



MASB  
MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION  
OF SCHOOL BOARDS



**BOARD *of*  
DIRECTORS  
ELECTIONS**

**2025**

## 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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Note: Incumbents are **bolded**



## Region 8 (Three-Year Term)

### Jason Babbage

Allen Park Public Schools, Wayne County

Time served  
on this board:

**2** years

**MASB Certification:**

Certified Boardmember Award  
Award of Merit

### Election Statement:

I am an alumnus and lifelong resident of the Allen Park Public School District. Family and education are at the top of my interests, loves and passions, and certainly go hand in hand with the MASB Board of Directors position for Region 8. Inspired by family members holding political positions leading the way and showing me what it is to serve the community; I can only hope to follow in their footsteps and use my unique position and family connections to influence policy.

I am looking forward to serving on the MASB Board of Directors to help promote a unified and communitive board of directors that focuses on the major issues facing us in the educational community. Some of these issues include unfunded policies, declining enrollment, higher education standards, advances in educational technology, and more. To navigate these issues, we need to be open to change and willing to support new ideas whether it is adding sensory rooms or going from textbooks to technology.

I hold a master's degree in automotive systems engineering and a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from U-M Dearborn, and work at Ford Motor Company as an engineer in exterior automotive lighting and am considered one of the top experts in headlamp aim (HLA). I achieved my MASB Level 2 award of merit and look forward to getting more MASB classes under my belt. I have two children attending Allen Park schools and it's family that's been the driving force of involvement in the community and schools.

I would like to serve on the MASB Board of Directors because I believe I will bring a different perspective, drive and policy influence that will be beneficial to Region 8.



## Region 8 (Three-Year Term)

### Dr. Anisha Hannah

Pontiac School District, Oakland County

Time served  
on this board:

**3** years

**Offices held:**

President and  
Secretary

**MASB Certification:**

Certified Boardmember  
Award of Merit  
Award of Distinction

### Election Statement:

I view education as the key to unlocking the door of possibilities. I believe that every child should have access to a quality education. One that will equip them with the skills and knowledge to lead productive, fruitful lives and make a positive contribution to society. I believe that every student can learn; some may require the use of different methodologies. My concern about the educational system is that too much emphasis has been placed on test scores as opposed to the success of the whole child.

Currently, as the Director of Strategic Partnership & Initiatives with the Pontiac Collective Impact Partnership, I lead collaborative efforts with nonprofits, government agencies, and educational institutions to enhance economic and academic outcomes. In this role, I have successfully developed initiatives and set goals for the City of Pontiac with partners that support Oakland County's goal of 80 by 30, ensuring program sustainability and growth. My experience as Board President with the City of Pontiac School Board of Education has further honed my ability to manage complex budgets, engage with diverse stakeholders, and advocate for initiatives that benefit community members from various socioeconomic backgrounds. These experiences have equipped me with the skills to identify challenges, implement data-driven improvements, and ensure that programs achieve measurable outcomes.

It is my desire to serve on the MASB Board of Directors to provide a voice for the minority students that reside in lower socioeconomic backgrounds. The views and opinions of minority students and families are often overlooked and unheard. Serving on the MASB Board of Directors would allow me the opportunity to represent a demographic and community who benefits the most from public education.

I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to learn and contribute to impactful programs and policies that will support children in Michigan's school districts.

I am eager to bring my dedication to education and the Pontiac community to the MASB platform.

## Region 8 (Three-Year Term)



### Paul Kolin

Bloomfield Hills Schools, Oakland County

Time served  
on this board:

**10** years

Offices held:

President, Vice  
President, Secretary  
and Treasurer

#### MASB Certification:

Certified Boardmember Award  
Award of Merit  
Award of Distinction

#### Election Statement:

Education is the cornerstone of our society, shaping not only the minds of the next generation but also the future of our communities and the world. I believe that a high-quality education system equips students with the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive, fosters critical thinking, and nurtures a lifelong love of learning. Beyond academics, education must prepare individuals to engage as informed, empathetic and responsible citizens.

My passion for education stems from witnessing its transformative power in my own life and in the lives of others. I firmly believe that every child deserves access to equitable opportunities, regardless of their background or circumstances. This requires a commitment to removing barriers, supporting educators, and fostering innovative practices that address the diverse needs of all learners.

Serving on the MASB board is an opportunity to advocate for these values at a broader level. The Michigan Association of School Boards plays a pivotal role in strengthening public education by providing leadership, governance and support to local districts. As a board member, I would work collaboratively to ensure that policies and resources are aligned with the goal of fostering student success and community engagement.

My background in Bloomfield Hills for the last 10 years and being a teacher in the past has equipped me with the skills to navigate complex challenges, analyze data-driven solutions, and build consensus among diverse stakeholders. I am committed to listening to educators, parents, and students to understand their needs and bring their voices to the decision-making table.

By serving on the MASB board, I hope to contribute to a shared vision of educational excellence, ensuring that every child in Michigan receives the education they deserve. Together, we can create a stronger future for our students and our communities.

## Region 8 (Three-Year Term)



### Roderick Means

Westwood Community School District, Wayne County

Time served  
on this board:

**28** years

Offices held:

President, Vice  
President, Secretary  
and Treasurer

#### MASB Certification:

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

#### Election Statement:

As a passionate advocate for quality education, my vision for our educational system centers on equity, innovation and community engagement. Every student, regardless of background, should have access to high-quality educational opportunities that prepare them for future success. My primary concerns include addressing disparities in educational resources, integrating technology, and fostering strong partnerships within our communities.

As a single parent of two young boys, I began as a little league baseball and football coach. I served a Cub and Boy Scout leader, from Tiger Cub Coordinator to Cubmaster and Assistance Boy Scout leader. I served on many Athletic and booster clubs in the High School. I spearheaded initiatives that improved academic outcomes and strengthened community ties. For the last 20 years, I have worked as an Application Developer at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor, gaining valuable insights into educational technology.

I have actively contributed to the field of education beyond my immediate roles by serving on various MASB committees, including Government Relations, Bylaws and Policy, and Board Leadership and Training. These committees have allowed me to work collaboratively on critical issues affecting our schools and have deepened my understanding of governance and policy frameworks. Additionally, I have served as an MASB Board Mentor, supporting new board members in their roles and fostering effective leadership and governance.

My decision to seek a position on the MASB Board of Directors stems from a deep commitment to effecting systemic change. Serving on the board will allow me to leverage my experience to advocate for equitable funding, support professional development for educators, and integrate technology to enhance learning. I am dedicated to fostering transparency and accountability to ensure that all decisions are in the best interest of our students. In conclusion, my extensive experience in education, coupled with my dedication to improving our educational system, uniquely positions me to contribute meaningfully to the MASB Board of Directors. I am eager to drive positive change, support our educators, and ensure every student has the opportunity to succeed. Thank you for considering my candidacy.

## Region 8 (Three-Year Term)



### Randel Meisner

Fitzgerald Public Schools, Macomb County

Time served  
on this board:

**12** years

**Offices held:**

Vice President,  
Secretary and  
Treasurer

**MASB Certification:**

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

**Election Statement:**

CONCERNS: We need sustainable funding for public education at all levels. Teacher retention. Teacher shortages. Full funding for special education. Offset the MPSERS cost.

EXPERIENCE: MISD Legislative Committee, MISD Budget Review, participate in annual legislative strategic planning sessions. Attend the state Annual Leadership Conferences and National School Board Conferences. Awarded the MASB President's Award.

I would appreciate a chance to serve on the MASB board of directors so that I can add a fresh viewpoint to the board. I enjoy working with other board members for a common goal.

## Region 8 (Three-Year Term)



### Scott Wallace

Fraser Public Schools

Time served  
on this board:

**8** years

**Offices held:**

President, Vice  
President and  
Treasurer

**MASB Certification:**

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

**Election Statement:**

Region 8 is comprised of many different students with many different backgrounds, and all deserve a quality education regardless of where they live.

I am proud to serve in the same district where I, and my three children, have graduated from. I am an Eagle Scout and have coached soccer and basketball as well as served as an officer on the Board of Directors for the Fraser Soccer Club for four years. I have been the President of Fraser Public Schools Board of Education since 2022 and a board member since 2017.

I have worked with the MASB since becoming a school board member and have seen the many good things that come from us all working towards making education in Michigan better for all of our kids.

Working on the MASB legislative committee for three years I got to see up close how important it is for us to continue to be heard in Lansing and I hope to take this opportunity to continue making sure our region's concerns are heard. I thank you for the opportunity to serve.



## Region 8 (Three-Year Term)

### Ursula (Wester) Rogers

Romulus Community Schools, Wayne County

Time served  
on this board:

8 years

Offices held:

President, Secretary  
and Treasurer

#### MASB Certification:

Certified Boardmember Award  
Award of Merit  
Award of Distinction  
Master Boardmember

#### Election Statement:

I am deeply passionate about ensuring that every student in Michigan has access to a high-quality, equitable education. However, there are significant challenges that must be addressed, including disparities in funding, access to resources, and the growing mental health needs of students. These issues disproportionately impact students from marginalized communities, and I firmly believe it is our collective responsibility to create a system that is inclusive, supportive, and designed to meet the needs of all learners.

Throughout my career, I have had the privilege of working in various educational settings, including as a substitute teacher, secretary, human resources professional, and school board member. These roles have provided me with a firsthand understanding of the challenges educators face, from budget cuts to the increasing demands on teachers' time and resources. Additionally, I have served on committees focused on policy, human resources, school improvement, and curriculum, gaining valuable insights into the intricacies of school governance.

Beyond my professional experience, I have been actively involved with the Romulus Athletic Club for 24 years as treasurer and cheerleading coach for a youth football organization. This work has allowed me to connect with students in alternative ways, providing them with positive outlets to compete, grow, and discover what drives them. Through all of these experiences, I have gained a comprehensive understanding of how local school boards can influence state and national education policies. These experiences have strengthened my expertise in governance and advocacy, which I believe would be an asset to the MASB Board of Directors.

I wish to serve on the MASB Board of Directors because I am committed to ensuring that Michigan's school boards have the tools, resources, and support they need to advocate effectively for students. MASB is uniquely positioned to unite school boards across the state to address shared challenges, promote best practices, and advocate for policies that improve funding, access to resources, and student outcomes. I am eager to collaborate with fellow board members to create lasting, positive change for Michigan's students and educators.

Thank you for considering my candidacy.



## Region 8 (Three-Year Term)

### Lisa Valerio-Nowc

Clintondale Community Schools, Macomb County

Time served  
on this board:

2 years

Offices held:

Secretary

#### MASB Certification:

Certified Boardmember Award  
Award of Merit

#### Election Statement:

As a librarian for over thirty years with experiences in school libraries, and in the classroom, I understand the complex issues in education today. Teachers and students are finding their classrooms changing almost daily with new technology, apps and tools that, at times, seem overwhelming. Added to this are the challenges that are faced every day of surviving in a society that seems to be controlled by "notifications" on our phones and computers. My aim is to make my school district a safe place to learn and grow. With this in mind, as a MASB Board member, I believe that my contributions will aid the organization in finding meaningful solutions that will help schools support their communities better.

Education is not just a word that conveys what a person learns. It is what that person does with the education that makes an impact on our community and world. It is an honor to be a part of a profession that guides the next generation. I have been a School Librarian, Library Director of Baker College, and served in leadership positions in public libraries. Currently, I am the Assistant Manager/Children's Librarian at Chaney Branch/Detroit Public Library. In each of these positions I have made it a goal to help children and adults with their lifelong pursuit of learning. In my opinion, once you stop learning, you stop growing.

In closing, it is without a doubt in my mind that I am qualified and ready to serve as a Board of Director member for the MASB. I am ready to serve and make a positive impact with the organization.