

March 2018

Board Meeting Review

- Bruce Lincoln, who has served on the ISD School Board since 1991, has resigned from the School Board. We appreciate all of his efforts over the years and we wish him well.
- Early On Director, Cheryl Granzo, gave a presentation regarding the progress being made as well as the emphasis the various Early On programs are placing on literacy for young children in the District.
- Director of Fiscal Services, Jamie Carnes, presented on the Budget Amendments #2 and explained how the District is in a much better financial state.
- The ISD, in collaboration with our local districts and with approval from the MDE, has approved a new Special Education Services Plan. This new plan will allow us to continue partnering with our local districts to provide services in a consistent and equitable manner as we keep our focus on assisting all learners.

Getting to know...Brian Talbot

1 – How long have you been on the ISD Board and why did you want to become a Board Member?

I joined the ISD board in July of 2014.

At one point I ran for the Ionia Public School board and was not successful but having a child with special needs, I wanted to see what else I could do to help him and the community within the schools. I felt my perspective as a parent of a special needs child might be welcomed – especially at the ISD. I truly feel the best way to make a community strong is to volunteer and be involved – and give back. I also quite often (daily) see how social media gives people a “faceless forum” to point out all that is wrong, what needs to change, etc. while these some people are rarely doing anything to correct the problem. It is very easy to complain – It is not so easy to participate and to educate one’s self on all aspects of an issue. I want to be educated/informed and proactive.

2 – Where did you go to school and what was your favorite subject?

I am originally from Bay City and attended Bangor John Glenn High School, then on to Central Michigan University where I met my wife (an Ionia native). I always liked math and money, thus my finance degree and employment at a bank!

3 – If you could have any job in the world, what would it be?

Professional golfer – hands down! Golf is my passion, and the thought of being paid to do what I love is an amazing prospect. I also love the competitiveness of it all.

4 – Which superhuman power do you wish you had?

To quote Steve Martin, “I want to become the master of all time, space and the universe...then I want to go to Europe”. Actually, if I had one “superhuman” power, it would be the power to read someone’s mind. It sounds a bit invasive, but the use would be to “cut through the crap” – I cannot stand when I can tell someone is not giving me the whole story. Life is too short for guessing games!

5 – Have you ever sung karaoke? What was your song?

Yes, I have. Anything Neil Diamond, but my favorite is “Forever in Blue Jeans”.

Resignations

Kaylyn Livingston – HCA
Caitlin Nordmann - OT

Retirement Congratulations



Katherine Bell
2/14/18
16 years
of service!

Best Wishes!

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The next Board meeting
will be held:

Thursday, April 12, 2018
4:00 pm

