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## Lansing School District Board of Education selects Rachel Willis as President

Robin Moore to serve as VP, Missy Lilje Treasurer, Dr. Nino Rodriguez Secretary

(Lansing, MI)— The Lansing School District Board of Education has elected officers to serve in leadership positions in 2023, and welcomed new members at the first meeting of the new year. The board elected Rachel Willis as president for 2023, a position she previously served in from 2017 – 2019. Robin Moore was elected vice president, Missy Lilje was elected treasurer and Dr. Nino Rodriguez secretary. All board officers were elected unanimously as a slate of candidates by eight voting board members (one absent) of the nine-member Board of Education at a public organization meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2023. Board members select leadership to the Board of Education.

"It is a terrific honor to have the opportunity to serve as the Board of Education president again," said Willis. "I really appreciate the unanimous support and vote of confidence from my fellow board members. We know there will be many challenges ahead in 2023 in public education, but we feel we are headed in the right direction. Voters passed a more than \$129 million bond last year. The school district is continuing work on an equity audit, and we recently finalized a five-year strategic plan that gives us a blueprint to move the district forward."

All Board of Education members are elected by citizens living in the Lansing School District, and serve as volunteers and dedicate an enormous amount of time and energy to Lansing families.

"The Lansing School District is very fortunate to have experienced leadership on our Board of Education," said superintendent Ben Shuldiner. "We also welcome the recently elected members, who bring new ideas and talents to our Board of Education."

Rosalyn Williams and Kurt Richardson were elected in the November 2022 election and participated in their first meeting when the new board convened, along with Dr. Caitlyn Cavanagh who was reelected. They joined veteran board trustee members Guillermo Z. Lopez and Dr. Farhan Bhatti.

The Lansing School District is the largest public school district in the Mid-Michigan region. For more information, go online to Lansingschools.net