



BOARD BRIEFS FOR MAY 15, 2025

The Board of Education presented its Distinguished Awards for 2025.

The Richason Family of Richmond Heights was selected as Family of the Year. The Richason name has become synonymous with successful tax and bond measures for the school district for many, many years. But their dedication to MRH goes far beyond that.

- Craig has coached MRH Youth Sports, both baseball and soccer... served as a voter canvasser for many campaigns... and as Sandra points out, volunteered behind the scenes and cared for the kids while she was active with the PTO.
- Sandra was a PTO member for 12 years, taking on a wide variety of roles and projects. She served on the calendar committee for 9 years. She has stood at the polls and canvassed for many board of education candidates over the years. And, she has been the Development Contractor for Joe's Place since 2017... helping the JP Board raise more than \$700,000!

As leaders of the "Keep MRH Strong" political action committee, Craig and Sandra have opened their hearts and their home time and time again, all in the name of providing the best-possible learning environment for MRH students. Sandra has served as the PAC president since 2015. She's co-chaired three campaigns and chaired the amazingly successful campaign to pass Propositions B & E last month.

Craig and Sandra dedicate this recognition to the MRH teachers, the ECC, and the late Ann Graham and the late Mamie Lane.

The Board's Citizen of the Year is Beyhan Springborn, the long-serving MRH Elementary School chicken steward. These are the words on her nomination form by Seed-to-Table instructor Almut Marino:

"Beyhan has been our volunteer head chicken steward for more than five years. She lives nearby and she checks on the chickens twice each day. She feeds them fresh fruits and vegetables and even hand-feeds them when one is sick. You should see how crazy the chickens get when they hear her coming. Beyhan and her late husband have invested time, resources and handyman skills to give the elementary school chickens the best life. Sadly, her husband John passed away on March 18. During his battle with cancer, John still came and helped with the chickens, buried the hen Franscesca, and built mobile nesting boxes for injured, sick and bullied chickens. Today, Beyhan says that the chickens help her deal with the stress before, and the grieving now."

The Board of Education salutes Ms. Springborn for her extraordinary level of dedication.

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The Maplewood Richmond Heights Board of Education presented the Community Partner Award to CommunityAmerica Credit Union in recognition of their outstanding partnership, unwavering support, and meaningful contributions to public education and CommunityAmerica has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to MRH by expanding access to resources, promoting financial literacy, and enriching the overall experience of our students and staff. Their sponsorship of recognition programs, including our Support Staff Member of the Year and Teacher of the Year awards, has elevated these important celebrations with generous donations and memorable gifts, including St. Louis Cardinals Green Seat tickets.

The following two items received approval under the Consent Agenda:

- Acceptance of the April municipal election official results.

MAPLEWOOD RICHMOND HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT - DIRECTOR - Three Year Term, Vote for up to TWO						
Polling Places			Voters			
Counted	Total	Percent	Ballots	Registered	Percent	
197	197	100.00%	2,214	10,126	21.86%	
Choice		Party		Consolidated Results		Total
BRIAN MATZ				1,278	45.22%	1,278 45.22%
JULIE FRANCOIS				1,548	54.78%	1,548 54.78%
		Cast Votes:		2,826	100.00%	2,826 100.00%

Cumulative Results Report	
Election Night	
Run Time	3:06 PM
Run Date	04/17/2025

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Official Results	
Registered Voters	
96154 of 679157 = 14.16%	
Polling Places Reporting	
197 of 197 = 100.00%	

MAPLEWOOD RICHMOND HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION B - Four-Sevenths Majority Required						
Polling Places			Voters			
Counted	Total	Percent	Ballots	Registered	Percent	
197	197	100.00%	2,214	10,126	21.86%	
Choice		Party		Consolidated Results		Total
YES				1,846	83.76%	1,846 83.76%
NO				358	16.24%	358 16.24%
		Cast Votes:		2,204	100.00%	2,204 100.00%

MAPLEWOOD RICHMOND HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION E - Simple Majority Required						
Polling Places			Voters			
Counted	Total	Percent	Ballots	Registered	Percent	
197	197	100.00%	2,214	10,126	21.86%	
Choice		Party		Consolidated Results		Total
YES				1,785	81.06%	1,785 81.06%
NO				417	18.94%	417 18.94%
		Cast Votes:		2,202	100.00%	2,202 100.00%

- Approval of the Pathways for Teachers grant. This grant is one project of Missouri Career Pathways that helps educators connect classroom academic knowledge to real world business and industry applications. Since the 2013-14 school year, over 2,000 middle and high school teachers, counselors and administrators have participated in the program to learn the importance of workplace skills with current classroom curriculum and instruction. Policy DD requires board approval prior to application of any grants requiring matching funds.

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The Board also voted to adopt the Missouri Educator Evaluation System (MEES). Many of the District's current evaluation instruments are more than two decades old and no longer reflect the evolving roles, responsibilities, and expectations of today's workforce. Additionally, the tools lack consistent measurables and defined key performance indicators (KPIs), limiting their effectiveness in driving meaningful feedback and development.

Multiple contracts for construction work related to passage of Proposition B were okayed. WTI (Tremco) received a contract for building envelope work amounting to more than \$1.1 million. Original bids for similar work for Prop B was \$918,070. Several areas of work were added due to a facilities report including ECC wall, theater stairs, and concrete work at all three campuses to improve pedestrian safety. Byrne & Jones was approved for track & field work amounting to just under \$1.1 million. That work begins immediately. Tech Electronics was tapped to contract for camera security upgrades and door access. The project carries a price tag of \$294,000.