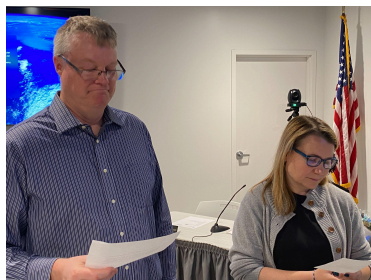




# Maplewood Richmond Heights School District

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## BOARD BRIEFS FOR APRIL 17, 2025



At a special reorganization meeting, the Board of Education swore in two members and elected new officers to serve through next April. Former Board member Julie Francois and incumbent Brian Matz will now begin full three-year terms. Serving as Board President will be Jenny Schmidt; Vice President is Ms. Francois; Secretary is Katie Kaufmann; Brian Matz will continue his current role as treasurer.

The following items all received approval under the Consent Agenda:

- 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 academic year calendars, which will be posted [on our website](#).
- A continuing association with E-Rate. MRH has participated in the program since its inception in 1997. Our current funding level at 50% matching is based on participation in the NSLP (National School Lunch Program). Funding is currently on a five-year cycle; allocation is based on pupil enrollment. This year is the fifth of the cycle. MRH receives funding from E-Rate for operational technology infrastructure such as internet service, inter-building communications lines, wireless Internet access, and data routing and switching equipment. These matching expenditures come from the technology operational budget.

The Board approved participation in Career Ladder, a voluntary performance pay matching program established by state statute and only available if it is supported by the state budget annually. It supports salary supplements for eligible teaching staff to provide compensation for additional responsibilities and voluntary efforts performed for which a teacher does not already receive some type of compensation. Allows the district to compensate teachers with a 40% local match, with a 60% match from state funds.

Board members heard a presentation by Superintendent Dr. Bonita Jamison about the upcoming [bond sale schedule](#). With the April 8 passage of Propositions B and E, the District has to plan for the schedule of events required to sell the bonds. It is also critical for the Board to be kept abreast of the historical interest rate volatility.

Teachers and Support Staff of the Year were saluted by Board members. They are:

**Support staff:** David Spellman (ECC), Nazime Cekrezi (ELEM), Kaysie Pullin (MS), Maurice Rushing (HS) and Kat Norton (CO).

**Teachers:** Annie Rothenberg (ECC), Lisa Weaver, (ELEM), Michaela Jackson (MS), and Bethany Nobbe (HS).

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