



*Medford 7-12 School  
School Board Report  
7-19-2021*

*Mission*

*“Providing quality education while preparing our students and community for the future.”*

**1. High School Update** - Sara Routh (School Counselor) has been working with students to finalize schedules. After coming off of the past school year, we are in a great place with scheduling and meeting our student's needs. We are also busy enrolling new students and getting them ready for the school year. I have completed the student and faculty handbooks, I have also been working on professional development ideas and strategies, the mentor/mentee program (with Josh Carlson and Cindy Schmidt), job descriptions, policies, discipline procedures, curriculum, a continual improvement/advancement plan for our low, middle, and high level learners - this would include remediation plans/programming, higher level AP, PSEO, concurrent offerings and working with local sources and districts to get many of our students career and workforce ready.

A. I was able to attend, in person, the MASSP summer conference this year. I was able to share many thoughts and ideas with colleagues, listen to many great speakers, assist in the planning process of this, and take a few minutes to relax with my family and colleagues. Thank you Mr. Ristau and the Board of Education for allowing me to attend this conference.

B. I had the pleasure to serve on the Board of School Administrators (BOSA) Team to review the administrative preparation programs at Winona State University. This was a very special responsibility as I represented all of the principals for Minnesota and I was able to represent Medford Schools in this process. Was truly a rewarding experience.

C. I also had the pleasure to be a part of the interview team to hire a new Executive Director for MASSP. I represent the Southeast Principals division for this team of leaders, but it is always great that as I sit around the table, Medford High School is written on the table tent in front of me. Another great experience and very experiential.

**2. Hires** - First, we would like to wish our former teachers the best of luck on their new journeys and future endeavors. We would also like to welcome some fabulous new teachers to our staff:

- A. Josh Cluever - Math
- B. Megan Finley - English
- C. Emily Johnson - Science
- D. Cassie Tegmeirer - SPED (Current elementary, but moving over to the high school)

**3. Summer School** - We had an extremely successful summer school session. Randy Domstrand and Lisa Stewart did an amazing job of greeting, meeting, and helping these students catch up this summer. Thank you to these folks as well with all of their help in planning, scheduling, organization and curriculum writing: Randy Domstrand, Ellen Hansen, Kelly Johnson, Liz Neseth, and Lisa Stewart. We had 17 students begin and finish the program. This will allow students to advance to the next grade level class and become more successful. Once again, thank you Mr. Ristau and the Board of Education for allowing us to help these students reach their potential.

**5. School Supply list link** -

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LcVR72HtOFM6jK61SgtZwaQtC4M73zlYHZZsi5Quj0U/edit?usp=sharing>

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*Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it. -Maya Angelou*