



Take Five Briefing
Board of Education Meeting
September 22, 2020

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](#).

1. **Reopening Update Provided:** Superintendent Mark Schwarz provided an update regarding the reopening of schools and outlined possible next steps in the district's progression towards Phase II, which would permit students to attend school in-person Monday through Friday on an early dismissal schedule. Mr. Schwarz centered his comments on the need to ensure that community spread remains low and highlighted the importance of safety and avoiding high-risk gatherings outside of school. An additional update on the district's plans will be provided next week.
2. **Staff Recognition Resolution Passed:** The Board passed a resolution recognizing the hard work, professionalism, and positivity exhibited by our faculty and staff in the return to school. The language of the resolution traces the work that the Dodgers have undertaken since the initial shift to remote learning in March 2020 and highlights the teacher leadership that has been present throughout this challenging time.
3. **Donations Accepted:** The Board accepted donations from the Madison Education Foundation, Madison Music & Arts, and a district parent that will help enhance the student and staff experience throughout the year. The donations included MusicFirst software, which is being used for music instruction throughout the district; Sora, which is an ebooks solution available to all students; a drum set, which will be used for student performances; and a variety of other tools that will be used to improve student engagement and the ability for teachers to provide meaningful feedback.
4. **CAS Land Transfer:** The Board approved a resolution formally transferring a parcel of land from the Central Avenue School site to the Borough of Madison. The transfer follows formal action taken by the Borough Council and lengthy discussions between the two parties regarding a contract provision from the sale of the Green Village Road School site in 2014. The transferred land will be converted to housing units by the Borough but will be fenced and landscaped to maintain a positive aesthetic character for the school district.
5. **Education Update Published:** The first Education Update of the year was published, with information about the return to school and some of the many summer events that occurred in preparation. The Education Update is included in the agenda each month and includes contributions from the school level as well as district happenings. The Education Update for September 2020 can be found [at this link](#).