

BIO – ROB BENACCHIO –BOARD OF EDUCATION – 2025

Rob is completing his first term on the Board of Education, serving as Board President this year, and Board Vice President last year. As President, Rob has worked to improve Board efficiency and public outreach, create operational efficiencies at meetings and create new partnerships between the Board and District leadership. Rob served on all three of the Board's standing committees, and was the co-chair of the Curriculum, Instruction and Programs Committee last year. Rob has also volunteered to serve on a host of Board ad-hoc committees. He took leadership roles on the negotiations committees that successfully settled with each of the District's collective bargaining units, and served on the communication, strategic planning, finance, and facilities committees that provided the foundation for the District's short and long-range facilities planning and the upcoming referendum. Rob looks forward to continuing his commitment and leadership in his next term.

Rob and his wife Michele have lived in Westfield for the past fifteen years. They have three children, each of whom have been in the Westfield school system since kindergarten: Layla, a sophomore at the high school, Kara, a freshman at the high school, and RJ, a fifth grader at Franklin. Rob, Michele, and the kids all agree that their Westfield teachers have all been among the most thoughtful, caring, and talented educators in the State. Rob has spent the past 10 years coaching softball, basketball, flag football, and soccer; serving on the Board is an extension of his commitment to the kids he coached and their families. Rob has also served on the Board of Adjustment and Architectural Review Board.

Rob is a licensed attorney and spent fourteen years in private practice, splitting his time between employment and labor law and commercial contracts and leasing. After two years as a Human Resources Business Partner with a global firm, Rob took the opportunity to help build a commercial real estate brokerage and development firm, where he has worked for the past seven years. During this time, Rob has grown the firm's brokerage and development team and has added logistics and property management components to the business. Rob will continue to use his legal, business, real estate, and development expertise to address the District's continued growth and referendum goals. Rob is looking forward to continuing the new era of action, partnership, and energy he has helped bring to the Board, and asks for your support and vote.