



Michigan School Business Officials 2023 BOARD CANDIDATE

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FINANCE & OPERATIONS
ROYAL OAK SCHOOLS



INTRODUCTION

As a school finance professional, I am honored to be selected to run for the MSBO Board. I have been a member since I left the private sector and began with schools in 2005 when my youngest entered kindergarten. Joining schools has allowed me to marry my passion for children and my love of finance. Being a part of MSBO has been beneficial to my growth. I feel that this is my opportunity to give back. My personal goal is to support and mentor new school business leaders, and I hope that my goal will serve the members of MSBO.

EMPLOYMENT

Royal Oak Schools – Executive Director, Finance & Operations, 2015-present; Accounting Manager, 2011-2015
Riverview Community School District – Accountant
Highland Park Schools – Grant Accountant
Randolph Medical Supplies – Accountant

EDUCATION

Masters in Business Administration (MBA) – Eastern Michigan University, 1998
Bachelor in Business Administration (BBA) – Eastern Michigan University, 1992

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Michigan School Business Officials Member, 2006-present
MSBO Regional Group, Oakland Schools
President 2021-2022
Vice President 2020-2021
Secretary/Treasurer 2019-2020
Presenter for MSBO workshop: Understanding & Completing Your SEFA 2021 & 2022
Oakland Schools
MiPeer Advisory Committee 2015-present

HONORS

MSBO Leadership Institute, 2015
MSBO Chief Financial Officer Certification, 2006
Married to Ben for 31 years. Enjoying our two adult children Michael (27), and Megan (23).

All active members of MSBO will receive an e-mail with a link to vote in April 2023. Voting is conducted electronically and takes place April 5–April 19, 2023.

MSBO MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of MSBO is to continually improve the leadership of and management in school business and operational services, while enhancing the professional, social, and economic well-being of its members.

