. Julianne's presentation, [Madison Public Schools' Carbon Emissions for Vehicles](#), examined the carbon emissions produced by district's maintenance vehicles and buses, and compared those values against the expected emissions of comparative electric vehicles. Julianne's work was completed under the supervision of Chris Monaco (MHS, Mathematics), who oversees the Senior Internship, and Peter Fried, who serves as a member of the Sustainable Madison Committee.
- 4. District Goal Workgroup Staff Approved:** The Board approved staff members who will be participating in the District Goal Workgroups, which serve as a professional learning community designed to assist with planning for the upcoming school year. A total of 22 staff members are participating in the three workgroups, which are focused on Innovation and Engagement; Equitable Outcomes; and SEL, Citizenship, and Inclusion.
- 5. Grants Award:** The Board accepted Federal grant awards for Fiscal Year 2022 through ESEA and IDEA. The [ESEA grants](#), which total \$115,106, are allocated by Title for a variety of purposes for students with specific needs and for staff development. The [IDEA grants](#), which total \$609,181, provide funding for the education of children with disabilities.