



Madison, IN: Roney resigns from board to move forward as Facilities Director

On June 1, 2023, Jay Roney resigned his seat as a member of the Board of Trustees to be hired as the Director of Facilities for the school district. “I ran for the school board to make a difference in the work we do daily,” Roney shared. “As a board member, you get a completely different perspective on what it takes to operate a successful school district. The work that takes place in our schools each day is impressive.”

Roney has been involved with the schools on the instructional side as the Strength & Conditioning Coach since 2012. As co-owner of Mad City CrossFit, Roney expanded the business plan to include MCHS developing a program that launched with 30 students, and one team grew into seven periods a day with over 200 students and a structured Advanced PE focused on getting stronger and healthier. In addition, he made time available to teams after school and in the summer off-season working with coaches to create workouts to supplement the work being done in their specific sport to make them more competitive.



“I am a believer in fitness,” Roney continued. “The opportunity to be a part of the recent health facility and weight room project (as an instructor and board member) was not only exciting but it gave me the opportunity to use a skillset that had been lying dormant for some time. I realized that I really enjoy working on and managing large-scale projects, working with others to manage timelines that lead to more creative and engaging environments, and expanding our campuses and venues in order to create more unique opportunities for our students to learn and our teachers to engage them.”

“We are very excited to have Jay on the district leadership team,” stated Superintendent Dr. Teresa Brown. “We believe that Jay has a very unique background and skill set that he brings to this position that we see a need for within the district. He approaches every situation with an open mind and is always eager to learn and efficiency and quality are always Jay’s priority. He will be able to approach things from a fresh perspective, continue to give insightful feedback, and now be able to help drive processes and systems that will make the operational aspect of our day-to-day operations more efficient and effective.”

After moving to Madison in 1996, Jay quickly became involved in the community. As a board member and past President of both Habitat for Humanity and Jefferson County United Way, Jay has a well-rounded appreciation for what Madison has to offer as well as what is needed in order for people to thrive. “Our schools are the epicenter of our community,” he continued. “We need to focus on creating the best we can possibly offer for all students. With a focus on academics, modern facilities, technical trade programs, athletics, and extracurricular activities, we will continue to grow and provide students with a great academic experience that leads to post-secondary success - whether that is college, work, or a combination of both as they find their purpose. I am grateful for this opportunity. I look very forward to playing a role where I can either lead or support initiatives that make this an outstanding district and I am very excited to be a part of a great team committed to seeking excellence across the board!”