

Max Dorsey-Gordon
Secretary

Hello, my name is Max Dorsey-Gordon and I am an Economics / World History at Montville Township High School. I have dual degrees in Economics and Political Science from NYU and a MAT from Montclair State University. I am the current Secretary for the MTEA and wish to continue my service in this capacity.

I have been an Association member for six years and decided to get more involved. I feel enriched for my experience and thankful for the opportunities that MTEA has provided me. Attending Summer and Winter Leadership, Collective Bargaining Workshops and other training seminars has taught me all kinds of ways to be a more effective advocate for our membership.

Through all this, I have been constantly impressed by the dedication of the members in my profession. I think I am well tempered for the challenge as others have described me as friendly, light hearted, and approachable. Ultimately, I look forward to further represent and promote the interests of our membership

Jon Huppert
Grievance Chair

My name is Jon Huppert. I have been a middle school science teacher for 17 years the last 10 here in Montville. I reside in Parsippany with my wife and two boys. In my free time I enjoy playing hockey and performing music as a drummer. I am also currently coaching my son's T-ball team.

My union experience includes being the head AR in my first school district and for the past eight years the Grievance Chairperson for the MTEA. As grievance chair I have meet with union members and administration to solve many contract issues. I have also testified on behalf of the membership in multiple arbitration hearings. I recently attended advanced grievance training at NJEA's winter leadership conference.

I look forward to continuing to represent our members as grievance chair for the coming year.

Jason Jones
Webmaster

My name is Jason Jones, and I've grown up and currently live in Montville Township. I have been teaching at Hilldale School for my entire career, 22 years and counting. I taught 3rd and 4th grades for 13 years, and I've been teaching media to K-5 students for nine years.

I have been involved with the MTEA for most of my career, first as an AR, then as the grievance chairperson and a member of the negotiating team, and then as the MTEA webmaster. When I started as webmaster in 2008, we had a basic website with a monthly newsletter. I'm proud to say that we've evolved over the years, and now we have a professional website with links to many pertinent documents and information related to our profession. I am the MTEA's Facebook, Remind and Twitter coordinator, and I'm also in charge of the email accounts for over 500 members.

In addition to maintaining the MTEA website, I have been Hilldale's webmaster since 1998, and the Montville Baseball/Softball Association's webmaster since 2014. I am Hilldale's Technology Support Professional, and I'm on Montville's District Evaluation Advisory Committee.

For volunteer work, I coach soccer, basketball, baseball, softball, track, and TREP\$, and I am on Montville's *Historic Preservation Review Committee*. I am also a substitute for CCD classes.

I hope to get your vote for MTEA webmaster in May!

Jennifer McLaughlin
Vice President & NEA 2019 Summer Convention

For those of you that do not know me, I'm currently a 5th grade teacher at William Mason School. I have been teaching in Montville for 15 years. I've been an active participant in Montville Township Education Association since my third year teaching and slowly started getting involved on a county, state and national level. I am running for Vice President and below you can see my experience over the years that qualifies me for this position. I appreciate your continued support.

Association Experience

Local: Montville Township Education Association

- William Mason AR for 4 Years
- Recording Secretary for 7 Years
- 1st Vice President of Personnel – (Nov 2017 until present)
- Negotiations Team- Elementary Rep. 2014-2015 and 2017-2018
- Constitution and Bylaws Committee 2018
- Evaluations Committee William Mason Rep 2016- current

County: Morris County Council of Education

- Rep. Council Delegate for 5 years

State: New Jersey Education Association (Trainings Attended)

- 2012- Preparing for Negotiations- Collective Bargaining
- 2012- Basic Grievance Processing
- 2013- Legal Issues Affecting School Employees
- 2014- Preparing for Negotiations- Collective Bargaining
- 2014- Using Evaluations as an Organizing Tool
- 2015- Bargaining Health Benefits
- 2016- PRIDE Conference
- 2016- Money Matters: A Call to Action
- 2017- Take Back Your Paycheck
- 2017- Jim George Collective Bargaining Summit
- 2017- Current Issues in Bargaining Health Benefits
- 2018- Principles of Leadership Development for Association Leaders

National: National Education Association

- NJEA Delegate to the Representative Assembly for 5 years

James Queen
Membership Chair

I am your current MTEA Membership Chair completing my first year in this role. I attended the NJEA training last summer for Membership Chairs and have worked consistently and thoroughly to keep our membership “bookkeeping” up to date. This involves processing new applications for membership, sending updates to NJEA after each of our BOE meetings, sitting down with our district payroll clerk to verify and reconcile dues being withheld, and working with the NJEA membership liaison to assist in reconciling any discrepancies with our district records vs. NJEA’s. I have seventeen years of experience in public education and previously owned and managed a hearth business for ten years in Pittsfield, MA. I am glad to serve the MTEA in this capacity as it is one way to give back to our teachers association which has worked so hard over the years on our behalf.

Scott Riotto
President

I have been honored to serve as your MTEA President since October 1. In that time, I have presided over an emotional transition after the loss of my/our friend, contract negotiations (ongoing), and an alignment of our MTEA in constitution/bylaws to be in compliance with NJEA.

I have also attended countless meetings in-district with staff and administration (often well after dark), and many formal NJEA workshops across the state (often after hours and on weekends). I have represented you all with great energy and commitment everywhere, and have kept you informed (largely by email) at every step along the way. None of this would have been possible without your support, the support of the ARs, and most especially the Executive Board. I am proud to work with such dedicated professionals.

Prior to succeeding to the presidency, I served as your VP Personnel for the month of September. Prior to that, I was High School Head AR for two years, and High School History Department AR for two years before that. This is my 27th year teaching, my 24th at MTHS, where I currently teach Sophomore United States History I Honors and Senior Advanced Placement Government & Politics.

I also have been teaching American History year round at CCM for the last 16 years. Please feel free to visit my Montville teacher page for even more info. I will continue to work to ensure that all MTEA business moves forward in a positive direction. Thank you for your continued support.

Laura Rivera
Chief Negotiator

My name is Laura Rivera and this is my 10th year as a math teacher at MTHS.

I hold both B.S. and M.S. degrees in Mathematics from Montclair State University and plan on pursuing a second masters degree in the near future. I currently teach AP Calculus BC, Honors Pre-Calculus, and Probability & Statistics. I am also the Freshmen Class Co-Advisor. In the past, I have served as the SAC advisor and helped on numerous committees. I became the 2nd VP of Negotiations this past September and would love the honor and privilege of continuing my role as the MTEA Chief Negotiator. Prior to my position in Negotiations, I served as an AR for two years. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my husband and son.

Anne Simon
NEA 2019 Summer Convention

Anne has attended the National Education Association Representative Assembly since 1998. She also was MTEA Membership Chairperson for 21 years and Secretary for four years. She currently represents Montville at the Morris County Council of Education Associations (MCCEA) Rep Council and serves on the Membership and IPD committees at the county level. Anne serves on the NJEA Member Benefits Committee and the NJEA Affiliation Committee. Lastly, Anne has been elected to the NJEA Delegate Assembly 4 times and is currently running for another 2 year term. Anne works at Cedar Hill and Hilddale schools as an instrumental music teacher.

Kaitlyn Tierney
Public Relations / PRIDE

Hi, my name is Kaitlyn Tierney.

I have been teaching for 10 years, but have been with Montville for the last 8 ½ years. I am currently a Special Education Teacher at William Mason School, but started as a leave replacement at Cedar Hill. Over the years, I have wanted to take a more active role in our association. To do this I became my building's head AR and have held that position for the last four years. During that time, I have also become a county representative for MCCEA, RA Delegate, PRIDE Chairperson, and Secretary. This past year, I stepped back into my role as PRIDE Chairperson and Public Relations Chairperson after the terms had started to fill vacancies. With the experience I have with PRIDE, the PR and PRIDE position was able to be combined, allowing us to follow the guidelines for NJEA.

Over the years I have attended the Atlantic City Teacher's Convention, NJEA Winter Leadership where I attended workshops about PARCC, Evaluations, Engaging Members, Principals of Leaderships Development for Association Leaders, and how to become an effective AR for my building. I have also attended NJEA Summer Leadership, where I attended the networking workshop and the first ever PRIDE conference to see how I can do more for our district in the years to come and the first every Team North Future Leaders Retreat! It is through this experience that I believe I will be able to effectively continue my role as Public Relations and PRIDE Chairperson.

Sandy Weber
Treasurer

My name is Sandy Weber, and I currently teach fourth grade at Hilddale Elementary School. I began teaching in Montville in 2007, I have three kids, and reside in Parsippany.

For the past year, I have had the honor of being the treasurer for our MTEA. I have really enjoyed being part of our Executive Board. Currently, I am co-advisor for Student Council and Trep\$. I am also the Co-MEDLC director for the district, and my son's Boy Scout Den Leader.

In the past, I have been a manager at a sports facility where I was in charge of payroll, standings, and tournaments,, as well as the scheduling of all referees, statisticians, games, and their party coordinators. In college, I was treasurer for the ambassadors and I was always involved as a leader for youth groups. After college, I coached cheerleading and basketball.

Being part of a team and helping others is my passion, and I look forward to serving the members of the MTEA in the future.

Thank you for taking the time to consider me as a candidate for treasurer. I truly appreciate it!

Holly Wnuk
Paraprofessional Rep

Holly Wnuk is a Paraprofessional at the Valley View Elementary School here in Montville. She has been an enthusiastic and outgoing para at the preschool level since 2016. Before arriving here at Valley View she dedicated fifteen years of her life teaching in a private school at the Preschool level. Since arriving at Valley View in 2016 she has been an active member of the NJEA, and for this past year has been the Paraprofessional representative for Valley View. Her responsibilities as the representative include holding and running after school meetings for the Preschool paras once each month. She has also coached color guard at the High School level for a total of 15 years. Holly is a 2007 graduate of William Paterson University where she obtained her B.A. in Education.