

## Members of the MCHS District 111 Board of Education



**Larry Larson**  
President  
Member Since 1987  
Next Election - Spring of 2011



**A.J. Rossi**  
Vice-President  
Member Appointed 2009  
Next Election - Spring of 2011



**Debra Warning**  
Secretary  
Member Since 2003  
Next Election - Spring of 2013



**Chris Balkema**  
Member Since 2009  
Next Election - Spring of 2013



**James Butterbach**  
Member Since 2005  
Next Election - Spring of 2013



**Chris Kobe**  
Member Appointed 2009  
Next Election - Spring of 2013



**Bruce Miller**  
Member Since 2002  
Next Election - Spring of 2011

## Role of the MCHS District 111 Board of Education

In Illinois, public education is the state's constitutional responsibility. The state delegates the authority to govern school districts to local school boards. Boards are made up of seven district residents elected at-large to serve staggered terms of four years without pay. So, although the board is politically responsible to district voters, it is legally responsible to the state.

Specifically, the MCHS District 111 Board of Education works to:

- adopt goals and policies that meet state requirements and reflect community needs;
- provide the resources necessary to pursue its goals according to its policies; and
- monitor district performance to see that results are consistent with goals and policies.

The MCHS District 111 Board of Education operates under a committee structure. Committees consist of two to three board members, along with Administrative advisors. The committee structure allows board members to study issues in depth, and assist in forming recommendations for action by the full board.

Committee work takes place in open meetings, which are posted in the same manner as regular meetings. However, no action can be taken at a committee meeting. All action and business by the Board of Education is conducted during regular school board meetings.

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# MCHS District 111 Board of Education

## Tips for Effective Communication with the Board of Education

Community members who wish to address the MCHS District 111 Board of Education are invited to do so during the "Public Comments" portion of each general school board meeting as listed on that meeting's agenda.

Speakers addressing the board should be courteous and professional. In the interest of allotting appropriate time for all agenda items, comments will be limited to no more than five minutes. The presiding board officer may choose to terminate public comments that are profane, vulgar, or defamatory.

Speakers will be asked to identify themselves prior to addressing the board so that they may be contacted for follow-up to any questions. Speakers are reminded that public comments are used as input for board consideration and that responses from the board are not given at this time.

Petitions or written correspondence addressed to an individual board member will be forwarded to that board member. Petitions or written correspondence addressed to the entire board will be forwarded to each board member. To assure that a written correspondence is received by board members, please send it to:

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c/o Colleen Ward,  
Secretary to the Board of Education  
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## Frequently Asked Questions for the Board of Education

*What if I have a concern?*

MCHS District 111 employs an administrative staff to ensure the efficient day-to-day operation of the school. They are often in a position to provide the information you need or to address your concern. You are encouraged to request a meeting with the administration prior to bringing a concern to the school board.

*Will the school board resolve my concern at this meeting?*

The school board rarely can be expected to act immediately on an issue brought before it for the first time. The board will, however, act promptly as circumstances allow. Once a resolution is reached by the board, a member of the administration will notify you.

*Are meeting agendas available before each meeting?*

Meeting agendas are available prior to board meetings and can either be downloaded on [www.mchs.net](http://www.mchs.net) (select "About" in the navigational menu at the top of the page and choose "Board Agenda") or they can be picked up at the District Office.

*If I am unable to attend a meeting, where can I learn more about what actions the board took at that meeting?*

Once meeting minutes are approved, they are posted online at [www.mchs.net](http://www.mchs.net) (select "About" in the navigational menu at the top of the page and choose "Meeting Minutes") or they can be picked up at the District Office. Community members can also read a shorter version of meeting minutes, called Board Bits. Board Bits are also posted online at [www.mchs.net](http://www.mchs.net) (select "About" in the navigational menu at the top of the page and choose "Board Bits") or they can be picked up at the District Office.

## Meeting Schedule for the District 111 Board of Education

The MCHS District 111 Board of Education meets on the first and third Thursday of each month, with the exception of November, December, January, June, July, and August\*. All meetings are held in the MCHS - Central Campus Career Center and begin at 6:30 p.m. Listed below are the meeting dates for the 2009-2010 MCHS school year:

August 20, 2009  
September 3, 2009  
September 17, 2009  
October 1, 2009  
October 15, 2009  
November 5, 2009  
\*November 17, 2009  
\*December 10, 2009  
\*January 21, 2010  
February 4, 2010  
February 18, 2010  
March 4, 2010  
March 18, 2010  
April 1, 2010  
April 15, 2010  
May 6, 2010  
May 20, 2010  
\*June 17, 2010  
\*July 15, 2010  
\*August 19, 2010