

President



Michelle Chevatewa is in her second term as a Board Member. Her term will expire in 2014. She is currently serving as Board President. She has lived in the Fitzgerald community for 36 years and is a graduate of the Fitzgerald Public Schools. She and her husband Jason have two children; one attends Fitzgerald High School and the other attends Westview. She is the Executive Vice-President for Mike Staff Productions. Currently, she is a member of the *MASB, *MCSBA, and the *NSBA. Mrs. Chevatewa holds a Level 3—Award of Distinction, an Advocacy Skills Specialist Certificate, and a Data Specialty Award from *MASB.

Vice President



Elizabeth Smith is in her second term as a Board Member. Her term will expire in 2014. She is currently serving as Board Vice-President. She has lived in the Fitzgerald community for twenty-four years. All three of her children have graduated of Fitzgerald. She is currently a member of the *MASB, *MCSBA, and the *NSBA. Ms. Smith holds a Master Board Member Award and a Data Specialty Award from *MASB.

Secretary



Donald Brewer II is serving his fourth term as a Board Member. His term will expire in 2018. He is currently serving as a Board Secretary. Mr. Brewer has lived in the Fitzgerald community for 23 years. He and his wife Susan have five children. All of their children have attended or are still attending our district. He is employed by Schreiber Corp. He is currently a member of the *MASB, *MCSBA, *NSBA, Chatterton Parent Group and the Mound Park D.O.G.S. Mr. Brewer holds a Level 3—Award of Distinction and a Data Specialty Award from *MASB.

Treasurer



Judy Furgal is serving her fourth term as a Board Member. Her term will expire December, 2018. She is currently the Board's Treasurer. She has lived in the Fitzgerald community for sixty-two years. She is a graduate of Fitzgerald High School. She and her husband Denis have two children; both are graduates of our district. She chairs the Fitzgerald Foundation for Educational Advancement and holds a seat on the Warren Zoning Board of Appeals. Mrs. Furgal is currently a member of the *MASB, *MCSBA, and the *NSBA. Mrs. Furgal holds a Level 6—Master Platinum Award from *MASB and holds a Data Specialty Award.

Trustee



Hilary Kutella is serving his tenth term as a Board Member. His term will expire in 2016. He is currently serving as a Board Trustee. He has lived in the Fitzgerald community for fifty-four years. Hilary has four children; all graduates of our district. He was employed by DaimlerChrysler Corp. as a senior engineer but now enjoys retirement. He is currently a member of the *MASB, *MCSBA, and the *NSBA. Mr. Kutella holds a Level 7—President's Award of Recognition, an Advocacy Skills Specialty Award and a Data Specialty Award from *MASB.

Trustee



Lori M. Eseman-Dreyer is in her third year as a Board Member. Her term will expire in 2016. She is currently serving as a Board Trustee. She has lived in the Fitzgerald community for fifty-three years. She and her husband John have three children; two attend Fitzgerald High School and a graduate from FHS. She is currently a member of the *MASB, *MCSBA, and the *NSBA and holds a Level Two— Award of Merit and a Data Specialty Award from *MASB.

Trustee



Randy J. Meisner was appointed as a Board Member on October 25, 2012. His term will expire in 2014. He is currently serving as a Board Trustee. He has lived in the Fitzgerald community for twenty-six years. He and his wife, Valerie have two children; both are graduates of Fitzgerald High School. He is currently a member of the *MASB, *MCSBA, and the *NSBA.

- *MCSBA—Macomb County School Board Association
- *MASB—Michigan Association of School Boards
- *NSBA—National School Board Association

Board Authority

Your Board has control over local school matters within the laws and regulations established by the State Legislature and State Board of Education. The Fitzgerald Board of Education is a legislative body which determines general policies for the control, management and care of the district's schools.

It delegates authority to the Superintendent and her administrative staff to operate the schools according to these policies.

Term of Election

Your Board Members are local citizens elected to a six year term of office. At least one position is open for election every even year. Any registered voter, who is a resident of the Fitzgerald Public Schools and who has met filing requirements may run for election. Members are elected at-large from the total district.



Your Superintendent

The superintendent is the chief executive officer of the district. She is a professional educator employed by the Board to administer school laws and regulations and to carry out policies adopted by the Board. She advises the Board and makes recommendations on matters pertaining to operating the school district and gives direction to the staff. She also assists the Board President in preparing an agenda for each meeting which establishes the formal order of business. **Barbara VanSweden** was appointed Superintendent in 2009. She holds a Bachelors and Masters Degree from the University of Michigan and an Education Specialist Degree in

School Administration from Oakland University. She has been employed by the district for eight years. She has held teaching, leadership and administrative positions in other districts before becoming Fitzgerald's Superintendent.

**FITZGERALD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS
Held on the Fitzgerald High School Campus
Automotive/Pre-Engineering Building - Multi-Purpose Room
23200 Ryan Road, Warren, MI
7:00 p.m.**

Board Meeting Dates:
July 18, 2013
August 15, 2013
September 5, 2013
September 19, 2013
October 3, 2013
October 17, 2013
November 7, 2013
November 21, 2013
December 12, 2013
January 9, 2014
January 23, 2014
February 6, 2014
March 6, 2014
March 20, 2014
April 24, 2014
May 8, 2014
May 22, 2014
June 5, 2014
June 19, 2014

Welcome

Your Fitzgerald Public Schools' Board of Education and staff welcome you to this meeting. We appreciate your interest in matters pertaining to our student's education.

Meeting Times

Your School Board meets on the first and third Thursday of each month (with a few exceptions). Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the Fitzgerald High School's Automotive and Pre-Engineering Building.

Board of Education meetings are open to the public. Closed Meetings are called only when necessary and held according to the Open Meetings Act.

The meetings deal with matters concerning curriculum and instruction, and financial matters as well as an opportunity to hear updates from our staff regarding implemented programs along with the opportunity to recognize students and staff.

Other special meetings may be called as needed. All meetings are posted on the entrance door of our FHS Auto/Pre-Engineering Building and on our website.

Copies of the Agenda

The Board Meeting Agendas are available on our website at www.fitz.k12.mi.us and are available at the meeting.

If you wish to address the Board, you will be given an opportunity to do so under the "audience" portion of the agenda. Before approaching the podium, we ask that you complete a form which requests your standard personal information and give it to the Board's Administrative Assistant. When recognized by the Board President, please state your name and the reason for addressing the Board. Per Board policy, you will be allowed three minutes to address the Board.

The Board will listen to you and take one of three steps:

- Discuss the matter at this meeting.
- Defer discussion until a later meeting.
- Refer you to a school representative.

If you wish to speak at a future Board meeting, contact the Superintendent's office or the Board Secretary, outlining the general nature of your discussion one week before a regularly scheduled meeting.

Standing Committees

Standing Board Committees are made up of not more than three members. The committees are designed to help the Board, as a whole, be as fully informed as possible on all matters pertaining to the district operations and to gather and develop information.

Members are appointed annually by the Board President. The committees are solely advisory and have no decision-making powers. Currently, until the Organizational Meeting on the first Board Meeting in January, the committees are:

Bylaws and Policy

Donald Brewer II
Elizabeth Smith
Randy Meisner

Curriculum

Randy Meisner
Hilary Kutella
Lori M. Eseman-Dreyer

Finance

Judy Furgal
Elizabeth Smith
Donald Brewer II

Human Resources

Elizabeth Smith
Hilary Kutella
Lori Eseman-Dreyer

Facilities, Improvement and Modernization

Hilary Kutella
Donald Brewer II
Judy Furgal

Community Relations

Lori M. Eseman-Dreyer
Judy Furgal
Randy Meisner

MASB Representative

Elizabeth Smith
Judy Furgal (Alternate)

MCSBA Legislative Liaison

Hilary Kutella
Lori Eseman-Dreyer (Alternate)

Legislative Relations

Network
Judy Furgal
Elizabeth Smith (Alternate)

In 2012/13 Fitzgerald Public Schools' Board of Education was awarded the Standard of Excellence Board Award and the Honor Board Award from the Michigan School Board Association.

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Fitzgerald Public Schools

Welcome to a Board of Education Meeting

Vision Statement:

Fitzgerald Public Schools...continually improving the framework for academic and social excellence, while meeting the challenges of an ever-changing world.

Mission Statement:

Fitzgerald Public Schools, in partnership with parents and the community, will advance the intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development of all students while providing a relevant, rigorous, and engaging education.