

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, February 23, 2022
AGENDA**

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II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Board Recognitions

- A. SET SEG Education Excellence Award - Greg Gray

IV. Educational Program Report

- A. Milan High School

V. Communications

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- A. Public Comments

VI. Consent Agenda

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- 1. Student Board Member Comments
- 2. Board Member Comments
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- 4. Student Discipline Action

VIII. Adjournment

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, February 23, 2022
RESOLUTIONS**

I. Call to Order

The workshop meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order in the Milan High School Theater located at 200 Big Red Drive, Milan MI, 48160, by President Cislo at _____ p.m. on February 23, 2022.

Board Members Present:

Board Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Guests Present:

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A. Public Comments

VI. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - February 9, 2022

Motion by _____ supported by _____ to approve the consent agenda that includes the minutes of the regular meeting of February 9, 2022.

Heikka ____ Kiger ____ Landingham ____ Moccio ____ Cislo ____ Faro ____ Frait ____
Carried _____.

VII. Old/New Business

A. Board Issues

1. MASB Region 7 Board of Directors Representative Election - Attachment A

Motion by _____ supported by _____ to direct the Superintendent, or designee, to cast the district's vote for the MASB Region 7 Board of Directors position for _____.
(Guillermo Lopez, Susan Marlin-Zeilser, Michael McVey)

Kiger ____ Landingham ____ Moccio ____ Cislo ____ Faro ____ Frait ____ Heikka ____
Carried _____.

2. COVID Health Guidelines - Attachments B1 and B2

Option 1: Motion by _____ supported by _____ to approve the Superintendent's recommendation as included in Attachment B1.

Option 2: Motion by _____ supported by _____ to revert back to our local mask requirements (approved on 8-12-21) on February 28, 2022, as detailed in Attachment B2.

Landingham _____ Moccio _____ Cislo _____ Faro _____ Frait _____ Heikka _____ Kiger _____
Carried _____.

B. Public Comments

C. Superintendent's Comments

D. Assistant Superintendent's Comments

E. Addenda

1. Student Board Member Comments

2. Board Member Comments

3. Closed Session – Student Discipline

Motion by _____ supported by _____ to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, and upon the request of the student's parent/guardian, for the purpose of conducting a hearing to consider the discipline of a student whose identity is known to the Board as student 2021-2022-2.

Moccio _____ Cislo _____ Faro _____ Frait _____ Heikka _____ Kiger _____ Landingham _____
Carried _____.

Time entered closed session _____.

Time returned to open session _____.

4. Student Discipline Action

Motion by _____ supported by _____ to _____ student 2021-2022-2 in accordance with the attached resolution.

Cislo _____ Faro _____ Frait _____ Heikka _____ Kiger _____ Landingham _____ Moccio _____
Carried _____.

VIII. Adjournment - Time of Adjournment _____.

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**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 9, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order in the Milan High School Theater located at 200 Big Red Drive, Milan MI, 48160, by President Cislo at 7:01 p.m. on February 9, 2022

Board Members Present: Cislo, Heikka, Landingham, Faro, Moccio, Kiger, Frait

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ryan McMahon, Sean DeSarbo, Jennifer Barker, Nicole Gerbens, Elizabeth Satterely, Clara Thiry, Tracy Terris

Guests Present: Jill Twesley, Debbie Allen, April Perez, Dawn Wilkerson, Fred Wilkerson, Mackenzie Ensign, Ashley St Clair, Dawn Walkowiak, Rachel Hobbs, Mika Gerbens, Reagan Hines, Gloria Shier, Laurie Englehart, Jodi Overbeak, Madison Daniels, Crisстина Smith, Sarah Finch, Alibeth Vandergrif, Carrie Gutierrez, Heidi Johnson, Annie Kruise, Jennifer Parris, Emily Dunn, Patrick Dunn, Matt West, Tammie King, Kelsey Witish, Shannon Betrus, Annabelle Betrus, Jeanette Halliday, Scott Morrell, Tammy King

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board received an Educational Update from Paddock Elementary School presented by Principal Sean DeSarbo, Tracy Terris, students, and the PTO.

Comments from the public were heard.

- Rachel Hobbs requested that her comments be included in the minutes. She commented on the Paddock Elementary School presentation, improved communication, the communication committee, stakeholder feedback, parental choice, policy, laws, political agendas, school safety, COVID funds, ALICE Training, and disbursements.

Motion by Kiger supported by Faro to approve the consent agenda that includes the minutes of the workshop meeting of January 26, 2022, and the approval of bills/reimbursement of expenses. Carried 6-1 No vote by Frait

- Board Member Frait requested that her comments be included in the minutes. She commented on the meeting minutes.

The Board conducted the Superintendent Evaluation Planning and Goal Setting process led by Mr. Scott Morrell from Michigan Association of School Boards

The Board heard a First Reading of the MASB Region 7 Board of Directors Representative Election as in Attachment A.

The Board held a discussion related to the Board meeting calendar.

The Board held a discussion on chapter 8 and the Afterward of the book Safe Is Not Enough: Better Schools for LGBTQ Students.

Motion by Faro supported by Moccio to approve the Communications Committee Community Members as provided in Attachment B. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

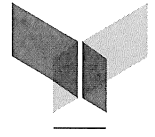
Comments from the public were heard.

Comments from the Superintendent were heard.

Comments from the Assistant Superintendent were heard.

Comments from Board Members were heard.

Time of Adjournment: 9:49 p.m.



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MASB Bylaws – Article IV – Membership

Section 2. Active Members. The board of education of any public school district in Michigan may become an active member of the Association. Active members of the Association shall be divided into eight regions. The regions shall be designated according to intermediate school district boundaries. The regions shall be as follows:

Region 1. Copper Country ISD, Delta-Schoolcraft ISD, Dickinson-Iron ISD, Eastern Upper Peninsula ISD, Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD, Marquette-Alger RESA and Menominee County ISD.

Region 2. Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona ESD, Charlevoix- Emmet ISD, Cheboygan-Otsego-Presque Isle ESD, COOR ISD, Iosco RESA, Manistee ISD, Northwest Education Services and Wexford-Missaukee ISD.

Region 3. Ionia County ISD, Kent ISD, Mecosta-Osceola ISD, Montcalm Area ISD, Muskegon Area ISD, Newaygo County RESA, Ottawa Area ISD and West Shore ESD.

Region 4. Bay-Arenac ISD, Clare-Gladwin RESD, Clinton County RESA, Gratiot-Isabella RESD, Midland County ESA, Saginaw ISD and Shiawassee RESD.

Region 5. Genesee ISD, Huron ISD, Lapeer County ISD, Sanilac ISD, St. Clair County RESA and Tuscola ISD.

Region 6. Allegan Area ESA, Barry ISD, Berrien RESA, Branch ISD, Calhoun ISD, Heritage Southwest ISD, Kalamazoo RESA, St. Joseph County ISD and Van Buren ISD.

Region 7. Eaton RESA, Hillsdale County ISD, Ingham ISD, Jackson County ISD, Lenawee ISD, Livingston ESA, Monroe County ISD and Washtenaw ISD.

Region 8. Macomb ISD, Oakland Schools and Wayne RESA.

Active members shall also be divided into the following seven groups based on pupil membership.

Group I All intermediate districts;

Group II School districts with a pupil membership of 0 - 1,400;

Group III School districts with a pupil membership of 1,401 - 2,500;

Group IV School districts with a pupil membership of 2,501 - 5,000;

Group V School districts with a pupil membership of 5,001 - 11,000;

Group VI School districts with a pupil membership of 11,001 - 40,000; and

Group VII School districts with a pupil membership more than 40,000.

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Board of Directors' Elections—Candidate Information and Email Voting Procedures

This year, five seats on the MASB Board of Directors are up for election.

The MASB Board of Directors is comprised of 22 members, including three at-large directors. Sixteen directors shall be elected from the eight regions, with two elected from each region; and one director per group shall be elected from Groups V, VI and VII. Directors are elected by active member school boards and, each year, several seats are up for election. The MASB President will nominate a member to serve as an at-large director, subject to Board approval.

Board Limitations:

Article VIII, Section 6 of the MASB Bylaws permits only one director to be elected or appointed from any one local or intermediate school district board.

According to MASB Bylaws Article VIII, Section 8, if any nomination for the Board of Directors is unopposed, the Board of Directors shall declare the unopposed candidate elected without conducting an election for the uncontested group or region.

This year, the following seats on the MASB Board are up for election (one seat each, three-year terms unless otherwise noted): Regions 3, 4, 7, 8 and Group VI. If you're unsure of your district's region or group, please see the list on page 2.

Region 3 will continue to be represented by John Siemion, Ottawa Area ISD, (unopposed, no ballots will be sent)

- **Group VI will be represented by Marc Siegler, Walled Lake Consolidated Schools, (unopposed, no ballots will be sent)**

Voting in Regions 4, 7, and 8 will take place via an online ballot. No local district/ISD funds can be used to campaign for anyone running for a seat. To help your board make an informed decision, the following pages contain background information and statements from each of the candidates.

Each district received ONE ballot, which was emailed to the superintendent secretary on record with MASB on Jan. 28, 2022. These ballots **CANNOT** be forwarded to anyone else. Once your board makes a decision on which candidate it wishes to vote for, please convey this information to your superintendent secretary.

Completed ballots must be submitted and confirmed by the superintendent secretary by **1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2022.**

Electronic voting is a two-step process:

Step 1 = Submit ballot.

Step 2 = Confirm ballot has been submitted.

Unofficial election results will be available on the voicemail recording at 517.327.5915 as soon as possible, but generally after 2 p.m. on the deadline date. They will also be sent out via email that afternoon. Official results will be approved at the March 18, 2022 Board of Directors' meeting, which newly elected directors should plan to attend.

To summarize:

- Ballot deadline is **1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2022.**
- MASB would like to remind all candidates for the MASB Board of Directors that no school district funds can be used for campaigning during the election. This rule prohibits a candidate from using their school district email account to send messages to other school board members. Therefore, a personal email account must be used for campaigning purposes when running for the MASB Board of Directors. If you have any questions about what may or may not constitute an expenditure of school district funds, please contact MASB's Legal Counsel Brad Banasik, J.D. at bbanasik@masb.org or 517.327.5929.
- Have questions? Contact Cheryl Huffman at 517.327.5915 or chuffman@masb.org.

Region 4 (Three-Year Term)

Phil Rausch

Midland Public Schools, Midland County



Time served on this board: Three years

Offices held: Vice President and Secretary

MASB Certification:

Election Statement:

My name is Phil Rausch and I am running as a candidate to represent Region 4 on the MASB Board of Directors. I am currently serving in my 4th year for the Midland Public Schools Board of Education. I attended Midland Public Schools K-12, where my children also attend. I was fortunate to have wonderful teachers, coaches, and administrators that mentored me both from an educational and personal growth perspective, helping shape me into the person I am today. I wish to serve on the MASB Board of Directors to continue growing in my role as a board member and enhance outcomes for our students and staff through work with fellow MASB members.

Today I work as the Solar Commercial Manager at Hemlock Semiconductor where I have the privilege of leading a team of engineers, analysts, and business development leaders to meet the needs of a successful business.

Over the past 3 years on the Midland Public Schools Board of Education, I have focused on student achievement. To me, student achievement does not just mean achievement for students that are college-bound and related to academic pursuits, but it should also entail achievement for those students that want to pursue careers and lives outside of a four-year college track. We need to meet the demands of our Michigan businesses to provide top skilled trades talent and other vocational programs where students are encouraged to pursue a wide variety of noble professions and career paths.

Second, our students must be safe every day when they go to school. We need to focus on the emotional intelligence of our students through inclusion training, diversity awareness, and early intervention and access for students to mental health professionals. Mental health is critically important now and, in the future, as we recover from the pandemic.

Third, we need to make sure that the school system as set up today is optimized for the families of the 21st-century. More families today have dual income parents or a single parent at home. School districts need to make sure that we provide access to before and after care that is structured for students to grow and utilize resources that can provide additional help in their studies.

As a member of the MASB Board, I want to learn from other districts' best practices and offer collaboration for common areas of focus to achieve mutual success.

Region 4 (Three-Year Term)

John Tramontana

DeWitt Public Schools, Clinton County



Time served on this board: Seven years

Offices held: Secretary and Treasurer

MASB Certification:

Election Statement:

MASB and school board service have been very important to me for nearly the past decade. I was hired as MASB's Director of Communications, PR & Marketing in 2014 and quickly fell in love with board service. My five years with the organization as an employee, school board member and CBA instructor allowed me to better understand the role of MASB's board and how we can better serve our members. I am a unique candidate as I have been on both sides of the organization. I understand how it works, I know the staff, I know its values. I also know the difficulties and rewards of being a school board member. This experience uniquely qualifies me for this new role and challenge. School board members need MASB more now than perhaps ever before. We are facing more challenges that at any point of my service. Equity, COVID-19 protocols, divided communities, and so much more. It is our job to not only be good stewards of our districts, but to bring our communities together. I understand these challenges, and I also understand how to govern a non-profit. I currently serve on the Board for the Michigan Society of Association Executives, Chair the American Society of Association Executives Communication Professionals Council, serve on the Board of the Veterinary Medical Association Executives, and as Treasurer of the DeWitt Public Schools Board of Education. I am excited about the opportunity to serve MASB and continue to move this great organization forward.

Region 4 (Three-Year Term)

Karen Uebler

Frankenmuth School District, Saginaw County



Time served on this board: Nine years

Offices held: Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

MASB Certification:

Certified Boardmember Award

Award of Merit

Election Statement:

Under the state constitution of 1963, Michigan children have the right to a free, quality, equitable public education. We have had fifty-nine years to fulfil this promise and we have failed. This is one of my concerns with public education in Michigan. I don't believe that all schools are equal, I'm not sure we provide the learners in all our districts everything they need to succeed. One of the roles of the MASB is to advocate for an equitable and exceptional public education for all students. I'd like to be a part of an organization that pursues that agenda.

We should be earnest in making sure that we provide quality education in all our Michigan school districts because the outcome is upward socioeconomic mobility and is an important key in escaping poverty, fostering tolerance, and creating more peaceful societies. I have been serving my community and country since I entered the Army right after high school. I continue to serve in my community in various ways by serving in different capacities in local civic organizations and of course serving on my local school board. I have served on my local school board since 2013 and have held the secretaries, treasurer and my current position as vice president. One of the perks of serving in the military was the G.I. Bill which allowed me to obtain a bachelor's degree and escape the poverty that I mentioned previously in this statement.

I'd like to be a part of the MASB board to move their mission forward and continue my commitment to serve.

Region 7 (Three-Year Term)

INCUMBENT

Guillermo Lopez

Lansing School District, Ingham County



Time served on this board: 22 years

Offices held: President and Treasurer

MASB Certification:

Certified Boardmember Award

Award of Merit

Award of Distinction

Election Statement:

The most important issue facing school districts is the COVID Pandemic. As a member of the MASB board of directors I will work with leadership to find ways to assist our districts in responding to the many issues associated with this pandemic. I will also continue to support the work MASB has done in the area of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). Much support and assistance is needed by our school districts. Additionally supporting districts who need training but are not in a position to cover the costs is a service that I will continue to support and to look for ways to expand it. As a retired teacher, I am able to spend the time and energy on what I love best...education.

Region 7 (Three-Year Term)

Susan Marlin-Zeilser

Monroe Public Schools, Monroe County



Time served on this board: One year

Offices held:

MASB Certification:

Certified Boardmember Award

Award of Merit

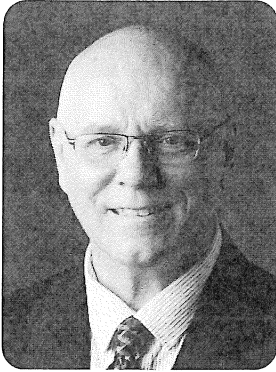
Election Statement:

As a teacher of almost 7 years, as well as a former foster parent and a permanent parent to three children, my primary concerns in education, are the crisis in staffing shortages; legislative decisions that undermine the robustness of community school districts; and adequate mental health, behavioral support, and special education funding and services for students in every school. COVID has accelerated and worsened the issues such as school staffing shortages and student mental health, and we need to be active in responding to these challenges in a way that supports and reinforces the important democratic role that public schools play in educating our youngest citizens. In addition to the work I am doing on the board of Monroe Public Schools in pushing for increased and improved mental health services for students and developing an engaging forest school option for our youngest learners, I have also been serving as a member of the MASB Government Relations Committee. Most recently, I have joined the Special Education Parent Action Committee of Monroe County ISD, and for fiscal year 2022, I was elected by my board colleagues to the position of School Board Liaison to the Monroe County ISD, an office that will allow me to continue working toward improving the provision of special education to our school district. I wish to serve on the MASB Board of Directors in order to network on a state level with other leaders and changemakers in education and to help support and continue to move policy work and legislative work in the direction of improving education for all stakeholders across the state. My life is education, and a passion for improvement in the current state of the system is what drives me and my work every day, and I look forward to an opportunity to put that passion and drive to use in service on the MASB Board of Directors.

Region 7 (Three-Year Term)

Michael McVey

Saline Area Schools, Washtenaw County



Time served on this board: Five years

Offices held: Vice President and Secretary

MASB Certification:

- Certified Boardmember Award
- Award of Merit
- Award of Distinction
- Master Boardmember Award
- Master Diamond Award
- Master Platinum Award

Election Statement:

I have spent more than 40 years in the service of students, teachers, schools, and educational organizations. I have gained a wealth of experience and have been putting it to use through my service as a trustee.

I began my career as an English and Special Education teacher as well as an ESL teacher (in Japan). After authoring a book for teachers and parents, "Meeting the Internet Challenge," I shifted gears to teach in Higher Education (University of Arizona). I earned a doctorate in Education and was trained for roles in school administration.

That career path was altered when I became a professor of Teacher Education at Eastern Michigan University. In that role, I believe I have earned a reputation for my ability to clearly explain policy issues, plan strategically, and represent the needs of faculty and students in the face of many recent challenges.

Five years ago, I sought a seat on our local school board because I knew the importance of being part of an engaged board focused on the varied needs of our students and the community. I was pleased to discover we had the solid expertise of MASB to assist us as we worked through a variety of challenges to our district.

Since being elected Trustee in Saline Area Schools, I have served as Secretary and Vice President. I also stepped up to serve as President of the Washtenaw Association of School Boards (WASB).

From my first day as a Trustee, I embraced MASB's CBA program (I am a Master Platinum recipient) and have actively used (or reviewed) many of the services MASB offers.

I was proud to watch MASB take principled stances on current educational issues and provide much-needed guidance about legislative initiatives. I am proud also of their encouragement and support of advocacy by its members. I believe MASB has offered clear guidance, excellent legal support, and superb trustee development. For those (and other) reasons, I am proud to run for a seat on its Board of Directors and to represent Region Seven.

Service on the Board of Directors would provide me an excellent opportunity to help MASB stay the course and continue to provide such excellent support to trustees, both the newly elected and the long-serving.

Region 8 (Three-Year Term)

Melandie Hines

Wayne Westland Community Schools, Wayne County



Time served on this board: Seven years

Offices held: Vice President and Secretary

MASB Certification:

Certified Boardmember Award

Award of Merit

Award of Distinction

Master Boardmember Award

Election Statement:

My name is Melandie Hines and I have served on the Wayne Westland Board of Education for over 7 years. I have served as the Vice President for one year and as the Board Secretary for 3 years. I have a passion for serving on the Wayne Westland Community Schools Board of Education by earning the respect and love from my community. I pride myself on being involved in student activities such as; concerts, plays and being present in sporting events, even cheering at homecoming events with the Alumni Cheerleaders. I also received the Master Board Member Award with the Michigan Association of School Boards.

I have an expertise in campaign management and with a team of 10 people from the Wayne Westland Community School District and the help from several community organizations, we were able to pass a \$158 million bond successfully in 6 communities, Wayne, Westland, Inkster, Romulus, Canton and Dearborn Heights in 2018. The money from the 2018 Bond allowed us to be able to create a safe and secure environment for the students along with our construction upgrades. We were also able to upgrade our curriculum and give our staff a long overdue raise. I currently sit on the Executive Board for the 13th Congressional District, Policy Committee and the Career College Readiness Committee for the Wayne Westland Community Schools. I am in the organization Top Ladies of Distinction, serve as an Advisor for the Top Teens of America and mentored for the Champions of Wayne Mentoring Program.

My goal in education is to make sure that all schools have equity in funding so that every student has the same opportunities to be successful and work towards their goals in regards to their career. I love the model of "The Portrait of a Graduate;" to make sure that children are career ready, college ready and life ready. We have restructured our K-12 curriculum working to add STEAM and a virtual High School to adapt with the changes in education due to Covid and to make sure that our children are successful. Due to the Covid environment dealing with the social emotional issues with mental health is also an important aspect to work towards. I have a lot of relationships with several districts in the Wayne County area and strive to work together to come up with a solution to make education equal and equitable for all students.

Region 8 (Three-Year Term)

INCUMBENT

Darlene Pomponio

Southgate Community Schools, Wayne County



Time served on this board: 13 years

Offices held: President, Vice President and Secretary

MASB Certification:

Certified Boardmember Award
Award of Merit
Award of Distinction
Master Boardmember Award
Master Diamond Award
Master Platinum Award
President's Award

Election Statement:

About 13 years ago, I started a journey of public service as a school board member in Southgate and had a passion to be part of change in education. It has been a pleasure to work on several committees including anti-bullying, strategic planning, safety, policy, and curriculum to name a few. I have held officer positions for the past 10 years including president, vice president, and secretary.

I have worked with WCASB as an executive board member for 11 years with an officer position for the last 10 years working on bylaw, procedures, and policy committees. Through MASB, I have participated in the Resolution and Bylaws and Government Relations committee over the past 11 years. I have served on the MASB board of directors for the last three years through Covid-19.

The conferences, workshops, and classes helped provide me with new insight on current issues and legislation in public education. I have earned awards and certifications leading to the highest level of Presidents Award. I have been part of the NSBA committees and have traveled to Washington several times to speak with legislators and fellow board members, which promoted collaboration and support for student achievement.

In addition to school board experiences, I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice, an MBA with a discipline in Strategic Management, a PhD in Applied Management and Decision Sciences, continuing education in Education Leadership and Teacher Certification, and School Administrator Certification for the state of Michigan. I continue to write articles for the local newspaper on public and higher education including speaking on the prevention of bullying and safety in our communities and schools.

My career has been in business, management consulting, and education. As a college professor, I educate graduate students and develop graduate and undergraduate courses. I have a non-profit organization that conducts research in education and learning disabilities.

If given another opportunity to serve as an MASB Region 8 Director I will bring all of my experiences to fulfill the mission of the MASB to provide quality educational leadership services for school boards across Michigan while continuing to advocate for public education and student achievement especially through the Covid-19 gap. I will continue to work on the tough topics we face today in our schools including school violence, remote learning, and the pandemic.

Region 8 (Three-Year Term)

Angie Smith

Farmington Public Schools, Oakland County



Time served on this board: Six years

Offices held: Secretary

MASB Certification:

Certified Boardmember Award

Award of Merit

Award of Distinction

Master Boardmember Award

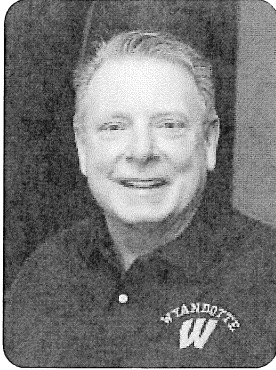
Election Statement:

Angie Smith has a longstanding commitment to community service as well as a deep commitment to the students and families of Farmington Hills Public School. She was employed at Detroit Public Schools in special education where she saw first hand where the need for equity for all students needed attention. She is passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion and works tirelessly with her board of education to address concerns in her district. She has served as a Building PTA President, PTA Council president, PTA State Region D Representative and Co-Chair of the Farmington/Farmington Hills MCMR MLK Walk. She is excited about the opportunity to working on the MASB Board of Directors representing Region 8 to discuss innovative ways to support all learners throughout the state.

Region 8 (Three-Year Term)

Michael Swiecki

Wyandotte Public Schools, Wayne County



Time served on this board: 28 years

Offices held: Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

MASB Certification:

- Certified Boardmember Award
- Award of Merit
- Award of Distinction
- Master Boardmember Award
- Master Diamond Award
- Master Platinum Award

Election Statement:

I would like to see public education continue to move forward utilizing new ideas, technology, and innovation. I have had 2 children graduate from Wyandotte Schools and 4 grandchildren attend as well. In the last 28 years of board service, I have seen much stay the same and much change. While funding and standardized testing seem to be a struggle that never ends, safety, student achievement and success must be the priority. Our work is never done, we can and should always strive for better. I expect to be seated on the WCASB Executive Board at their next meeting. I have always been an advocate of MASB and I am currently working on the President's Award Level. I appreciate the work and support MASB has provided over the years. I believe it is important for all boards to work together to find the best opportunities for all students. Twenty-eight years brings a bit of experience and the appetite to see students achieve and succeed never dies. I find it quite invigorating! I feel now is the right time for me to give back and help support this organization. I am asking you to vote for me to represent Region 8 on the MASB Board of Directors. Thanking you in advance for your support.



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Superintendent's Feb 28 Health Order Recommendation

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Survey Results

	Original Counts		Counts with Duplicates Removed	
	Follow the WCHD's guidance	Require universal masking	Follow the WCHD's guidance	Require universal masking
Community	761	291	737	282
	72.3%	27.7%	72.3%	27.7%
Staff	83	54	83	52
	60.6%	39.4%	61.5%	38.5%

In a press release issued by the Washtenaw County Health Department (WCHD) on February 11th, the department stated that they will be lifting their remaining COVID Health Orders effective February 28th. This includes two orders, one requiring masks and another for isolation and quarantine. The press release went on to say that universal masking remains strongly recommended in K-12 educational settings.

On February 16th, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) updated their masking guidance for Michiganders. Their update states, "Based on current conditions, MDHHS is expiring the Public Health Advisory on Masking in Indoor Public Settings, including school settings." MDHHS also supports adjusting mask recommendations as the state cycles through periods of response, recovery and readiness and following local health department decisions based on local conditions.

Based on the expiration of the MDHHS's Public Health Advisory, the rescission of the WCHD's COVID Health Orders, and other local factors (including community and staff surveys), **it is my recommendation that starting Monday, February 28th, Milan Area Schools transitions to masks being highly recommended but not required.**

Please note that the CDC continues to require that all persons wear masks on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation, as well as at airports and stations. **This includes School buses.**

The following statements are provided to help clarify what is meant by, "masks are highly recommended but not required":

- Masks are optional and a personal choice for all staff, students, guests, and visitors
- The option holds true within all district buildings and facilities (not on school buses)
- No one has the right to require, influence, encourage, pressure, harass, or bully anyone to wear -or- not wear a mask
- Immunocompromised staff and student situations will be handled on a case-by-case basis

In order to support and respect the personal choice of each staff member, student, guest and visitor; incidents of students and/or staff engaging in the act of requiring, influencing, encouraging, pressuring, harassing, or bullying anyone to wear -or- not wear a mask will be addressed according to board policies, codes of conduct, and employment contracts.

During times of elevated communicable disease community spread as determined by the Board in consultation with health professionals (CDC, MDHHS, WCHD, etc), the Board reserves the right to require masks in accordance with Board policies.

MAS Masking Requirements

CDC Transmission Level *	Preschool - 6th Grade	7th - 12th Grade and Young Adult
Low	Masks Highly Recommended	Masks Highly Recommended
Moderate	Masks Required	Masks Highly Recommended
Substantial	Masks Required	Masks Required
High	Masks Required	Masks Required

MAS will operate based on the highest level of transmission (Monroe and Washtenaw County)

MAS Bus Masking Requirements

Masks required by federal order for all students and staff at all times on buses.

MAS Athletic Masking Requirements

OUTDOOR: Masks NOT required for athletes, volunteer workers, or spectators.

INDOOR: Masks NOT required for athletes while actively participating.

INDOOR: Masks are required for athletes when they are not actively participating.

INDOOR: Masks required for volunteer workers.

INDOOR: Masks recommended (not required) for spectators.