

Report of the MASC NOMINATING COMMITTEE-2019

Members in attendance were: Beverly Hugo, MASC Immediate Past President, Chair, Ex Officio; Beverley Griffin Dunne, Peabody/Essex Tech. (Division I); Diane Baum, Acton-Boxborough Reg. (Division II); Barbara Davis, Holbrook (Division III); Katherine Hennessy, Marlborough (Division IV); Mildred Lefebvre, Holyoke (Division V); Andrea Wadsworth, Lee (Division VI); Patrick Murphy, Barnstable (Division VII); Don Erickson, BayPath Reg. Voc. Tech. (Division VIII); Joshua Amaral, New Bedford (Division IX); Virginia Simms-George, Assabet Reg. Voc. Tech. (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 Friday, November 8, 2019 at the Resort and Conference Center in Hyannis.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Hugo, MASC Immediate Past President, Chair, Ex Officio

Nominated for President-Elect **B. ELLEN HOLMES, ASHBURNHAM- WESTMINSTER REG.**

In her twenty-second 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. As MASC's Vice President, she has been a strong proponent for MASC positions on several 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 several MASC subcommittees, including Student Assessment; Legislative; Special Education; Advocacy; MIAA-Lacrosse (Boys & Girls); and Regional Schools, for which she served as chair 2004-2018. She has also represented MASC at the State House as a member of the Local Government Advisory Council ('09,'10,'19). 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. Previously as Division IV chair, Ms. Holmes organized critical issue panels on the Opiate Crisis, the Foundation Budget Review Commission recommendations, and MSBA & MA DOER as well as 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 eleven years.

On her local committee, she has served as Secretary; chair of the following Committees: Superintendent Search (and Administrator '03 & '15), Legal Services ('01-present), Sick Leave Bank ('09- present), Technology (1999 – '02), Superintendent Evaluation (1999 & 2003) and Investment ('17-). She has also been a member of Sick Leave Bank, Technology, Transportation, Legislative

Liaison, Interscholastic Athletic, Budget, Full Day K, Policy Sub, School Committee Handbook, District Wellness Committee, and AWRSC Representative on Ashburnham Infrastructure Committee, CAPS Collaborative (Vice Chair) and FLLAC Collaborative. Ms. Holmes also serves as President of Oakmont Youth Soccer; Secretary of the Gordon E. Erickson Memorial Fire Rescue Foundation, participant in the Yankee Street Fair and Westminster Town Benefit and Investment Financial Advisory Committee Chair in addition to her role as Church Moderator of the First Congregational Church of 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 college graduates.

Nominated for Vice President **DENISE HURST, SPRINGFIELD**

A Springfield native and member of the Springfield School Committee since 2009, Denise Hurst has brought new focus and commitment to promoting issues of equity and inclusiveness in educational opportunities, and was a driving force behind the Association's recent Summits on Poverty. She has also been a highly effective leader and communicator, organizing the MASC Minority Caucus in 2016 for which she served two years as chair, prior to joining the MASC Executive Committee in January 2019 as Secretary-Treasurer.

Ms. Hurst has attended and presented at numerous MASC workshops, including as a presenter at the Joint Conference on sessions on school breakfast programs and creating inclusive schools and as a moderator at the 2018 Poverty Summit. She has also attended and presented at multiple NSBA Annual Conferences, including where for several years she has represented MASC at the National Delegate Assembly. She has been an active participant at NSBA's Federal Relations/Advocacy Institute and the newly formed NSBA Equity Symposium. She has served as a delegate to MASC's annual meeting (2010-present) and as Secretary-Treasurer of Division V from 2014-2017.

On her school committee she has served in numerous capacities, including as the Committee's vice chair; chair of the Curric-

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ulum & Programs, and Legislative & Contracts subcommittees, and as a member of the Budget & Finance, Vocational Education, Technology, and Parent Concerns committees.

Ms. Hurst's commitment to students and families throughout the Pioneer Valley extends well beyond her school committee service. She volunteers and serves on various boards. She holds Commissioner Emerita status for the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women, serves on the board of the Women's Fund of Western Mass, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Hurst is an inaugural graduate of Leadership Institute for Political and Public Impact, Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts, a member of the League of Women Voters, and a graduate of the 62nd Citizens' Legislative Seminar, Massachusetts Senate.

In her professional capacity she served as the Site Director for the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, as well as the Assistant Director/Regional Manager of the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission. In December 2018, Denise was appointed by President Dr. John B Cook to Vice President of Advancement and External Affairs at Springfield Technical Community College.

A graduate of UMass-Amherst with a B.A. in psychology, she also received an MSW from Springfield College. Her achievements and contributions to Springfield and Pioneer Valley communities have been honored on numerous occasions including recognition as the 2013 MASC All-State School Committee member; BusinessWest's 40 under Forty Class of 2014; 2015 was listed among 100 Women of Color in New England and Top 25 Women to Watch in Western Massachusetts and most recently in 2019 named Woman of The Year by Greater Springfield Professional Women's Chamber. Denise resides in Springfield with her husband, Springfield City Council President Attorney Justin J. Hurst, Sr. and their two sons, Justin Jr. and Jackson Douglas, both whom are students in the Springfield Public School System.

Nominated for Secretary-Treasurer

STACEY RIZZO, REVERE

A nine-year member of the Revere School Committee, Stacey Rizzo has been a courageous and relentless champion of equity and inclusiveness for all students, and a forceful advocate for the wide-ranging needs of minority, immigrant and transient students and families.

Describing herself as a life-long learner, Stacey has brought that commitment to her school committee service. She has been a vital contributor to the committee, serving multiple years as vice chair and secretary and on numerous subcommittees and study groups. She was also appointed to represent the district on the Board of Directors of the North Shore Collaborative.

For the past five years, she has also been an active member of MASC: as the district's delegate to the Association's annual meeting, as a regular participant at MASC workshops, conferences and training sessions and, since 2016, a member of the Association's Board of Directors, first as Chair of Division IX (Urban) and most recently as Chair of Division II (Metropolitan). She has taken a leading role in

hosting Division Meetings and as one of the key players in developing and expanding the MASC Poverty and Equity Institute. She has also been a champion of student leader participation at MASC's Day on the Hill and special student-focused events and represented MASC at the national level, attending NSBA Annual Conferences and as a passionate advocate for students and resources in Congressional meetings during the annual Federal Relations Network and Advocacy Institute.

Her local community has also benefitted from her energy and commitment, including her service on numerous neighborhood improvement and safety committees and as an effective promoter of leadership and parent training initiatives. As a former PTA president, paraprofessional and current school committee member, Stacey has been a part of the Revere school community for the past 28 years.

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DEBORAH DAVIS, NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN VOC. TECH.

A 23-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. She is currently serving on the Board Of Directors of the MIAA.

Ms. Davis has also attended and presented at numerous MASC conferences, serving as Northeast Metro's Tech'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 summer, the NSBA Equity Symposium.

On her school committee, she is currently serving as Chairperson and has also served as secretary and as well as chair of its Negotiation, Budget and Hall of Fame Committees. She is currently serving on the School Building Committee as Northeast looks to build a state of the art Vocational School in the near future.

She has been an active member of the Woburn Little League Board of Directors and has chaired the Woburn High School All-Night graduation party for the past 13 years.

A graduate of Northeast Metro Tech. (Drafting and Design), Davis received a degree in Architectural Engineering from Wentworth Institute of Technology. Professionally, she has been 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 gate agent/trainer for Delta Airlines.

Deb has been married for 35 years to Eric and they have 4 children, Eric Jr. and his wife Ashleigh, Andy and his Fiancé Colleen, Katie and Courtney. They recently welcomed their first grandchild, Hayes, to the family and look forward to their new roles as Noni and Gumpy.