

## **Report of Milwaukee Board of School Directors President, Marva Herndon - May 2023**

### **Academic Achievement**

Graduation festivities begin in May. I enjoyed attending the commencement celebrations at Vincent and James Madison high schools.

I was pleased to join State Superintendent Jill Underly at Parkside School for the Arts for the Teacher of the Year Award. This was a surprise presentation.

Chief Academic Officer Jennifer Mims-Howell and I met to discuss Music programming, process and procedures and class minutes allocations.

I also met with Tiffany Tardy of the MPS Foundation.

Dr. Posley and I met on several occasions this month.

### **Effective and Efficient Operations**

The month of May brings the start of a new Board year – and the culmination of the work on the proposed budget. In furtherance of this work, I attended a briefing with Superintendent Posley and Chief Financial Officer, Martha Kreitzman. I also attended the WPEN Meeting on the state budget and its impact on MPS. WASB also held a state budget webinar, which I attended via Zoom

I organized a news conference on the State budget, held on May 5, 2023. This joint effort with Leaders Igniting Transformation (LIT) and other community organizations, including BLOC, NAACP, MTEA, MKE Turners, Voces De La Frontera, Administration, Board Members, among others. Many union members were also in attendance.

### **Student, Parent, and Community Engagement**

The Metropolitan Milwaukee Alliance of Black School Educators (MMABSE) held their “Teacher of the Year” Gala event and I enjoyed attending.

The work of the D/HH (deaf and hard-of-hearing) Task Force is underway and I participated in the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. I also attended a gathering of a music stakeholder group .

My last meeting as the Board’s delegate for CESA #1 was May 12, 2023. We voted on non-renewal of contract staff. Director O’Halloran will take over as the delegate for the 2023-24 Board year.

I also attended other school events, including:

- The NAF Advisory Council meeting at James Madison Academic Campus (JMAC)
- Vincent High School’s Ag-Venture event
- Milwaukee High School of the Arts Parent Engagement Council, where the group discussed the impact of Project Lead the Way Expansion
- Hawthorne Elementary’s play, performed in their new outdoor theatre
- Stuart Elementary’s first in-person Grade 5 Exhibition, which was held as part of Open House. In addition, Stuart is pleased to announce that they are now an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP) school!

I participated in all meetings of the Committee on Strategic Planning and Budget to work on the budget and I was also in attendance for the Statutory Public Hearing on the budget, held May 16<sup>th</sup>.

I also participated in the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee on Accountability, Finance and Personnel and presided over the May 25, 2023, Regular meeting of the Board.

I wish everyone a wonderful Memorial Day weekend!