



## Streetsboro City Schools Board of Education

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### **Mission Statement**

*Streetsboro City Schools will educate, to the best of its abilities,  
all students to be successful life-long learners.*

### **Meet Your Board of Education Members**

**Kevin Grimm, President, OSBA Academic Achievement Liaison**, has been serving the Board since 2004. He and his wife, Linda, both graduates of Streetsboro City Schools, are long-time residents of Streetsboro. Kevin is a Fire Inspector, Fire Fighter/EMT with the Streetsboro Fire Department. He is the proud father of two sons, Nicholas and Sidney, a daughter, Julia, and two step-sons, Charlie and Joel.

**Denise Baba, Vice President, OSBA Legislative Liaison**, has been serving the Board since 2006. She has a background in broadcast journalism, marketing and public relations. A graduate of Northwestern University, Denise also holds a Master of Education degree from Cleveland State University. She and her husband Frank, a Chief Master Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, are the parents of one pre-school aged child, Rachel.

**Cynthia Pennock-Hanish, Maplewood Career Center Representative**, has been serving the Board since 1996. She has a background in Special Education and Physical Education. A graduate of the University of Rio Grande, Cindy also holds a Master of Education degree from Ashland University. Cindy has served as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserves for over twenty years. She and her husband, Jeff, have a son, Matthew, who attends Streetsboro High School. Cindy is a High School Principal in Cleveland Municipal School District.

**Andrew Lesak, Educational Foundation Representative**, has been serving the Board since 2007. A graduate of the University of Akron, Andrew holds a Bachelors of Science in Accounting. He is currently an IT Project Manager for Ink Stop, Inc. He and his wife Wendy, a 5th grade teacher at Seton Catholic School in Hudson, are the proud parents of four children; Alexandria, Amber, Austin and Anna. All their children attend Streetsboro City Schools.

**Brian Violi, Mayoral & Government Liaison**, elected in 2008. He has almost thirty years of retail management experience, currently working for Levin Furniture as the Ohio Regional Manager. He and his wife Jacki, are the proud parents of three sons, Brandon a freshman at Streetsboro High School, Tyler who attends the Streetsboro Middle School and Blake Rogers a recent 2005 Streetsboro Graduate. They have lived in Streetsboro for the past fourteen years.

## **Welcome**

Thank you for coming to a meeting of the Streetsboro City Schools Board of Education. The Board meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:45 p.m. in the High School Library. We hope you find the meeting informative and that you will come back on a regular basis. The public schools belong to all Streetsboro citizens. Your involvement is encouraged.

## **General Responsibilities of the Board of Education**

- To select and evaluate a superintendent of schools and a treasurer.
- The preparation and adoption of the annual budget.
- To provide the means, through taxation, for the funds necessary to finance the operations and facilities needs of the schools.
- To provide facilities for educational programs, school support operations, and the insurance of all physical properties.
- To create and adopt policies for effective administration of the schools.
- To require reports by the superintendent concerning the conditions, efficiency, and needs of the schools.
- To inform the public concerning the progress and needs of the schools.
- To evaluate the schools and the educational objectives of the Board.
- To adopt a master calendar annually.
- To enter into contracts with all personnel in the manner required by Ohio laws.

## **Order of Business**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Visitor Welcome
- IV. Community Dialogue
- V. Approval of Minutes
- VI. Awards and Recognitions
- VII. Superintendent Reports
- VIII. Treasurer Reports
- IX. Board and Committee Reports
- X. Superintendent Recommendations
- XI. Treasurer Recommendations
- XII. Board President Recommendations
- XIII. Old Business
- XIV. New Business
- XV. Executive Session
- XVI. Adjournment

## **Meeting Schedule**

January 10, 2008	February 14, 2008	March 13, 2008
April 10, 2008	May 8, 2008	June 12, 2008
July 10, 2008	August 14, 2008	September 11, 2008
October 9, 2008	November 6, 2008	December 11, 2008

## **Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings**

Citizens are encouraged to communicate with Streetsboro City Schools staff and School Board members. If you have questions, suggestions, or concerns, your first contact should be with the teacher or principal at the school building level. If you are not satisfied with the response, you may contact an appropriate board office administrator, and then the superintendent. By following this procedure, you will generally receive a prompt, informed response.

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues. At regular monthly Board of Education meetings, there is a Community Dialogue period for citizens to express themselves on school matters, governed by the following guidelines:

### **Boardroom Etiquette**

- The meetings begin at 6:45 p.m. with a Community Dialogue period.
- Speakers must sign in and are asked to indicate their topic. Speakers wishing to address the same or similar topics will be called one after the other. If a speaker does not list a topic, that speaker will be called upon last and only if time remains in the Public Comment Period. Once recognized, a speaker may not yield time to another speaker.
- Speakers must be recognized by the Presiding Officer and must preface their comments by stating their name, address, and group affiliation, if appropriate. A speaker may comment for a maximum of three (3) minutes.
- Speakers must be a resident or employee of the district, an eligible vendor of material or services, or an invitee of the Board or administrator.
- The Public Comment Period is a time for the Board of Education to listen. Speakers who make defamatory, obscene, baiting or disruptive comments are subject to being declared out of order by the Presiding Officer and losing the remainder of their time to participate in the Public Comment Period. Speakers are warned to remember that children often are present at Board meetings.
- The Presiding Officer may refer a speaker's comments to knowledgeable school district personnel for response, if desired.
- State and federal laws (e.g., FERPA) strictly limit Board of Education discussion on certain issues such as: students, personnel, discipline, collective bargaining, legal matters, etc.

## **The Role of The Superintendent**

The Superintendent is the chief executive officer of the school district. It is the responsibility of the superintendent to advise board members on administrative matters, to execute policies and decisions made by the Board, and to operate the district efficiently and effectively.

## **The Role of the Treasurer**

The Treasurer is the chief financial officer of the school district. It is the treasurer's responsibility to advise board members on financial matters, to manage the district's revenue and expenditures, and to make sure financial operations conform with Ohio law and sound financial practices.

## **Executive Sessions**

By State law, Executive Sessions may be held by the Board for the following purposes of personnel matters, purchase or sale of property, pending or current litigation, negotiations, matters required by law to be kept confidential, and security arrangements. Such sessions are closed to the public. Executive Sessions are for discussion purposes only. All decisions are made in public.

Participation by non-members in these sessions is only by the invitation of the Board. The Board tries to keep the number and length of these sessions to a minimum. Usually they are scheduled at the end of a meeting. The president will try to indicate whether any formal action is anticipated when the Board reconvenes in public session, which it must do before adjourning.

## **To Learn More About Streetsboro City Schools**

For more information about each building, please visit our website at:  
[www.rockets.sparcc.org](http://www.rockets.sparcc.org)

## **District Publications**

The district newsletter, The Spotlight is published 3 times yearly and contains announcements to the community, a calendar of events, and stories highlighting the accomplishments of the students and staff of the district. The district also publishes an annual financial report to inform the community about fiscal matters. These publications are distributed to more than 6,000 residences and businesses.

*Thank you for participating in tonight's Board of Education Meeting.*