



Board Briefs for March 16, 2023:

- The Board considered a draft of a proposed LGBTQIA+ resolution. Members stated that adopting such a resolution is an important step toward creating a more inclusive and equitable society as well as ensuring compliance with anti-discrimination laws, demonstrating leadership in the community for equality and social justice and supporting the mental health and wellbeing of LGBTQIA+ students and staff. The draft resolution was initially presented for review as a first reading, but the agenda was amended on a motion by Director Katie Kaufmann to add it to the action items; it was subsequently approved on a unanimous vote..
- Assistant Supt. for Curriculum Dr. Chris McGee, in his role as co-chair of the District Calendar Committee, presented proposed revisions for the 2023-2024 academic year. The calendar, originally approved by the Board last spring, currently ends the first semester within the month of January 2024. Changes recommended by the District Calendar Committee and endorsed by the Administration would end the semester prior to winter break in 2023. The Board voted to approve the changes.
- Rachel Ward, Coordinator of Data, Assessment and Accountability, provided the Board with an overview of Missouri's recent 2022 APR (Annual Performance Report) under the Missouri School Improvement Program. [APR scores can be found here.](#) It was reported that MRH's total weighted score (a combination of performance and continuous improvement ratings) is 87.2%.
- The Board meeting opened with an observance of Missouri School Board Appreciation Month. In a surprise move requiring a last-minute amendment to the agenda, outgoing Board Secretary Maria Langston learned that the District's central office complex will be named the "Maria Langston Administrative Center." The mayors of the cities of Maplewood and Richmond Heights were on hand to present proclamations to Ms. Langston for more than 15 years of service on the MRH Board of Education.