



Board of Education Recap

April 21, 2020

Dear Vikings –

School (brick and mortar) has been canceled by Governor Evers through the end of the academic year.

What about graduation? prom? grading?

We are regularly updating our [FAQ page](#) as information becomes available.
(answers to these questions – page 3, page 3, and page 4, respectively)



Since our Board of Education last met, there has been a change in their composition.

1. We are grateful for the time, talent, and insights shared by departing Board member Mr. **Damon Piscitelli**. Last night was Damon’s final meeting; however, we suspect (and hope) he will stay connected to the great things happening in public education, as he has so much to offer.
2. Mrs. **Jessica Arrigoni** was elected to Damon’s vacated seat. Jessica is familiar to many of you, as she has been an active member of the Board’s “Community and Legislative Engagement” subcommittee, part of our music boosters program, and is a devoted mother to three school-aged children.
3. Lastly, we are grateful that Mrs. **Diana Rothamer** has signed on for a third term on the Board. She has been instrumental in leading the development of our strategic plan, [Vision 2023](#) and all things school construction. Thank you, Diana (and family) for the sacrifices made in the name of service to our important mission.

Here is a picture of Diana and Jessica after taking their oath of office.



In other news, the Board...

-was introduced to the Officer Steve Rosemeyer, the candidate of choice by our selection committee, as our first District School Resource Officer (SRO).

-heard an update about our efforts to enhance services being provided to our special education families and the

staff that support them. During his [presentation](#), **Brian Johnson**, Director of Student Services, spoke about our newly formed Special Education Leadership Team, which is comprised of staff members from multiple grade levels.

-learned about the status of our District’s brick and mortar inventory. As only teachers can do, our Assistant Superintendent, Mr. **Scott DeYoung**, and Building Services Coordinator, Mr. **Dave Reed**, [assigned letter grades](#) to many facets for each of our sites.

-took action to approve the purchase of another 212 Chromebooks. This budgeted purchase was requested now given inventory appears to be dwindling

due to high demand/low supply of parts. We want these in our hands for the start of the 2020-21 school year.

“What Do You Do If Your Child/Friend Ends up in a Mental Health Crisis during the COVID-19 Pandemic?”

Please refer to the information found on our District’s website: <https://www.mounthorebschools.org/district/mental-health-guidance-for-families.cfm>

and

The Mount Horeb Area School District has partnered with Nancy Pierce, licensed clinical social worker with Journey Mental Health, to create [this presentation](#) called “How to Respond to Youth Mental Health Needs During the Corona Crisis?”

A second video, “Understanding Mental Health Impact of COVID-19 Crisis” has also been created. It may be watched by clicking [this link](#).

I know this is an unsettling time for all of our Vikings. Please know we are here to help. No question is too small, too silly. If I can be of service (or any member of our team), won't you please let me know (salernosteve@mhasd.k12.wi.us)? I remain....

...proud to be a Viking and hope you are too!

Steve



BADGER CONFERENCE

#BeTheLightWI

All 16 Badger Conference Schools will be turning on their stadium lights, Friday, April 24th at 8pm to show our support of our spring athletes

Be Safe, stay home and turn on your porch light to show support for our athletes!

