

Report of Milwaukee Board of School Directors President Marva Herndon – February 2025

Hello to everyone,

February has been a very exciting and busy month. Our students and staff have certainly been busy celebrating Black History Month. Although unable to attend those events, I plan to visit Hawthorne Elementary next week for their “Read Across America”.

Effective and Efficient Operations

To end the month of February, City of Milwaukee residents have reason to celebrate as well. Milwaukee Public Schools has named its next superintendent, former Boston Public Schools superintendent, Dr. Brenda Cassellius. I want to thank the many residents that took time to attend the events held where they could meet the three finalists, ask questions and recommend their candidate of choice.

The district's board voted 8-1 at a special meeting Feb. 11 to approve Dr. Cassellius as superintendent, pending background check and contract negotiation. The board hopes to approve her contract by June 26.

Meeting/Event Attendance for this month

- Attended 1 meetings with Tina Owens, Board Clerk
- Attended 1 Accountability, Finance & Personnel Meeting
- Attended 1 LRP Meeting
- Attended 1 Strategic Planning & Budget Meeting
- Attended 3 Special Board Meetings - Superintendent Search
- Attended 1 Regular Board Meeting
- Attended 3 OBG/OS/OAE standing weekly meeting
- Attended 1 meeting with Superintendent
- Attended 3 in-person interviews (each superintendent candidate)
- Attended Superintendent Student Advisory Council (SSAC)
- 2 Days of Superintendent Candidate Events

Student, Family, and Community Engagement

- Attended meeting with community members
- Attended River Trail Retirement Celebration for Principal Swan
- Visit River Trail to meet new principal

I look forward to visiting schools more often now that the hiring process for the new superintendent is near completion. So, see you soon and enjoy the month of March – Spring is coming.