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BOARD BRIEFS FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2024



At the first of two meetings on Thursday, September 19, the MRH Board of Education approved [\(in the form of a resolution\)](#) the tax rates for the 2024 tax year. Each year by October 1, MRH is required to set the property tax rates required for the operation of the school district. The rates were set as:

- \$3.5173 for Residential Real Estate
- \$3.9767 for Commercial Real Estate
- \$5.4658 for Personal Property
- \$1.3500 for Debt Service

Updated information from the State Auditor's Office required a minor adjustment to the previously published rates. The original and updated rates along with the financial impact are as follows:

	2024	2024	Variance	
	Updated	Original	Amount	Pct.
Residential	3.5173	3.5179	(0.0006)	-0.02%
Commercial	3.9767	3.9768	(0.0001)	0.00%
Personal Property	5.4658	5.4658	0.0000	0.00%
Blended	3.8669	3.8673	(0.0004)	-0.01%
Debt Service	1.3500	1.3500	0.0000	0.00%

Estimated Revenue

	Operations	Debt Service	Total
*Estimated Tax Revenue			
2024 (FY25) Original	\$ 17,183,000	\$ 5,997,000	\$ 23,180,000
Updated Estimated Revenue	\$ 17,181,000	\$ 5,997,000	\$ 23,180,000
	-\$2,000	\$1,000	-\$1,000

[The full 2024 tax rate hearing presentation by Chief Financial Officer Chris Hoelzer is available on our website.](#)

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Consolidation of Earned Leave to PTO is now official, by Board action. Staff at the middle school and elementary school participate in Capstone trips and expeditions throughout the year. As a result of their participation outside the scope of the school day, they earn personal leave. The current earned personal leave procedure requires teachers to either use their time before the conclusion of the school year or be paid out at the District's sub rate. Because of the timing of varying events, if teachers take off at the end of the year, it places a strain on the District to identify substitute teachers to cover the vacancy. By consolidating to PTO, teachers will now roll days to be added to their PTO balance.

Board members okayed a request for a minor academic calendar change for the current school year. January 3, 2025, will now become a work day for teachers rather than a professional development day. Either way, there will be no attendance for students.

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