

# BOARD BRIEFS

## *News from the New Trier Township High School District 203*

### *Special Board of Education Meeting*

*May 3, 2021*

#### Board Welcomes Three New Members, Elects Officers

The New Trier Board of Education welcomed three new members Monday evening, saw another member begin a new term, and bid farewell to three outgoing members.

Kimberly Alcantara of Wilmette, Avik Das of Glenview, and Sally Tomlinson of Winnetka were sworn in as new members, while incumbent Board member Keith Dronen of Wilmette began his second four-year term on the Board. The new Board elected incumbent President Cathleen Albrecht for another year-long term in that role and elected Dronen as vice president.

Alcantara, an attorney specializing in marketing, advertising, and intellectual property law, served two terms as an elected member of the Wilmette District 39 Board of Education from 2009-2017. She also has served in leadership roles for the League of Women Voters of Wilmette and as former president and committee co-chair of the Wilmette District 39 Community Review Committee. Before running for the Board, she was the New Trier Parents' Association Adviser Room Liaison for the Class of 2024. Alcantara holds a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School and a B.A. from the University of Michigan. She is the parent of a current New Trier freshman and two New Trier graduates (2016 and 2018).

Das is Director and Chief Probation Officer for the Juvenile Probation and Court Services Department of the Circuit Court of Cook County. He has been a parent volunteer in Avoca District 37 since 2011, served on New Trier's Strategic Plan Parent/Community Advisory Group, and is a member of Healing Everyday Racism in Our Schools. Das serves on three Illinois Supreme Court boards and committees, is a Civic Leadership Academy Fellow at the University of Chicago, and is a Juvenile Justice Leadership Network Fellow. He holds a J.D. from Chicago Kent College of Law and a B.A. from Northwestern University. Das is the parent of a current New Trier freshman and a 4th grader.

Tomlinson was a member of New Trier's *New Trier 2030* Strategic Planning Committee before joining the Board and previously served on the New Trier Parents' Association Executive Board, as editor of *Parents' Press*, on the graduation committees in 2017 and 2019, and as a New Trier room parent. Her 20 years of volunteer work in the community also includes roles as a Board member at Winnetka Community Nursery School and parent leadership positions at Hubbard Woods, Skokie, and Washburne Schools. Tomlinson holds an MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of

Management and a B.A. from UNC-Chapel Hill. She is the parent of two New Trier graduates (2017 and 2019).

Dronen began his second term after first being elected to the Board in 2017. A licensed attorney, Dronen is founder and managing member of Dronen Financial Services, LLC. In addition to his vice president role, Dronen has served on the Facilities Steering Committee, All-School Forum, Special Education Parent Group, New Trier Educational Foundation, Finance Committee, and as the New Trier representative on the leadership council of the Northern Suburban Special Education District.

Carol Ducommun of Wilmette, Marc Glucksman of Glencoe, and Greg Robitaille of Winnetka left the Board on Monday evening. Ducommun first served as a member of the District 203 Board of Education from 2005-2013 and was re-elected in 2017 after serving a term as a Wilmette village trustee. She served on numerous New Trier committees including Finance, Community Engagement, Policy, and Strategic Planning and was also Board president and vice president. Glucksman, the outgoing Board vice president, was elected in 2017 and served on the Board's Technology Committee, Facilities Steering Committee, Traffic & Parking Committee, and Policy Committee. Robitaille was first elected to the Board in 2013 and re-elected in 2017. He was Board president from 2016-2018 and vice president from 2015-2016. Robitaille served on numerous District committees including the Finance, Naming, and Facilities Steering Committees.

*The New Trier Board of Education generally meets on the third Monday of each month, with the business portion of the meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m.*

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