

Board of Education President's Report

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Good evening and welcome. This is the meeting of the Board of Education for August 21, 2019. I am Rob Felber and I am honored to serve as your president of the Board of Education. Well, here we are, day one of the 2019-20 school year. Welcome back, students and staff. We cannot wait until the students are back for our regular board meetings. Monday I was able to greet you all and spend the morning participating in convocation. We sure had fun with the wellness games and especially seeing 75 people compete in the largest rock-paper-scissors tournament I have ever seen.

The past 6 years I have had a front-row seat to the inner workings of our district. It has been a fascinating, trying and intellectually challenging time. There are so many moving parts. There is one person that is responsible for much of the operations and all those moving parts. I can personally attest to just how hard our Superintendent Kathi Powers works on the district's behalf. With 4100 students, over 500 staff and a 43-million-dollar budget, you can imagine the enormity of the task. What is even more fascinating, is our superintendent being recognized as the top superintendent in Ohio out of 600+ districts. But, do not take our word for how hard she works. Take the word of an independent award panel. Tonight we welcome Dr. Dan Keenan, Executive Director of the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation to present Superintendent Powers with the 2019 Martha Holding Jennings Foundation Ohio Superintendent Outstanding Performance Award.

For those present a few months back, I was successful in surprising Superintendent Powers with the news of her award live during a board meeting. Yes, that was the first time I saw her speechless (albeit just for a few seconds). Today, she may have already figured out there is more to the surprise. Welcome those guests that will be joining us shortly for additional accolades. I would be remiss in not formerly thanking my sneaky partner in today's celebration, Marianne Franko, Superintendent Powers' Administrative Assistant. Thank you, Marianne, for making me and the board look good this evening!