



BOARD BRIEFS, JULY 18, 2024

The MRH Board of Education tackled a relatively light agenda at its July monthly meeting, the Board's first gathering at the new Maria J. Langston (MJL) Administration Building.



Superintendent Dr. Bonita Jamison reported that the State of Missouri has released Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) and End of Course (EOC) tests to education institutions, but the information is embargoed for release to the general public. MRH administrators, including principals, are reviewing the data in preparation for providing the findings to MRH families.

In the absence of Operations Director Dr. Michael Dittrich, Chief Financial Officer Chris Hoelzer provided a construction update. During several recent walk-through inspections (“punches”) with primary contractor TriCo, numerous items of nonconformance, craftsmanship and incomplete work were recorded. The District is awaiting a completion date from TriCo. Trico recently requested a payment of \$181,338. \$156,770 of this is from retainage. The District architect and owners’ representative has advised against paying additional retainage until work is complete or Trico is able to reduce the amount of potential liability if work is not completed or corrected. MRH Board of Education is asked to approve \$24,568 for the most recent pay application and continue to hold the requested retainage of \$156,770. The \$24,568 is for most recent work that can be confirmed as completed.

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At the MJL Administrative Building, contractor Legacy has completed 99% of work. MJL passed inspections for plumbing, electrical and mechanical. The City of Maplewood identified a few minor changes that will be addressed soon. Exterior paint was delayed by rain. MRH is on target for completing this project within the allocated budget. Several items not under the control of Legacy need to be completed. Two significant items are the audio/visual of the Board/Training room. The second item is the exterior signage.

CFO Hoelzer also presented the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Final Budget Amendment, which adjusts budgeted revenues and expenses to actual revenues received and expenses incurred in the just-ended fiscal year. The full Final Budget Amendment, which the Board approved, can be viewed on the [Finances page of the District website](#).

The agenda included a discussion of the Board’s recent self-evaluation report. As outlined by the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP), school boards must engage in self-evaluation in order to strengthen governance practices. In June, the Board completed its annual governance survey as a means to evaluate current practices. Analysis and discussion occurred during a July retreat with goals being established in August. The effectiveness survey included ratings in 10 categories; the Board’s ratings are below:

