



AGENDA

Special Meeting of the Bloomfield Hills Schools Board of Education

Doyle Center for Professional Development
7273 Wing Lake Road | Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

January 2, 2025
6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

- A. Call to Order
- B. Attendance
- C. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comment

- A. Public Comment

To submit public comment during a meeting of the Bloomfield Hills Schools Board of Education, please complete a comment card and present it to the Board of Education

3. Michigan Association of School Boards Region 8 Board of Directors Open Seat Nomination

I move that Paul Kolin be nominated for the Michigan Association of School Boards Board of Directors open seat for Region 8, representing Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties.

4. Adjournment

Public Comment is a time for individuals to share their thoughts with the Board; however, it is not a time for dialogue with the Board. Those who wish to speak at Public Comment are asked to complete a Public Comment Request Card. In the interest of fairness, the Board will announce a speaker time limit based on the number of cards submitted and available time.

If you have a disability requiring a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service, please call the Office of the Superintendent at 248-341-5406 at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

Board Minutes are Located at:
<http://www.bloomfield.org/board-of-education>
Bloomfield Hills School Board of Education
7273 Wing Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301
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Bloomfield Hills Board of Education

Memo

To: Superintendent and Board of Education
From:
Date: January 2, 2025
Re: Michigan Association of School Boards Region 8 Board of Directors
Open Seat Nomination

Recommended Motion:

I move that Paul Kolin be nominated for the Michigan Association of School Boards Board of Directors open seat for Region 8, representing Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties.

Background Information:

Board of Directors Role: The MASB Board is comprised of the elected representatives of active member boards. The board shall:

- Oversee MASB activities
- Establish operating policies for MASB
- Speak for member boards between meetings of the Delegate Assembly
- Appoint an executive director who shall administer the affairs of MASB
- Five or six one-day meetings during the fiscal year, (usually Fridays and may include a retreat/meeting)
- Service on an Association and/or a Board Committee and possibly service as a chairperson (this may involve an additional three to four virtual or in-person meetings per year)

Nomination of Candidates: This year, eight seats on the MASB Board of Directors are up for election. The MASB Board of Directors is comprised of 23 members: 16 directors elected from the eight regions (two elected from each); and one director each from Groups V, VI and VII, and three at-large directors. Region and Group directors are elected by active member school boards and each year several seats are up for election.

Article VIII, Section 7 of the MASB Bylaws provides that your board's nomination of candidates for the MASB Board of Directors must be received by MASB by Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025. If

your board wishes to nominate a member, please be certain that the person agrees to be a candidate and, as approved by the 2018 Delegate Assembly, have served as a qualified trustee of an active or academy member board of education for at least one year and have completed the Fundamentals of School Board Service course (CBA 101) at the time of their nomination to office. The time commitment for individuals serving on the MASB Board minimally includes five or six one-day meetings during the fiscal year, (usually Fridays and may include a retreat/meeting), and service on an Association and/or a Board Committee and possibly service as a chairperson. This may involve an additional three to four virtual or in-person meetings per year.

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. This year the following seats on the MASB Board are up for election (one seat each; three-year terms unless otherwise noted):

- Region 1 (two-year term)
- Region 3
- Region 4
- Region 6 (open seat; one-year term)
- Region 7
- Region 8 (open seat - current director is not running for re-election)
- Group V
- Group VI

Election Information: The Executive Director or their designee shall prepare ballots for the election of Directors. A list of candidates with their qualifications shall be prepared and sent to each active or academy member school board by the fourth Friday in January of each year, except if a group or regional election is uncontested.

Each active or academy member school board will mark the ballot for not more than the number of Directors specified and return the marked ballots by secure means to the Executive Director no later than 1 p.m. on the first Wednesday in March.

As the ballots are received by the Executive Director, a record shall be made of the names of the school districts or academy members whose boards have submitted ballots. When the election results have been determined, the record shall be made available to member school boards upon request. Immediately following the deadline for returning ballots, the Executive Director shall deliver all ballots received to an auditing agency to determine the election results.

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. The Board of Directors shall make this declaration upon receipt of certification from the Executive Director that the candidates are unopposed.

Candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast in a regional or group election shall be elected unless in conflict with Article VIII, Section 6 (Board Limitations) of the Bylaws.

In situations where more than the allowed number of candidates from one local school district or intermediate school district board are elected in conflict with Article VIII, Section 6 of the Bylaws, the person who received the highest percentage of votes in the regional or group election in which they ran shall be seated.

Voting: Voting will take place via online ballots, which will be distributed via email for contested races only by January 24, 2025. Each district will receive ONE ballot, which will be emailed to the superintendent secretary on record with MASB. This person will be responsible for completing the ballot and confirming the vote. The ballot deadline is 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

Information and Rules for Candidates:

- MASB is committed to a high level of civility, respect and ethical behavior in the process

leading to membership on the Board of Directors. While it is recognized that candidacy and election for any office has an important political dimension, all will benefit if the process is characterized by ethical and civil behavior. Additionally, all involved in the process must strive to avoid even the appearance of impropriety.

- No local district/ISD resources or funds can be used to campaign for anyone running for a seat. 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.
- No use of MASB staff time or resources is permitted during the election process (November–March). If you have questions, please contact Don Wotruba or Cheryl Huffman.
- During the election process, candidates should refrain from participating as a presenter/speaker at MASB functions.
- It's the responsibility of the candidate to distribute any campaign materials. Staff *won't* transport/distribute materials to conferences or other events.

ATTACHMENTS:

File Name

Description

No Attachments Available