



WEST NORTHFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 31

BOARD BRIEFS

APRIL 16, 2019

REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

3131 Techny Road, Northbrook, Illinois 60062-5899

7:00 PM, Thursday, April 16, 2019

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BOARD OF EDUCATION REORGANIZATION

Board Thanks Dr. Robert Spector for Service

Dr. Robert Spector retired the Board after twelve years of service with the final four as President. Please join us in thanking Dr. Spector for his dedication to our students and staff.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Melissa Choo Valentinas
President

Laura Greenberg
Vice President

Daphne Frank
Secretary

Nancy Hammer
Robert Resis
Jeffrey Steres
Maria Vasilopoulos

Board Members Take Oath

District 31 welcomes back Melissa Choo Valentinas and Daphne Frank for another four-year term along with newly elected Board Member Maria Vasilopoulos.

Board Officers Elected

The Board elected officers for a two-year term. New officers are:

- President – Melissa Choo Valentinas
- Vice President – Laura Greenberg
- Secretary – Daphne Frank

Board Meeting Dates Selected

The Board selected dates for their FY 2020 meetings. All meetings will begin at 7:00 PM and will be located in the Field School Learning Center. These dates will be posted on the District web site.

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Alexandra Nicholson
Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Carrie De La Cruz
Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Janine Gruhn
Director of Special Education

Catherine M. Lauria
Chief School Business Official

Dr. Erin Murphy
Principal
Field Middle School

Erica Berger
Principal
Winkelman School

Nino Alvarez
Assistant Principal
Winkelman School

Dominic Milano
Assistant Principal
Field School

Board Representation Selected

Board members volunteered to serve on the following organizations:

- Northfield Township School Boards – Melissa Choo Valentinas
- Illinois Association of School Boards – Maria Vasilopoulos
- Northern Suburban Special Education Department – TBD
- Northbrook Economic Development Committee – Robert Resis
- Glenview Plan Commission – Daphne Frank
- Ed Red – Laura Greenberg
- Education Foundation and PTC – Nancy Hammer
- Stakeholder Financial Advisory Committee – Jeffrey Steres

Additionally, Melissa Choo Valentinas was identified to lead the Superintendent search.

PERSONNEL

Board Approves Tenure

The Board of Education approved granting tenure to the following teachers at the end of the 2018-2019 school year:

- Tristan Roche – Field Math Teacher
- Gina Byrne – Winkelman Classroom Teacher
- Clare Wilkin – Winkelman Special Education Teacher

Please join us in congratulating these teachers.

Resignations

The Board approved resignations of the following staff members:

- Robin Linn-Cohen - Winkelman ELA Gifted Teacher
- Emily Macklin - Field Special Education Teacher
- Zoe Hankin - Kindergarten Teacher
- Megan Wales - Grade Five Classroom Teacher

Please join us in wishing these staff members well in their future endeavors.

Retirement

The Board approved the retirement of Marilyn Zeller, Field Spanish Teacher, effective the end of this school year. We thank Mrs. Zeller for her years of service and dedication to our students.