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## **Brookings-Harbor Voices - January is Board Appreciation Month**

Hi, this is Sean Gallagher - Brookings-Harbor School District Superintendent. I'm here today to give a special thanks to our elected school board members since January is statewide board appreciation month. These individuals volunteer their time each month to work toward the shared goal of cultivating a safe, highly effective and collaborative learning environment in partnership with students, parents, staff and the community.

The Brookings-Harbor School District Board of Directors are Katherine Johnson – Board Chair, Bruce Raleigh – Board Vice Chair, Sue Gold, Alonzo Nalls and Alan Nidiffer. We want to communicate a special thanks to these individuals.

School board service involves a substantial time commitment. Boards have monthly meetings, and read multiple report to ensure they are making informed decisions.

The board's major responsibility is setting policy and hiring a superintendent, who in turn hires staff to put board approved policies into practice. Board members must work with the public to establish the mission and direction of local education. A board member must be a skilled decision-maker and team player, a public-education advocate, a vital link between community and school, and a policy maker. Throughout the school year, school board members establish budgets; set goals and evaluate progress toward those goals.