

REPORT OF THE MASC NOMINATING COMMITTEE-2017

The Nominating Committee met on Wednesday, June 28, 2017. Members in attendance were Jacob Oliveira, Ludlow, MASC Immediate Past President, Chair, Ex Officio; Brendan Walsh, Salem (Division I); Jim Stockless, Framingham (Division II); Chris Ghilarducci, Berkley (Division III); Michelle Bodin-Hettinger, Marlborough (Division IV); William Fonseca, East Longmeadow (Division V); John Hockridge, North Adams (Division VI); Beth Cummings, Sandwich (Division VII); Donald Ericsson, Bypass Reg. Voc. Tech. (Division VIII), Irene Feliciano-Sims, Holyoke (Division IX); and Mildred Lefebvre, Holyoke (Minority Caucus).

What follows is the slate of officers proposed by the Nominating Committee to be voted on by the delegates at the Annual Meeting of the Association, which will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at the Resort and Conference Center in Hyannis.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacob Oliveira, MASC Immediate Past President, Chair, Ex Officio

NOMINATED FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT DEVIN SHEEHAN, HOLYOKE

Devin M. Sheehan has served on the Holyoke School Committee since first being elected in 2009. As a member of the MASC Board of Directors, Devin previously served as Secretary-Treasurer and as Division Chair, proudly representing Division V (Connecticut Valley Division). Prior to assuming that leadership role, Mr. Sheehan served as the Division Vice Chair and as a member of the Special Education Committee.

Mr. Sheehan has attended and presented at numerous MASC conferences, served as Holyoke's representative in the Delegate Assembly and presented on Roles and Responsibilities for Charting the Course. In addition Sheehan has attended Day on the Hill, National School Board Association (NSBA) Annual Conferences, the NSBA Advocacy Institute and the NSBA Leadership Symposium. Sheehan also represented Massachusetts on the Regional Nominating Committee for the NSBA Board of Directors in October 2014, January 2015 and August 2016. He is currently serving the NSBA as a member of the Governance Review Committee.

On the School Committee Mr. Sheehan has been elected by his peers for the five consecutive years to serve as the Vice Chair. In this role he develops meeting agendas, leads the committee and works with the Receiver to set the mission and goals of the Holyoke Public Schools. Prior to his being elected the School Committee never approved a balanced budget but due to Mr. Sheehan's leadership they have had a balanced budget for the past five years. A major goal of Sheehan's is to have the graduation rate of the Holyoke Public School improve

during his tenure. With the administration he has worked to set goals and create a plan that would encompass the entire community to increase the graduation rate in a four year period.

Aside from serving on the Holyoke School Committee Sheehan works in an urban school district in the Office of Instruction as a Coordinator where he works with the Chief Instructional Officer and multiple academic directors in managing budgets, working with vendors and procuring supplies and curriculum for the district. He has been designated by the Inspector General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as an Associate Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official.

Mr. Sheehan is deeply involved in his community serving as a member of the Board of Directors for the Children's Museum at Holyoke and the St. Patrick's Committee of Holyoke. He is also a member of the Friends of the Holyoke Public Schools, the Holyoke Democratic Committee, and the Holyoke Lodge of Elks #902. In January 2013 Mr. Sheehan was recognized by the Republican/Masslive as Best Local Politician. He is a member of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) and the American Society for Public Administration. In February of 2017 Mr. Sheehan was honored to be named a 40 Under 40 by the Irish Echo Magazine.

Mr. Sheehan is a graduate of Franklin Pierce University; he has a graduate certificate in Educational Policy and a Master's in Public Policy from the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth. He resides in Holyoke with his partner, Dr. Michael Dodge.

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**NOMINATED FOR VICE PRESIDENT
DEBORAH DAVIS, NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN
VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

A 20-year member of the Northeast Metropolitan Vocational Technical School Committee, Deb Davis has been a stalwart and effective champion for high quality 21st century vocational programs for all students. She has been a member of the MASC Board of Directors since 2009, when she was elected chair of the vocational division (Division VIII), having previously served as its vice chair and secretary. She has also served on a number of MASC Committees including Resolutions and Nominations, and served as a representative to NSBA's Federal Relations Network and the MA Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Ms. Davis has also attended and presented at numerous MASC conferences, serving as Northeast Metro's representative to the Delegate Assembly, and chaired sessions on vocational education best practices at the annual joint conference. She has also attended multiple NSBA Annual Conferences, the Federal Relations/Advocacy Institute and, earlier this year, the newly formed NSBA Equity Symposium.

On her school committee, she is currently chairwoman and has served as secretary as well as chair of its Nominating, Budget and Hall of Fame Committees. She has been an active member of the Woburn Little League Board of Directors and chaired the Woburn High School All-Night graduation party for the past ten years.

A graduate of Northeast Metro Tech. (Drafting and Design), Davis received a degree in Architectural Engineering from Wentworth Institute of Technology. Professionally, she is a designer for In/Ex Design Group and is the owner of the Deborah P. Davis Architectural Design firm. She also works in guest relations at TD Garden and as a trainer-agent for Delta Airlines.

**NOMINATED FOR SECRETARY-TREASURER
ELLEN HOLMES, ASHBURNHAM-WESTMINSTER REG.**

In her twentieth year as a member of the Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School Committee, Ellen Holmes has been in the forefront of MASC's drive to advocate for regional school issues, including concerns surrounding transportation, funding and governance. She has been a strong proponent for MASC positions on a number of pivotal Department of Education commissions and working groups, including the Safe & Supportive Schools Commission, Committee of Practitioners, Education Stakeholders Working Group, Adolescent Literacy Task Force and Pilot Schools Conference. Ms. Holmes has also been a forceful advocate on a number of MASC subcommittees, including Student Assessment; Legislative; Special Education; Advocacy; MIAA-Lacrosse (Boys & Girls); and Regional Schools, for which she has served as chair since 2004. In Boston, she has lobbied

the legislature for adequate education funding, charter school reforms and regional school district needs.

A frequent participant at MASC events, Ms. Holmes has appeared on a number of Joint Conference panels on topics including Superintendent Searches, Special Education-Autism, Regional School governance, budgeting and transportation, Rural Schools, Budget Oversight. Currently serving as Division IV chair, Ms. Holmes organized critical issue panels on the Opiate Crisis, the Foundation Budget Review Commission recommendations, and MSBA and MA DOR. She has also served as a representative to the MASC Delegate Assembly and Resolutions Clinic, Special Education Legal Issues, Charter School Funding, Special Education Transportation, GIC, PARCC and "What's Driving Education - Access/New Ideas to Fuel Transportation Fleets." She has also served as a Techspo Judge at the Massachusetts Skills USA competition for the past ten years.

On her local committee, she has served as secretary; chair of the Superintendent Search (and Administrator '03 & '15), Legal Services ('01-present), Sick Leave Bank ('09- present), Technology (1999 - '02), Chair and Member Superintendent Evaluation (1999-'03) and Investment Committees ('17). She has also been a member of Sick Leave Bank, Technology, Transportation, Legislative Liaison, Interscholastic Athletic, Budget, Full Day K, Policy Sub, District Wellness Committee, and AWRSC Representative on Ashburnham Infrastructure Committee and CAPS Collaborative (Vice Chair). Ms. Holmes also serves as President of Oakmont Youth Soccer, and is a member of the Gordon E. Erickson Memorial Fire Rescue Fund, Board of Trustees and Investment Financial Advisory Committee of First Congregational Church (Westminster).

A proud graduate of Seekonk High School, Wheaton College (BA) and Providence College (MA), Ms. Holmes and her husband, Roger Hoyt, are parents to three children, two of whom are on the autism spectrum and are civil engineering majors.

**PRESIDENT 2018
BEVERLY HUGO, FRAMINGHAM**

Beverly Hugo is a product of and a tireless advocate for public education, currently serving her fourth term on the Framingham School Committee. She has been praised by her colleagues for her focus, experience and leadership in ensuring the best interests of all students. She is respected for her local, state and national advocacy for seeking adequate funding and supports while being fiscally responsible. Positive outcomes for all students is always first and foremost in her work. She believes that a label or an address should not determine a child's path to educational, career or life opportunities. As a certified kindergarten through eighth grade teacher, she began her career in Boston during the first years of desegregation,

teaching in multilingual, multicultural and impoverished settings. She has built her career and focused her lifelong skills and goals on what is best for all children, striving for "Excellence and Equity through Public Education."

Currently serving as President-Elect of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, she previously served as the Division II (Boston/Metropolitan) Chair. Ms. Hugo has maintained an active role on its various committees (Budget, Legislative, Advocacy, Resolutions, Policy, Personnel and Investment) while frequently participating in state and national professional development events, including: NSBA's Annual Convention; the Federal Relations Network (at which she was a previous speaker about Turnaround Schools); the Equity Symposium and at Days on the Hill and annual conferences. She has represented her district for several years as a delegate to the annual assembly and as a presenter on Gifted and Talented Education, the District Governance Support Project, PARCC/MCAS Testing and Student Social and Emotional Wellness. For the past several years, Ms. Hugo has authored and advocated for many resolutions that were ultimately voted upon favorably during the annual Delegate Assemblies, some of which have been enacted into law. She was recently appointed by Governor Baker to serve on his Local Government Advisory Commission. Most recently she was declared finalist for a position, representing school boards, on the U.S. Department of Education's National Assessment Governing Board.

Beverly is a pivotal member of the Framingham School Committee, having recently completed her fourth term as chair, after having served two terms as vice chair. She has served on numerous subcommittees including Finance; Policy; Collective Bargaining; Health Advisory Council; Academic Data Dashboard; and as chair of the Super-

intendent Search Committee. For the past seven years, she has been the Legislative Liaison to MASC, fostering productive relationships with state and federal legislators, and currently serving her sixth year on the Board of Directors of the Education Collaborative (TEC). She is currently serving two terms as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Suburban Coalition, a group of municipal and school leaders that advocates for adequate resources for public school districts throughout Massachusetts.

Ms. Hugo has, in addition, been a very active presence in the Framingham community, serving on a wide range of committees and volunteer programs including serving as the current Chair of the Democratic Town Committee; the Metrowest STEM Education Network Advisory Board; as a children's tour guide at the New England Wildflower Society's Garden in the Woods; as a director, judge and coach for the Future Problem Solving International Program. She is a founder of both the Framingham Youth Zone and the Metrowest Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition, and a Past President, National Youth Chair and Director of the Mock Trial Program for the American Association for Justice Auxiliary (formerly the Association of Trial Lawyers of America). She is a frequent local speaker on educational issues, serves on the Boston Latin Academy/Girls' Latin School and on the UMass-Amherst Scholarship Committees. She previously served as a coordinator for the Metrowest Area for the annual WGBH Auction.

A graduate of the Boston Public Schools and UMass-Amherst, followed by postgraduate studies at Boston University, Ms. Hugo has taught in the Boston, Brookline and Framingham Public Schools. She is married to her best friend and ardent supporter, Michael, an environmental attorney, and is the proud mother of three children - Carly, Mark and Matt.