

Michigan School Business Officials



2019 Board Candidate



All active members of MSBO will receive an e-mail with a link to vote in April. Voting is conducted April 10-24, 2019.

MSBO Mission Statement

The Mission of MSBO is to continually improve the leadership of and management in school business and operational services, while enhancing the professional, social, and economic well-being of its members.



Candidate for MSBO Board of Directors

Jason Helsen, CFO, SFO

Director of Finance
Reeths-Puffer Schools

I am honored to be nominated for MSBO Board of Directors. From my first day on the job 13 years ago, I have found MSBO to be a world-class organization and a tremendous resource for members. I have learned so much from my involvement over the years and I want to give back to this great network by serving on the Board of Directors. I hope to be part of the leadership team that will continue to provide high-quality support to MSBO members and to help advance the profession over the coming years.

EDUCATION

Hope College – Bachelor of Arts in Accounting.
Colorado State University – Master of Business Administration.

EMPLOYMENT

Reeths-Puffer Schools – Director of Finance (2010 – present)
Whitehall District Schools – Director of Finance (2010-2013 – cooperative position with R-PS)
Grandville Public Schools – Supervisor of Business Services (2006-2010)
Plante Moran – In-Charge Staff Accountant (2004-2006)
Brickley DeLong – Staff Accountant (2002-2004)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

MSBO – active member since 2006
MSBO Bylaws and Resolutions Committee – current chairperson
MSBO School Finance Services Committee – past chairperson
Grand Valley School Business Officials – past chairperson
ASBO International – active member since 2010
ASBO Certification Commission – current vice chairperson, commission member (2014-present)
West Michigan Risk Management Trust – current chairperson, executive committee member (2011-present)
MSBO Annual Conference presenter (2014, 2015, 2018)
MSBO Group Solutions presenter (2018)
MSBO Intro to School Business presenter (2016, 2017, 2018)
ASBO Annual Meeting presenter (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)
Published article: “Managing Business in Two Districts: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly”, School Business Affairs, June 2016, Volume 82, Number 6; and MSBO eNews and Views, September 2016.

HONORS

Grand Valley School Business Officials – Administrator of the Year (2017-18)
MSBO Leadership Institute – Michigan School Business Officials (2013)
Certified Administrator of School Finance and Operations (SFO) – ASBO International (2012)
Lean Thinking for Schools and Organizations Certificate – Oakland University, Pawley Lean Institute (2011)
MSBO Chief Financial Officer (CFO) – Michigan School Business Officials (2008)
Certified Public Accountant (CPA) – State of Michigan (2004)
Ravenna Community Educational Foundation – current Treasurer, Trustee (2007-present)
Mona Shores Public Schools bond oversight committee (2018-present)
Ravenna High School football volunteer (over 20 years)
Hope College Football Allen C. Kinney award winner

While I’m honored to be seen as a leader in the workplace, my real joy in life comes from my family. My wife, Maria, is a middle school teacher. We’ve been married for over 11 years and our biggest blessings are our children: Vivian (7), Daniel (5), and Andrew (3).