



May 15, 2023

## Appointment of Board Member

### Oath of Office for new Board Member



Gene Haring was appointed to the Board of Education for a two-year term at the May 15 meeting.

Haring, 71, is the former Marketing and Communications Manager for the Des Plaines Park District. He served in that role for more than 16 years.

“I look forward to working with Mr. Haring in his new role as he begins his two-year term on the Board of Education,” said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Michael Amadei. “Mr. Haring has been an active member of the Des Plaines community for

many years and as a former parent here in District 62 I appreciate his dedication to our school district. Mr. Haring and I not only collaborated through his role with the Park District but also as active members of the Maine Community Youth Assistance Foundation (MCYAF). Thank you to Mr. Haring for his service and commitment to the Board of Education.”

In his new role, Haring looks forward to supporting the use of communication tools to enhance community engagement.

“It’s an honor to have been selected to join the dedicated members of this Board and continue the important work of advocating for every student in District 62,” said Haring. “I’m committed to making sure we support our teachers, students, and parents so they all have the resources they need to be successful as we educate the next generation.”

## District 62 Board of Education

**Ronald Burton**  
President

**Beth Morley**  
Vice President

**Stephanie Duckmann**  
Member

**Tina Garrett**  
Member

**Gene Haring**  
Member

**Elizabeth Massa**  
Member

**Jeanette Weller**  
Member

**Margaret Goodchild**  
Secretary to the Board of Education

## Presentations/Recognitions

### Middle School Students You Should Know

District 62 middle school students were recognized at the May 15 Board of Education meeting as part of the Middle School Students You Should Know recognition program.

Students were recognized in nine different categories:

#### Academic Excellence

- Alona Daniel, 8th grade, Algonquin Middle School
- Magd Mansour, 8th grade, Chippewa Middle School
- Victoria Ivanov, 8th grade, Iroquois Community School

#### Enthusiastic Learner

- Hadia Miriam, 7th grade, Algonquin Middle School
- Emily Kmiec, 6th grade, Chippewa Middle School
- Emmalene Khoshaba, 8th grade, Iroquois Community School

#### Exceptional Service to School and Community

- Gwendolyn Gilbert, 8th grade, Algonquin Middle School
- Madelyn Jackson, 8th grade, Chippewa Middle School
- Charlie King, 8th grade, Iroquois Community School

#### Leadership Qualities

- Ryan Cooper, 7th grade, Algonquin Middle School
- Elliot Bateman, 7th grade, Chippewa Middle School
- Myla Mayans, 8th grade, Iroquois Community School

#### Outstanding Character

- Zayvien Hernandez, 8th grade, Algonquin Middle School
- Logan Arias, 7th grade, Chippewa Middle School
- Alexa Gonzalez, 8th grade, Iroquois Community School

#### Peer Mentor

- Lianna Ritti, 7th grade, Algonquin Middle School
- Miguel Uribe Chavez, 7th grade, Chippewa Middle School
- Gianna Gialamas, 7th grade, Iroquois Community School

### District 62 Administration

**Dr. Michael Amadei**  
Superintendent of Schools

**Mark Bertolozzi**, Assistant  
Superintendent of Business Services

**Kathleen Kelly Colgan**, Assistant  
Superintendent for Human Resources

**Dr. Lea Anne Frost**, Interim  
Assistant Superintendent for  
Student Services

**Dr. Laura Sangroula**, Assistant  
Superintendent for Instructional  
Services

**Adam Denenberg**  
Chief Technology Officer

**Elizabeth Juskiewicz**, Director for  
Second Language Learners' Programs

**Jennifer Tempest Bova**, Director  
of Community Relations

**Margarite Beniaris**, Director of  
Student Services

**Allison Brand**, Director of Social  
Emotional Learning

**Dr. Julie Fogarty**,  
Director of Curriculum

**Michael Vilendrer**, Director  
of Operations, Maintenance and  
Transportation

**Christina Bowman**,  
Curriculum Coordinator and Data  
Specialist

**Anel Escamilla**, ELL Coordinator

**Carlos Rojas**, ELL Coordinator

**Erica Tae**, ELL Coordinator

**Jill Dzik**, Student Services  
Coordinator

**Xrisovalantou "Valia" Garbis**,  
Student Services Coordinator

**Benjamin Keele**, Student Services  
Coordinator

**Kristan Krupinski**, Student  
Services Coordinator

**Brandon Schaefer**, Student  
Services Coordinator

**Katerina Vaselopulos**, Student  
Services Coordinator

### Positive Attitude, Behavior and Effort

- Emmanuel Hookfin, 6th grade, Algonquin Middle School
- Margaret Maag, 6th grade, Chippewa Middle School
- Giana Gambino, 8th grade, Iroquois Community School

### Positive Role Model

- Sarah Georgoulis, 8th grade, Algonquin Middle School
- Giuseppe De Cristofaro, 6th grade, Chippewa Middle School
- Mateusz Podczaski, 8th grade, Iroquois Community School

### Positive School Spirit and Good Sportsmanship

- Maria Martinez Correa, 8th grade, Algonquin Middle School
- Kayleen Sandoval, 8th grade, Chippewa Middle School
- Caleb Jendras, 8th grade, Iroquois Community School



## Student Learning and Support Services Update

### Strategic Plan Goal Monitoring: Cumberland and North Elementary Schools

Principal Marc Infante shared an [update](#) from Cumberland Elementary School with support from Assistant Principal Tina Mazzone. Principal Carolyn Allar shared an [update](#) from North Elementary School with support from Assistant Principal Heather Cassidy. Their presentations centered on how their schools are focused on all five goals of the District 62 Strategic Plan.

### Review of Student Handbook

Administration provided a brief overview of the Student Handbook proposed revisions that will be published electronically for the FY24 school year.

### Developmental Budget

Assistant Superintendent Mark Bertolozzi reviewed the developmental budget for the upcoming school year. The purpose of this developmental budget is to provide the Board of Education with an early look at the tentative budget assumptions. The final budget will be adopted in September. Listed below are dates related to 2023-2024 budget development:

- Monday, May 15, 2023: The Board of Education receives the initial developmental FY2024 budget assumptions and approves the release of the FY2024 purchase orders
- Monday, August 14, 2023: The Board of Education receives and adopts the Tentative FY2024 Budget
- Monday, September 18, 2023: The Board of Education receives and adopts the Final FY2024 Budget

## Communications

### Board of Education

President Burton thanked everyone for attending the Middle School You Should Know event (MSSYSK), he acknowledged the retirees that were honored on May 11 and welcomed Gene Haring to the Board of Education. Vice-President Morley celebrated the District 62 Foundation's trivia night that was held on April 28.

### Superintendent Report

Superintendent Dr. Michael Amadei welcomed Gene Haring to the Board of Education. As we exit the school year, Dr. Amadei intends to send a communication to families reminding them that everyone in District 62 is valued and to further stress the importance of working together as partners. Dr. Amadei reflected on the events that took place on May 12 regarding the incident at Maine West High School that resulted in four elementary schools going into soft lockdown. Dr. Amadei commended the staff and principals for their professionalism and hard work that day. As a follow-up, the district will reconvene its Safety Committee to review safety practices. Dr. Amadei reflected on the retirement celebration that honored 18 staff. In closing, Dr. Amadei extended his appreciation for the positivity behind the MSSYSK event. He looks forward to these uplifting events each year.

### Dashboard Report: Staff Development Activities

Professional learning funds allowed District 62 staff to receive training in affecting school improvement and student achievement, including: curriculum articulation and collaboration among teachers, assessment results analysis and next steps planning based on students' learning needs, mathematics learning, literacy learning, learning for English Learners, technology, improved pedagogical practices, leadership skills, and social-emotional learning. A copy of the dashboard report can be accessed [here](#).

### Dashboard Report: Staff Wellness

The district continues to invest in employee wellness in order to improve employee health, identify illness early, increase productivity, increase attendance and lower risk and cost. This program has been widely accepted and attended by all staff. A copy of the dashboard report can be accessed [here](#).

## New Board Member Orientation

Dr. Amadei and the Cabinet team provided the Board of Education with a brief overview of their key roles and responsibilities as part of a new member orientation.