



Welcome to a Board of Education Meeting

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Board of Education



LORI AJLOUNY

2017-20 - WSU graduate with over 30 in education, Ajlouny is also a Groves alumnae. A longtime resident of Birmingham, she lives with her husband,

Mick Pilles, and their four children. She has served on a variety of committees, including Diversity Committee, curriculum committees, SALT, School Improvement Committee, District Math and Social Studies committees and Strategic Planning Committee. She and her family enjoy traveling and spending quality time together.



BRIAN JENNINGS

2017-20 - Attended Ferris State University and EMU. A licensed builder, Jennings runs his own building and development company.

Jennings has served as the assistant football coach for Seaholm High School, is a former vice-president of the Quarton PTA and currently serves as a Bloomfield Hills Delegate. He and his wife, Nadine, have been married for 24 years and have four children.

WALTER ROTHSCHILD

2015-18 - Long Island University graduate, Rothschild is a native of New York City and has spent most of his career in marketing leadership roles



STEVE SCHEIDT

2011-18 - U-M and Harvard graduate, Scheidt is also a Groves alumnus and retired senior executive in a global high technology firm. He has been an active school

volunteer, serving as a trustee of the Birmingham Education Foundation, a member of the district Athletic Advisory Board, a PTA officer, theater booster leader and middle school enrichment teacher. He has served the board as president and on various committees, including Athletics, Audit, Character, Diversity and Special Education.



JESSICA THOMAS

2015-18 - B.A. in Economics and Management from Albion College with a professional background in public accounting, specializing

in governmental audits including school districts and municipalities. Thomas served on the Derby PTA, Seaholm Girls Basketball, Seaholm Women's

with Chase, MasterCard, TransUnion, R.L. Polk, and ForeSee. He and his wife, Lori, have three children who have gone through the BPS system. Walter has volunteered a

great deal of time coaching in a variety of youth athletic programs.



KIMBERLY WHITMAN

2017-22 - U-M graduate and CPA, Whitman has spent her entire career in the professional services industry. Having served in both CPA and Human

Resources capacities, Whitman brings a unique perspective to the board. Whitman is an active school volunteer, serving on the Beverly Elementary School PTA Executive Board for the last seven years. She and her husband, Alan, have two children in the district.



ADRIENNE YOUNG

2017-22 - University of Chicago Law School graduate, Young serves the state as an appellate defense attorney at the State Appellate Defender Office.

Young has also served as a clerk on the Michigan Supreme Court. She received her B.A. in Sociology and Political Science from U-M and went on to join Teach For America and earned her Master of Education in Special Education while teaching. Young and her husband, Jeffrey Bozell, spend their free time with their growing family.

Greetings

We are pleased to welcome you to a meeting of the Birmingham Public Schools Board of Education. Your attendance shows you care about education and take an interest in your local schools. We ask visitors to please sign the attendance sheet. Your presence will be noted in the official minutes of the meeting.

This brochure is provided to guide you through the meeting and help you communicate with the board.

Thank you for joining us.

On the agenda

Agendas are provided at the board meeting. Agendas may be picked up in advance at the Birmingham Education and Administration Center on the day of the meeting. Agendas are also posted on the BPS website (www.birmingham.k12.mi.us) the Friday before the board meeting.

How we are elected

The board consists of seven school district residents who serve overlapping terms of four years each. Any registered

voter who lives in the BPS district may vote in school elections.

Trustees serve without compensation except for reimbursement of expenses.

Public input

The board values this opportunity to listen to the concerns of parents, students and other community members. All regular meetings of the Board of Education include public comments.

If you wish to speak at a board meeting, please fill out a **Request to Comment** card and hand it to the board assistant before the public comments section of the meeting is concluded. Please limit your remarks to three minutes. You may speak without submitting a card by raising your hand.

If you prefer, you may express your concerns by letter. Please include all essential information. Each trustee receives a copy of every letter.

You may also call 248-203-3004 to leave a voice mail message for board members. The telephone message is transcribed and delivered to all trustees.

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What we do

As trustees of the BPS district, we are responsible for setting educational policies consistent with state and federal laws governing public education.

As representatives of the electorate, we provide programs which meet the

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educational objectives of the community. In addition, we are responsible for the district's resources. We also serve as a board of appeals. Individually and as a board, we work as concerned citizens for the improvement of public schools.

A quorum of four board members is needed to conduct official school district business. The superintendent and administrative staff are present at board meetings to provide reports and background information.

Minutes are recorded at every meeting. Proposed minutes are available within eight business days after the meeting. Approved minutes are available within five days after the meeting in which the board approves them and are posted on our website.

Our meetings

Study Sessions are generally held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 a.m. and Board meetings the third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Evergreen Room of the BPS Education and Administration Center.

When a special meeting is necessary, public notice is given at least eighteen hours prior to the meeting.

Meetings of the board are open to the public except those specifically exempted by law. By law, closed sessions may be called to discuss certain personnel actions, student discipline cases, contract negotiations, some property transactions and for consultation with attorneys on pending litigation.

Meetings are televised on Channel 17 and available to view on the BPS website.

Study Sessions

July 17, 2018
Aug. 7
Sept. 5
Oct. 2
Nov. 6
Dec. 4
Jan. 3, 2019
Feb. 5
March 5
April 9
May 7
June 4

Board Meetings

July 24, 2018
Aug. 21
Sept. 18
Oct. 16
Nov. 27
Dec. 18
Jan. 15, 2019
Feb. 26
March 19
April 23
May 21
June 18

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