

League of Women Voters of Washington County General Election 2015 Voters Guide

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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
and
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PENNSYLVANIA - CITIZEN EDUCATION FUND
NONPARTISAN VOTERS GUIDE**

2015 Municipal Election November 3, 2015

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Polls open 7 A.M. to 8 P.M.

This Voters Guide may be taken into the voting booth.

FOR ELECTION INFORMATION

Contact the Washington County Board of Elections at 724-228-6750, the League of the Women Voters of Washington County at 724-228-9889, or the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania Citizen Information Center which also provides election information. CALL TOLL FREE: 1-800-564-6598.

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The material in this Guide was compiled by the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania-Citizen Education Fund (LWVPA-CEF) and the League of Women Voters of Washington County (LWVWC). This material may not be altered or reprinted without the permission of the League. Each candidate's reply has been printed as submitted, except to use standard abbreviations and by editing from the bottom when a candidate's reply exceeded the word limit. Cuts are indicated by ellipses (...). The abbreviation N/A indicates the candidate did not supply information for that portion of the questionnaire. The candidates listed are those whose names appear on the ballot as of September 14, 2015. They are listed according to their ballot order. Additional information about judicial candidates and voter information including "Polling Place Lookup" can be found by going to www.vote411.org and typing in your address and zip code.

PURPOSE AND POLICY OF THE LEAGUE

The purpose of the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania-Citizen Education Fund and the League of Women Voters of Washington County is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League is nonpartisan: it neither supports nor opposes any political parties or candidates. Nothing in this guide should be construed as an endorsement of any candidate by the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania-Citizen Education Fund or the League of Women Voters of Washington County.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Registered voters who are ill, disabled, or will be absent from the municipality on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot. Completed applications for civilian absentee ballots must be received by the county Board of Elections by 5 P.M., Tuesday, October 27, 2015. Completed civilian absentee ballots must be received back at the Board of Elections by 5 P.M. on Friday,

October 30, 2015. If an emergency arises (unexpected illness or business trip) after the Tuesday application deadline, call your county Board of Elections for information on emergency absentee voting. Proof of emergency may be required. An emergency application and ballot can be obtained and voted by 5 P.M. on Friday, October 30, 2015. Any disabled voter having questions regarding the accessibility of a polling place should consult the county Board of Elections.

WRITE-IN VOTING

To write in the name of a candidate who is not on the ballot, check with the workers at your polling place before entering the voting booth.

1. When the appropriate office comes up on the screen, press the box next to the line for Write-In.
2. An image of a keyboard will appear on screen. Using the keyboard, spell out the candidate's name.
3. Press Accept and your write-in vote will be entered for the appropriate office, as you will see on the ballot screen.

ELECTION DAY PROBLEMS

If your right to vote is challenged at the polls on Election Day and the problem cannot be resolved at the polling place, the judge of elections at the polling place should telephone the county Board of Elections. The problem could be resolved by phone if your name appears on the county records. If it does not and you want to try to resolve the problem, then you can go in person to the county Board of Elections where a judge from the Court of Common Pleas will be on duty to resolve election problems. Alternatively, you can ask for and vote by provisional ballot. If it is later determined that you were eligible to vote, your ballot will be counted. You will be given instructions on how to determine if your vote was counted.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW VOTERS

If you are a new voter or if you are voting at a polling place for the first time then you must bring your voter ID card or a photo ID such as a driver's license, student ID or some other form of Federal or State government issued ID. Some forms of non-photo ID are also acceptable such as a firearm permit, current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or government check. If you do not have any acceptable ID then you must be allowed to vote by provisional ballot.

ON-LINE VOTERS GUIDE

The Voters Guide and other useful information for voters can be found on the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania homepage: www.palwv.org and on the League of Women Voters of Washington County website: washingtoncountypalwv.org .

[PENNSYLVANIA APPELLATE COURTS](#)

Voters Guide information about candidates for Pennsylvania Supreme Court, Superior Court, and Commonwealth Court is available in the online [LWVPA Voters Guide](#).

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Job description: Three county commissioners (no more than two representing the same party) supervise voter registration and elections; assessment of real estate property; human services; veterans affairs; weights and measures; prisons; 911 and emergency services; parks and recreation; and land use planning. They can establish housing and redevelopment authorities and conduct community development programs. They maintain a nursing home, and may support libraries, community colleges and farmland preservation programs. They set county tax rates and adopt budgets for county office and local Court of Common Pleas.

Term: 4 years; **Salary:** \$83,468 (Chair \$84,468)

QUESTION: What are your top two priorities for the office of County Commissioner?

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2.



Larry Maggi

Democratic

Buffalo Twp.

D.O.B: 8/24/50

For more information: www.larrymaggi.com or 724-229-4817

Education: Graduate, McGuffey H.S. & California Univ. of PA with a degree in education. Served in the U.S.M.C.

Occupation: Served 24 years as a PA State Policeman. Served 6 years as Washington County Sheriff. Currently Washington County Commissioner.

Qualifications: Born, educated and worked in Washington County my entire life. Active in the community and veterans affairs. A Sunday school teacher and active in church.

Answer to question: Low Taxes and Keeping our Country charm. Washington County is growing at an unprecedented rate. As such, we need to make sure we grow smartly and maintain our low tax rates which are one of the lowest in Southwestern Pa. In the last 10 years, our population has continued to grow, proving that people want to live, work and play in Washington County. With that we need to make sure we keep our country charm.



Harlan Shober

Democratic
Chartiers Twp.
D.O.B. 12/17/44

For more information: 724-225-8281

Education: Graduate, Chartiers Houston H.S.; 2 yrs. at Indiana Univ. of PA, Mathematics.

Occupation: Washington County Commissioner

Qualifications: Business: 32 yrs. as manager at AT&T; 14 yrs. owner of Shober Homes Inc.; Local Gov't.: 12 yrs. Chartiers

Houston School Director; 16 yrs. Chartiers Twp. Supervisor; 3 years Washington County Commissioner; 2nd Vice President 2015 of CCAP (Cty Commissioners Assoc. of PA)

Answer to question: Create jobs throughout County, especially in the Mon Valley, so that our children can stay at home and help keep our families together. Provide for a safer environment by controlling the D&A problem by establishing programs that treat the individuals. Provide strong law enforcement to deter those who are selling. Keep the quality of life in the County, along with the low tax rate so that people continue to choose Washington County as their home.



Diana Irey Vaughan

Republican
Nottingham Twp.
D.O.B. 8/20/62

For more information: FriendsWithDiana.com or diana@friendswithdiana.com

Education: West Virginia Business College

Occupation: Washington County Commissioner

Qualifications: I have 20 years' experience serving the residents of Washington County as Commissioner. During my tenure, Washington County has maintained a low tax rate, population and

job growth, and responsive human services. I have demonstrated fiscal responsibility.

Answer to question: Economic development is my top priority. I am working to provide additional sites for business location, and on new initiatives to revitalize our small towns. I will keep our taxes competitive to maintain our economic advantage for development. Addressing drug addiction must be a priority. I am implementing new initiatives in corrections to offer services that will reduce drug use and recidivism in our correctional facility, thereby reducing the corrections burden on our taxpayers.

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Mike McCormick

Republican

Peters Twp.

D.O.B. 1/10/49

For more information: www.votemike.com or facebook / votemikemccormick

Education: B.S. in Business Administration, Clarion Univ.

Occupation: CEO - Chairman of the Board, Benchmark Wealth Management

Qualifications: Mike McCormick has a lifelong record of service and leadership in our community. Born & raised in Monongahela, I

have called Washington County home for over 45 years Raised my family here, started a successful business now housed in Southpointe.

Answer to question: 1. My first priority will be to implement my “Create a Community” initiative. The goal is to reduce drug usage and related crimes by 70% in my first term. As a husband, as a father, as a grandfather – I know we have to solve our drug problems and I vow to lead on this until our county is safe again. We must protect our children and loved ones from this epidemic. 2. Use my business background to help create ...

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Job description: The District Attorney signs all bills of indictment and prosecutes all Washington County criminal cases for the state. He or she appoints assistants, detectives and clerks to assist in criminal investigation and prosecution of the cases to which the Commonwealth is a part.

Term: 4 years; **Salary:** \$175,572

QUESTION: How can the DA’s office address the increase of drug overdoses in Washington County?

VOTE FOR 1



Peter V. Marcoline III

Democratic

South Strabane Twp.

D.O.B: 3/18/77

For more information: marcolinefordistrictattorney.com or www.facebook.com/petermarcolinefordistrictattorney

Education: Bethel Park H.S., 1995; W&J, 1999 (Political Science);

Dickinson School of Law, 2002; Univ. of Florence, Italy Summer Abroad Program, 2000

Occupation: Lawyer with Blackwell & Associates

Qualifications: Eleven (11) years of trial experience handling Criminal Law, Civil Law, Construction Litigation, Juvenile Dependency & Delinquency, Land Lord Tenant etc.

Answer to question: The District Attorney’s office needs a comprehensive plan to lead Washington County in this fight against drugs. This plan must be created by a strong District

Attorney willing to be on the front lines. As DA I will visit schools to help drug prevention efforts, use my court experience to prosecute dealers, and support rehabilitation agencies. Only then can we finally reverse the increase in overdoses and provide safety for all.



Gene Vittone

Republican
Bentleyville Boro

D.O.B: N/A

For more information: www.VoteVittone.com

Education: Peters Twp. H.S., 1977; Univ. of Pittsburgh, B.S. Biological Sciences, 1981; M.A. in Health Administration, 1990; M.B.A.1990; Duquesne Univ., J.D., cum laude 1997

Occupation: Washington County District Attorney

Qualifications: Currently serving as District Attorney. Prior to becoming D.A., served as an Asst. District Attorney for 12 years.

Answer to question: We are addressing this issue. We aggressively pursue and prosecute dealers. My relationship with federal prosecutors permits us to use stringent and punitive sentences on drug dealers. We established a diversion program for non-violent addicts. We sponsor educational drug summits at local schools warning students of the dangers of prescription drugs and heroin. My office uses money forfeited by court order from drug dealers to start a naloxone first responder program to save lives

REGISTER OF WILLS AND CLERK OF THE ORPHANS' COURT

Job description: The Register of Wills probates the wills of county residents, collects state inheritance taxes, and maintains records related to wills, fiduciary accounts, and miscellaneous records. The Register of Wills also is clerk of the Orphans' Court, filing all proceedings related to adoptions and to the estates of incapacitated persons and issues marriage licenses.

Term: 4 years; **Salary:** \$80,023

QUESTION: Are changes needed in the office you're seeking?

VOTE FOR 1

Mary Jo Poknis

Democratic
Fallowfield Twp.

D.O.B.: 3/27/55

For more information: 724-228-6775

Education: Mon Valley Catholic H.S.; Penn Commercial.

Occupation: Current Register of Wills/Clerk of the Orphans Court

Qualifications: Incumbent for 8 yrs.; Deputy (manager) for 8 yrs.; and clerk for 5 yrs.

Answer to question: Being involved and pro-active in the daily operation of my office, changes are implemented when needed. Working with outside agencies such as the Inheritance Tax Division, the Dept. of Health, the AOPC or even the state legislature can require updates to office procedures and record keeping. Being aware of new technology to record and store everyday filings can provide better access for the public while preserving the original documents.

COUNTY TREASURER

Job description: The County Treasurer receives all tax and other money owed to the county, pays the bills upon order of the commissioners and maintains annual and monthly records for audit. As an agent of the state, he or she issues dog, bingo, small games of chance, fishing, and hunting licenses. Additional duties include issuing provisional firearms permits.

Term: 4 years; **Salary:** \$78,023

QUESTION: Are changes needed in the office you're seeking?

VOTE FOR 1



Francis L. King

Democratic
City of Washington

D.O.B: 12/18/44

For more information: Facebook, Francis King or 724-249-5943

Education: I.C.H.S.; Point Park Univ. 1 yr.

Occupation: County Treasurer

Qualifications: Twenty (20) yrs. experience. Made many improvements in the office over the years.

Answer to question: Change will be forthcoming by 2017 with the implementation of new financial software to correspond with tax reassessments. I will continue to be a full time county treasurer & my staff will continue to provide friendly, courteous & efficient service.



David A. Borodaty

Republican
Donora Boro

D.O.B.: 1/20/64

For more information: borodatyfortreasurer.com or 724-747-2122

Education: Charleroi Area H.S.; Marine Corps. Basic Training, Parris Island, SC; Marine Corps. Engineering program, NC; B.S. (Honors) Political Science, Graduate School in Education - California Univ. of PA; Western Michigan Univ., Graduate Classes

Occupation: Retired

Qualifications: USMC Combat Engineer, (Honorable Discharge); Public Policy/Public Administration Major for B.S. in Political Science; Co-

Founder A.I.R. Dentalplex (Specialist Dental Office)

Answer to question: Yes. To improve is to change and that is necessary for progress: after 20 years of service by a single incumbent, the office of Treasurer needs to be revitalized by adapting to changing social and economic conditions, introduce new technologies to address 21st Century processes, improve problem solving opportunities, and take advantage of new insights in public finance management. I will work hard to maintain high standards of excellence, professionalism, courtesy and integrity as Treasurer.

CLERK OF COURTS

Job Description: The Clerk of Courts keeps all records of the county courts involving criminal cases, collects costs for criminal and juvenile court, administers oaths, and takes affirmations. The clerk takes bail on criminal matters, records and docket all criminal cases, and maintains files on the decisions of the criminal courts. Additional duties include maintaining juvenile, non-support, miscellaneous and election dockets.

Term: 4 years; **Salary** \$78,023

QUESTION: Are changes needed in the office you're seeking?

VOTE FOR 1



Frank Scandale

Democratic

Canonsburg Boro

D.O.B. 12/11/67

For more information: Frank J Scandale for Clerk of Courts (FACEBOOK) or 412-398-6026.

Education: Canon-McMillan H.S., W&J – Degree in Business Administration

Occupation: Insurance Agent

Qualifications: I have experience managing staff, keeping meticulous records and providing exceptional customer service. 19 yrs. as a business owner coupled with my education qualify me for the office of Clerk of Courts.

Answer to Question: Failed to reply to question

PROTHONOTARY

Job Description: The Prothonotary is clerk of the civil division of the Common Pleas Court. The office establishes dockets and maintains the records of all civil cases, including: equity suits, non-profit corporations, financing statements, municipal and mechanics liens, habeas corpus proceedings, divorce actions, fictitious name registrations, etc. The Prothonotary is the notary public registry for the county.

Term: 4 years; **Salary:** \$78,023

QUESTION: Are there changes needed in the office you're seeking?

VOTE FOR 1



Joy Schury Ranko

Democratic

North Strabane Twp.

D.O.B. 2/8/60

For more information: jlmranko@yahoo.com or 724-746-0426

Education: Canon-McMillan Sr. H.S.

Occupation: Current Asst. Deputy Prothonotary

Qualifications: Currently working in this office with 13 yrs. experience, 11 yrs. as Asst. Deputy Prothonotary. Unlike any candidate, my starting as a clerk, I have performed all duties necessary to keep this office running

efficiently. I am able to back-up every clerk's position in their absence.

Answer to question: I plan to add the processing of passport applications as a service to the public. My experience and the understanding of both procedure and computer system will enable me to continue with automation in progress in an aggressive manner. I am able to assist the I.T. department with enhancements to the on-line services currently available to the public. I will be a full time working Prothonotary assisting with everyday procedures. The taxpayers deserve nothing less!



David D. Tennent III

Republican

Peters Twp.

D.O.B. 10/7/57

For more information: N/A

Education: B.F.A., Edinboro Univ.; B.S., Barry Univ.

Occupation: Occupational Therapist

Qualifications: With 22 yrs. of experience working with the public, I well understand how to hear what they need and respond accordingly. I have extensive training in government required filings and a commitment towards current and continued technology.

Answer to question: Failed to reply to question

CORONER

Job Description: The Coroner investigates deaths of suspicious or violent nature. When necessary he or she orders autopsies and subpoenas witnesses for inquests. The coroner is required to issue a certificate if death occurs without medical attendance.

Term: 4 years; **Salary:** \$78,023

QUESTION: Are there changes needed in the office you're seeking?

VOTE FOR 1



S. Timothy Warco

Democratic/Republican

City of Washington

D.O.B. 3/15/51

For more information: wash164@aol.com

Education: B.A. Univ. of California, Psychology; Graduate Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science; Certified PA Medicolegal Death Investigation; Office of the Attorney General, 210 Hrs of Continuing Ed; EMT No. 32 Commonwealth of PA

Occupation: PA Funeral Home Owner/Operator; Licensed PA Funeral Director/Embalmer; Washington County Coroner Since 1992

Qualifications: 18 Yrs. Deputy Coroner, Washington County Coroner's Office; 23 Yrs. 3 Mos., Washington County Coroner; 26,974 Cases Investigated; 513 Highway Fatalities; 123 Homicides; 513 Suicides; 19 Inquests ...

Answer to Question: "None"

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Job description: Boards of school directors are the governing agencies for local school districts. They have the responsibility for planning, setting policy and evaluating school operations. They may levy taxes, issue bonds, hire personnel, provide for school buildings and purchase textbooks and supplies. They adopt rules and regulations to govern their own affairs and the conduct of employees.

Term: 4 years (Except where noted); **Salary:** Unpaid

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

AVELLA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGION I

Cross Creek

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 2

E. Alex Paris III

Party of Registration: Republican

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Cross Creek Twp.

D.O.B. 8/7/59

For more information: 724-947-2235

Education: B.S., West Liberty Univ.

Occupation: Construction Executive

Qualifications: 35 years business experience. Own and operate several companies, active in various organizations

Answer to question: We need to continue the process of building a stronger curriculum. We also need to grow the school because are enrollment continues to go down.

Jim Gagich

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Did not reply

REGION II

Hopewell and West Middletown

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 1

No candidate

REGION III

Independence

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 2

Jeffrey W. Devenney

Party of Registration: N/A

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Independence Twp.

D.O.B. 6/29/69

For more information: 724-587-5730

Education: B.S. Science & Biology & Education/Secondary

Occupation: Teacher in the Washington School district

Qualifications: Father of 2 children and Public School teacher 18 yrs.

Answer to question: Failed to reply to question

Karen Birdsall

Party of Registration: Democratic

Nominated: Democratic

Independence Twp.

D.O.B. 8/27/56

For more information: N/A

Education: Masters

Occupation: Retired Special Education Coordinator

Qualifications: Was employed by the district as Special Education Teacher, then Coordinator

Answer to question: Failed to reply to the question

BENTWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bentleyville, Cokeburg, Ellsworth, N. Bethlehem and Somerset. At large.

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 5

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

Clyde W. Kearns

Party of Registration: Democratic

Nominated: Democratic

Bentleyville Boro

D.O.B. 8/25/52

For more information: N/A

Education: B.S. Elementary Education; Music, West Liberty State College

Occupation: Retired Teacher

Qualifications: 35+ years experience; Elementary Ed, Gifted Ed.; Music Ed & Music Leadership

Answer to question: Failed to reply to question

Michael Manning

Party of Registration: N/A

Nominated: Democratic

Did not reply

Nancy L. Brady
Party of Registration: N/A
Nominated: Democratic/Republican
Did not reply

Adam McMurray
Party of Registration: N/A
Nominated: Democratic/Republican
Did not reply

BETHLEHEM-CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGION I

Centerville 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 2

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

Jim Gwyer
Party of Registration: Republican
Nominated: Democratic/Republican
Centerville Boro
D.O.B: 5/15/67

For more information: N/A

Education: Bachelor's Degree, Business Management & Finance, California Univ. of PA

Occupation: Financial Advisor - Edward Jones Investments

Qualifications: Expertise in Financial Management; Father of two boys currently attending the school

Answer to question: Improving the quality of the education being delivered to our students

Laura Frost
Party of Registration: N/A
Nominated: Democratic/Republican
Did not reply

REGION II

Centerville 5 and E. Bethlehem Twp.

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 1

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

Bridgett Trump
Nominated: Democratic/Republican
Did not reply

REGION III

Beallsville, Deemston, Marianna & W. Bethlehem

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 2

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

Christine Hundertmark

Party of Registration: Republican

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

West Beth Twp.

D.O.B. 4/3/67

For more information: [Facebook.com/groups/852689751469156/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/852689751469156/)

Education: German Twp. H.S., 1985; Laurel Business Institute-Degree in Accounting/Data Processing – Class Valedictorian, 1992

Occupation: 23-year business owner of Christine’s Accounting Services, providing personal and business tax preparation, bookkeeping services and business office management consulting and support.

Qualifications: Experience with fund accounting, non-profit accounting and budget preparation; Specialized experience in budget rescue and business reorganization

Answer to question: Unfortunately, there is more than just one “important” issue facing our School district. Beth-Center consistently ranks near the bottom of the list with test scores in Washington County while neighboring districts with similar demographics rank much higher. Our buildings are deteriorating and in dire need of major repairs. Additionally, there are extreme budget issues that must be dealt with in order for the district to continue operation into the coming academic years.

Karen Drill

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Did not reply

Valarie Caprini

Nominated: Caprini School Director

BURGETTSTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGION I

Hanover and Jefferson

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 2

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

Norma Alrutz

Party of Registration: N/A

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Jefferson Twp.

D.O.B. 8/25/60

For more information: N/A

Education: B.S., Human Resource Mgmt., Geneva College

Occupation: Executive Director, Saltworks Theatre Co.

Qualifications: Graduate of Burgettstown, life resident, willing to volunteer hours necessary for the position, desire to see Burgettstown Schools excel.

Answer to question: Failed to reply to question

Melissa Secco

Party of Registration: N/A

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Hanover Twp.

D.O.B. 2/21/77

For more information: N/A

Education: West Liberty Univ.

Occupation: Housewife/mother

Qualifications: Parent and home owner

Answer to question: Failed to reply to question

REGION II

Burgettstown and Smith 2, 4 & 7

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 2

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

Thomas Repole

Party of Registration: N/A

Nominated: Democratic

Did not reply

Merle Ayres

Registered: Democratic

Nominated: Democratic

Smith Twp.

D.O.B: 10/6/34

For more information: 724-531-3043

Education: H.S. & 2 years of colleg

Occupation: Retired from LTV & J&L Steel as a area manger

Qualifications: 20 yrs. as a board member

Answer to question: Failed to reply to question

REGION III

Smith 1, 3, 5, & 6

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 1

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

James Bebo

Party of Registration: N/A

Nominated: Democratic

Smith Twp.

D.O.B. 1951

For more information: N/A

Education: Graduate Burgettstown Area High School

Occupation: Retired

Qualifications: Lifetime resident who understands our area needs

Answer to question: Proper spending of our tax dollars

Marla Pendeville

Party of Registration: N/A

Nominated: Republican

Did not reply

CALIFORNIA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGION I

California 1, 2 & 4

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 1

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

Steven M. Martin

Party of Registration: Democratic

Nominated: Democratic

California Boro

D.O.B. 8/23/75

For more information: 724-747-2839

Education: Graduate, California Area H.S.; Associates Degree, Electronics Engineering

Occupation: Manufacturing Equipment and Facility Manager

Qualifications: District graduate. Volunteering and holding offices in various organizations within the community over the last 16 years. Planning and maintaining budgets within those organizations.

Answer to question: Increase educational standards, to prepare students for their next level in life, while maintaining tighter budget restrictions.

Joseph Augustine

Party of Registration: Republican

Nominated: Republican

California Boro

D.O.B. 3/30/74

For more information: [facebook.com/groups/356822834506941/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/356822834506941/)

Education: Masters Degree, Community Counseling (Drug and Alcohol)

Occupation: Treatment Specialist, Fayette County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc.

Qualifications: I've worked at Fayette County Drug and Alcohol Commission for almost 10 years. I've started out there in the prevention unit working in the schools as an educator in teaching elementary through high school on dangers of ...

Answer to question: There will always be issues when dealing with the public/school administration, when it comes down to asking me why I want to be on the school board, there is only two reasons: Adam and Alex. I love my boys and I want to allow them and your children to have the best education and experiences throughout their school years.

REGION II

California 3, W. Brownsville 2, & West Pike Run

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 2

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

Darra Tyler-Owens

Party of Registration: Democratic

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

West Pike Run Twp.

D.O.B. 1/24/74

For more information: N/A

Education: R.N. diploma, Washington Hospital School of Nursing, 1994; B.S. in Nursing California Univ. of PA,

Occupation: Not currently employed

Qualifications: Served on California Area School District Board since 2012

Answer to question: LACK OF FUNDS. PERIOD.

Maria Hurley Ziolecki

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Did not reply

REGION III

Allenport, Coal Center, Elco, Long Branch, & Roscoe

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 2

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

Diane Zielensky

Party of Registration: N/A

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Did not reply

Adam Wilkinson

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Did not reply

CANON-McMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGION: CANONSBURG

Canonsburg all precincts except 1-4

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 1

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

Manuel Pihakis

Party of Registration: Democratic

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Canonsburg Boro

D.O.B. 4/14/33

For more information: 412-298-6671

Education: B.A. & M.S. Degrees, Indiana Univ., Bloomington, Ind.

Occupation: Retired

Qualifications: Thirty-seven years in education

Answer to question: Expansion in the School Dist! Building schools to accomodate the expansion!

REGION: CANONSBURG

Canonsburg all precincts except 1-4

TERM: 2 YEARS; VOTE FOR 1

Stephen Moskal

Nominated: Democratic

Terree L. Reihner

Nominated: Republican

REGION: CECIL all Cecil and Canonsburg 1-4

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 2

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

Michael V. Caporizzo

Party of Registration: Democratic

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Cecil Twp.

D.O.B. 1/28/50

For more information: N/A

Education: Duquesne Univ., BSME, MME

Occupation: Retired/Teacher Canon-McMillan

Qualifications: Many years teaching in this district. I know public education and want to advance it.

Answer to question: We are a growing school district. We need new facilities. At the same time education of our students is our priority.

Mark E. Dopudja

Party of Registration: Democratic

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Cecil Twp.

D.O.B: 11/9/52

For more information: 724-746-0781

Education: Ft. Cherry H.S., 1970 graduate

Occupation: Retired from Weirton Steel after 28 yrs. as a Carpenter Planner in maintenance, and construction.

Qualifications: I have an interest in and devotion to public education, and a willingness to give time and effort to the work; the ability to work cooperatively with others, and a capacity for understanding people.

Answer to question: Failed to reply to question

REGION: NORTH STRABANE

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 2

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

Joseph M. Zupancic

Party of Registration: Democratic

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

North Strabane Twp.

D.O.B. 5/8/69

For more information: 724-747-2873

Education: Canon-McMillan H.S.; Harvard Univ., B.A.; Univ. of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D.

Occupation: Attorney

Qualifications: Current Director, Canon-McMillan; President, Board of Directors, Intermediate Unit 1; Member, Governing Board, PA School Boards Assoc.

Answer to question: Continuing to maintain a solid financial plan for the future, while maintaining accountability for the taxpayers and increasing student achievement.

Maureen M. Helinski

Party of Registration: Democratic

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

North Strabane Twp.

D.O.B. 2/13/64

For more information: N/A

Education: B.A., IUP, Business Education; M.A., St. Francis College, Education; K-8, Montessori, Education

Occupation: Care Giver

Qualifications: 20+ years in education

Answer to question: 1. Increase population & overcrowding. 2. Budget 3. Physical plant

CHARLEROI AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Charleroi, Dunlevy, Fallowfield, N. Charleroi, Speers, Stockdale, Twilight. At large.

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 5

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

Elaine M. Pappasergi

Party of Registration: Democratic

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Fallowfield Twp.

D.O.B.: 7/4/54

For more information: N/A

Education: B.S. Education, California Univ. of PA

Occupation: Retired Public School Teacher

Qualifications: Public School Teacher for 37 years; School Board Director for 12 years; Attendee at numerous PASBA (school board) workshops; Chairman of personnel, curriculum and instruction committee, recipient of Anne Sullivan Award for dedicated service to education.

Answer to question: Lack of action by the state legislature on critical funding concerns is the major issue facing the Charleroi Area School District. An outdated formula used for special education reimbursements, insufficient compensation for state mandated assessment, lack of restrictions for cyber school costs, and rising pension expenses are items that school districts have no control. The financial impact of these items on our budget is exorbitant. It is imperative that the legislature address these funding concerns.

Adele R. Hopkins

Party of Registration: Democratic

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Charleroi Boro

D.O.B.: 4/21/47

For more information: [facebook.com/adelehopkins4casd](https://www.facebook.com/adelehopkins4casd)

Education: H.S. Graduate, Charleroi Area School District

Occupation: Retired

Qualifications: I have been a lifelong resident of the Charleroi Area. My husband, my daughters and I are all graduates of this school district. I worked for the Federal Government for 35 yrs. as a manager, having hired personnel, evaluated employees and handled large budgets. I interviewed clients . . .

Answer to question: Finances! Due to shrinking tax base, increased costs of education and loss of millions of dollars in state subsidies, a district must work diligently to remain financially solvent. We have done that in this district! Serving as financial chairman and board treasurer for 9 years, I am aware of what we need to do to continue to provide an excellent education to all our students, despite what financial help we get from the state.

Heather Keranko

Party of Registration: N/A

Nominated: Democratic

Did not reply

Antonia Fafalios Pellegrini

Party of Registration: Democratic

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Speers Boro

D.O.B. 5/1/73

For more information: N/A

Education: Belle Vernon H.S., 1991; Attended California Univ. PA, majoring in Secondary Education/Biology

Occupation: Homemaker

Qualifications: I'm invested in our community and schools; raising 6 children in the district, I have experience in many areas. I've served as PTA President for 2 yrs. and on the board for past 10 yrs. I've also served as an . . .

Answer to question: I believe that every school district in these times should ask themselves this question..."Are we providing a safe environment in which learning can occur"? One of my main objectives would be to ensure that Charleroi School District CONTINUES TO make this a priority. This would include issues with bullying and extend all the way to outside threats. No matter what it takes our children need to feel like school is a safe haven.

Danielle Yerkey

Party of Registration: Democratic

Nominated: Democratic

N. Charleroi Boro

D.O.B. 10/2/70

For more information: N/A

Education: Yough H.S., 1988; Point Park Univ., Westmoreland County Community College, Assoc. Degree, Accounting.

Occupation: Real Estate Agent, Howard Hanna, 15 yrs.; previously worked at FBI, 12 yrs.

Qualifications: I've served as a executive member & supporter of Charleroi Midget Football League for past 6 yrs.; PTA Board; Charleroi H.S. cheer parents. Through these opportunities, I have enjoyed success in achieving results.

Answer to question: Communication Keeping all students, parents, teachers, staff, taxpayers informed of what's going on in our district – Maintaining/growing our welcoming learning environment for all students, and more community involvement for all students

James E. Short

Party of Registration: N/A

Nominated: Republican

Fallowfield Twp

D.O.B. 1/17/64

For more information: N/A

Education: BSEE, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology; MSEE, Univ. of Pittsburgh

Occupation: Engineering Management

Qualifications: Served 10 yrs. as a School Director for the Charleroi Area School District and chairperson of the Buildings & Grounds/Transportation/Technology during this period.

Chairperson of the Finance Committee for a local church. Involved in youth coaching for 12+ yrs.

Answer to question: Failed to reply to the question

Charlie Yakich

Party of Registration: N/A

Nominated: Republican

Twilight Boro

D.O.B. 6/17/63

For more information: N/A

Education: Graduate, Charleroi Area H.S., 1981

Occupation: Roadway Program Technician – PennDot

Qualifications: On the board for the last 7 yrs.; Past PTA Director/President

Answer to question: Failed to reply to the question

CHARLEROI AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

TERM: 2 YEARS; VOTE FOR 1

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

Thomas Nutting

Party of Registration: Republican

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Fallowfield Twp.

D.O.B. 8/27/48

For more information: 724-984-5510 or 724-565-1021

Education: Charleroi H.S., 1966; B.S., California State Teacher's College, 1970; M.A., Spanish Language, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 1991

Occupation: Part-time Spanish teacher, St. Sebastian Regional School – Belle Vernon

Qualifications: Did not reply

Answer to question: The fact that the state legislature has not passed a budget hurts all districts in PA and a diminishing tax base in the Charleroi Area School District causes even more hardships. Health Care, cyber school and special services have all had a major impact on our school district. If the state is demanding that certain programs be implemented, the funding for those programs should also be provided.

CHARTIERS -HOUSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Chartiers Township and Houston Borough. At large.

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 5

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

Richard A. Caumo, Jr.

Party of Registration: Democratic

Nominated: Democratic

Chartiers Twp.

D.O. B: 9/15/57

For more information: N/A

Education: B.S. Edu. California Univ. of PA, 1980

Occupation: Steelworker Dynamet Inc., Wash. Pa

Qualifications: My background in education; 16 yrs. experience as a board member.

Answer to question: Did not reply

Christopher J. Hess

Party of Registration: N/A

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Did not reply

CHARTIERS -HOUSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Chartiers Township and Houston Borough. At large.

TERM: 2 YEARS; VOTE FOR 1

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

Fred Rockage

Party of Registration: N/A

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Did not reply

FORT CHERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT

McDonald, Midway, Mt. Pleasant, and Robinson. At Large.

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 5

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

Louis R. Ursitz

Party of Registration: Democratic

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Mt. Pleasant Twp.

D.O.B. 10/5/84

For more information: 724-796-1650

Education: Graduate, Ft. Cherry H.S., 2003; Penn College, Williamsport, 2005, Assoc. Heating & Air conditioning, Certificate of Plumbing

Occupation: HVAC Owner and Operator, Louis T. Ursitz Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.

Qualifications: N/A

Answer to question: Failed to reply to question

Loretta B. Kendall

Party of Registration: Democratic

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

McDonald Boro

D.O.B 6/12/62

For more information: N/A

Education: Thomas Cooley Law School, MI, JD. - Law; Robert Morris Univ., PA B.S. – Accounting (Cuma Laude); Duff’s Business Institute, PA, A.A.S. – Accounting; Community College of Air Force - Logistics

Occupation: Private Law Practice – Self-employed as an Attorney; Retired from Air National Guard, served 31 1/2 years; Retired from Judge Advocate General (JAG) corps as a major.

Qualifications: Self-employed as an Attorney; Judge Advocate for the military and provide legal advice to commanders, conducted training classes, participated in various boards and oversaw the operations of the law office ...

Answer to question: I am running for school director because I think we need to focus on the quality of education provided to our children and every child should receive the education they need to succeed.

Jodi Nation McKay

Party of Registration: N/A

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Did not reply

Melinda Errett

Party of Registration: Democratic

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

McDonald Boro

D.O.B. 9/1/74

For more information: melindalabs@yahoo.com

Education: Assoc. Degree, Health Information Management (Registered Health Information Technician)

Occupation: Coder, St. Clair Hospital – Medical Records Dept., 17 yrs.; 5 yrs. Human Resource Experience/Finance

Qualifications: Active Treasurer Ft. Cherry School Board; currently in 4th year of term; active in community and youth programs; Executive officer Ft. Cherry PTA

Answer to question: Failed to reply to question

Tina Cottrill

Party of Registration: Democratic

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Mt. Pleasant Twp.

D.O.B: 7/27/71

For more information: sctc2345@yahoo.com

Education: Allentown Regional H.S.; AIC, Associate in claims; CLCS, Commercial Lines Coverage Specialist.

Occupation: Insurance Claims Auditor

Qualifications: My career as an investigator and auditor has continued to develop my attention to facts and details.

Answer to question: Failed to reply to question

McGUFFEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGION I

Blaine, Claysville, Donegal

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 2

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

Frank Archambault

Party of Registration: N/A

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Did not reply

REGION II

Buffalo, Green Hills, E. Finley, W. Finley

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 2

Scott W. Harden

Party of Registration: Republican

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Buffalo Twp.

D.O.B. 8/18/68

For more information: N/A

Education: B.S., Univ. of South Carolina; M.S., Florida Institute of Technology, M.B.A., Waynesburg Univ.

Occupation: President, West Penn Wire

Qualifications: The 13+ yrs. I have served as a current School Director coupled with my education and engineering/management work experience make me uniquely qualified to face the on-going challenges of educating our children.

Answer to question: The most important issue facing our school districts today is pension reform. PSERS is underfunded by an estimated \$30 billion. In response, the legislature mandated employer contribution will grow from 5.5% in 2009 to 31% in 2019. Without meaningful reform from Harrisburg, this burden will continue to fall on the backs of local property owners. Our job as School Directors is to balance the needs of the children with the means of the property owners.

Jeffrey Scott Finch II

Party of Registration: N/A

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Did not reply

REGION III

Morris and S. Franklin Twps.

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 1

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

Jeffrey E. Ross

Party of Registration: Republican

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

S. Franklin Twp.

D.O.B. 3/9/57

For more information: N/A

Education: Bachelor Degree in Plastic Engineering

Occupation: Project manager for Audia Group

Qualifications: I have experience as a vice president and sitting on the board of one of the major companies in Washington.

Answer to question: Controlling costs for a school district while continuing to provide a quality education for our students remains our top issue. The top 2 cost factors are pension benefits and

healthcare costs, both of which we have little control. If we do not maintain or improve our schools people may choose not purchase a home in our district. I wish to see our property values grow as our school system grows.

PETERS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Peters Township. At large.

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 5

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

Minna J. Allison

Party of Registration: Republican

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Peters Twp.

D.O.B. 1/12/68

For more information: <http://vote4minna.wix.com/vote4minna> or [facebook.com/people/Elect-Minna-Allison](https://www.facebook.com/people/Elect-Minna-Allison)

Education: W&J College, B.A., History; Temple Univ. School of Law, J.D.

Occupation: Attorney/Homemaker

Qualifications: As a mother of 3 children, an active volunteer, a regular participant at school board meetings, I have extensive insight into the history of board decisions. I have effective communication skills, a keen ability to keep groups focused on issues, and proven ability to build consensus.

Answer to question: There are difficult decisions in the coming years including: managing the shrinking state/federal funding, budget cuts, maintenance issues, and space limitations. Maintaining a low tax rate while sustaining high academic standards and ensuring the curriculum appropriately meets the needs of all students, is our challenge. I am prepared to conscientiously examine all sides of issues, listen to the concerns of all those involved and make prudent decisions for the long-term good of our district.

Thomas W. McMurray

Party of Registration: Republican

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Peters Twp.

D.O.B. N/A

For more information: N/A

Education: Peters Twp. H.S.; Davis and Elkins College, B.A.

Occupation: Certified Public Accountant /Vice President

Qualifications: Incumbent PTSD board member for 31 years, Intermediate 1 board member for 21 years, lifelong township resident

Answer to question: The ongoing challenge of attempting to comply with and finance the non-stop barrage and constantly changing directives, unfunded mandates, and conflicting concepts that are issued from the state and federal bureaucrats and governmental agencies and that historically change with each new political administration, that promises that their new ideas are just what is needed.

Ronald A. Dunleavy

Party of Registration: Democratic

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Peters Twp.

D.O.B. 2/19/59

For more information: 724-941-6752

Education: Graduate, Washington D.C. JATC School

Occupation: Manager of Electric Technologies and also an Instructor for IBEW/CCAC Electrical Construction Technology Assoc. Degree Program

Qualifications: Project Manager on Several large Projects with multimillion dollar budgets and have managed large groups of employees. I have served as the Personal and Building & Grounds Chairperson.

Answer to question: The most important issue facing every school district in PA is school funding. Only 23.8% of our funding comes from state. Many other states fund there school district with 50%-75% funding. Also, the state government needs to repair the broken teachers retirement fund (PSERS). Our local tax payers are left with the burden of funding our schools well over 75% and are slaves to paying exponentially higher fees for a broken Teachers Retirement Fund (PSERS).

David Hvizdos

Party of Registration: Republican

Nominated: Democratic

Peters Twp.

D.O.B: N/A

For more information: N/A

Education: B.S., US Merchant Marine Academy; M.B.A, Univ. Pittsburgh; J.D., Duquesne Univ.

Occupation: Attorney

Qualifications: Resident of Peters Township; 9 year school board member, 2 years as president

Answer to question: Changing the philosophy that raising taxes and spending money makes us a better School District. This is a tired and old fashioned view. We do not need new buildings and new computers. We need staff and teachers that prepare our students for the future. We need to hold everyone accountable, from the School Board down; making the school experience positive, working with parents to stop bullying, stopping drug and alcohol abuse and motivating our students ...

William Merrell

Party of Registration: Republican

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Peters Twp.

D.O.B: 6/28/50

For more information: wmerr58523@hotmail.com

Education: Post Grad Studies, Univ. of Pittsburgh G.S.P.I.A., Nova Southeastern Univ. and Duquesne Univ.; Masters degrees, Education, Geography and Regional Planning: Duquesne Univ. and California Univ. of PA; B.A. in Legal Studies, Univ. of Pittsburgh; A.S. in Safety Technology, Community College of the Air Force; Graduate, PA Realtors Institute; Graduate,

Local Gov't Academy of Pittsburgh; Specialist in Safety and Health, Univ. of TX, Arlington;
O.S.H.A. Authorized Instructor

Occupation: Retired: SMSgt (Supt. of Chemical, Nuclear and Biological Warfare), USAF;
Public School Teacher

Qualifications: 37 yrs. of positive business and management experience, ...

Answer to question: Overcoming the many failures of previous district management choices, fixing our buildings, updating over 200 outdated and inconsistent policies and continuing to support the doctrine of "education" over sports has allowed us to be rated in the 2015 Newsweek Magazine; Peters Township High School in the Top 1/10 of 1% of all high schools in the country.

J. Rolf Briegel

Party of Registration: Republican

Nominated: Republican

Peters Twp.

D.O.B. 4/13/69

For more information: Facebook – Rolf Briegel

Education: Bachelors, Univ. of Virginia, 1991, Environmental Sciences major, Astronomy minor; Masters, California Univ. of PA, 2008

Occupation: Earth, space and environmental science teacher, Mt. Lebanon H.S. (Aug 2000 – present)

Qualifications: I'm a 15-year resident with 3 kids in the district and over 17 yrs. as a PA public school teacher.

Answer to question: Failed to reply to question

RINGGOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT

District includes Carroll, Donora, Finleyville, Monongahela, New Eagle, Nottingham, Union

AT LARGE (Regions I, II, and III)

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 3

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

Gene Kennedy

Party of Registration: N/A

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Did not reply

Mariann Cook Bulko

Party of Registration: Republican

Nominated: Democratic

Carroll Twp.

D.O.B. 11/3/48

For more information: N/A

Education: Donora H.S., 1966; Wash. Hospital School of Nursing, 1979; Attended California Univ.

Occupation: R.N. PBCM (practice based case manager), CCM (certified case manager) UPMC

Qualifications: I have been a Ringgold school board member since 1994, with Term or so, off 2001. I feel that I have a very strong knowledge of Board policy, proceeedurs as well as Ringgold School District.

Answer to question: The most important issue in our district, is improving education. In our changing world and society education is constantly being judged based on new standards. New tests and their scoring, Curriculum is changing. We must give our educators, Administrators, and students the tools they need to do their job and learn, as evidenced by higher and improved test scores, student confidence and teacher morale.

Jason H Gerard

Party of Registration: Republican

Nominated: Democratic

Nottingham Twp.

D.O.B. 9/1/69

For more information: <http://votejgerard.org/>

Education: Graduate, Charleroi H.S. and Penn State Univ., B.S., Computer Science

Occupation: IT Manager

Qualifications: Over 24 years of military and business experience, where I have leveraged business and IT solutions. I currently have 3 children in the school district, Middle School and High school and one recent graduate attending the US naval Academy. I am a resident ...

Answer to question: The most important issue facing Ringgold is the continued pursuit of strong academics, which results in an improved perception and an increase in Ringgold's state ranking. While there is always plenty of distractions for any school district, the goal needs to be on improving the curriculum and academics at all levels. This is always a key focus of top performing schools in the state and has to be a goal for Ringgold as well.

Gail A. Glaneman

Party of Registration: Republican

Nominated: Republican

Nottingham Twp.

D.O.B: 6/7/66

For more information: www.g-glaneman.com or Facebook page G-Glaneman

Education: Art Institute of Pittsburgh, 1986, Assoc. degree, retail mgmt.; Greater Latrobe H.S., 1984

Occupation: Retail Management

Qualifications: Regular school board meeting attendance for past 4 yrs.; 10 yrs. School volunteer work; 3 District-wide parent committees

Answer to question: Failed to reply to the question

Jim Dodd

Party of Registration: Democratic

Nominated: Republican

City of Monongahela

D.O.B. 8/23/77

For more information: www.VoteDodd.com or jimdodd@votedodd.com

Education: California Univ. of PA, B.S., Elementary/Middle School Education, Music Minor; M.S., Community/Agency Counseling

Occupation: Licensed Professional Counselor, Program Manager for Substance Use Disorder Initiatives

Qualifications: I have a background in education as well as experience in managing large and small budgets. Finally, lived experience of supporting a family of six on one income has taught me to set clear priorities and ...

Answer to question: Failed to reply to the question

2 YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR 1

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

James Dodd

(See Jim Dodd above)

Party of Registration: Democratic

Nominated: Democratic

REGION 3

Finleyville, Nottingham, Union

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 1

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

Maureen Ott

Party of Registration: Republican

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Nottingham Twp.

D.O.B: 2/20/57

For more information: <http://ottmaureen.wix.com/ott-for-ringgold> or Facebook Maureen Ott

Education: B.S., Mechanical Engineering

Occupation: Engineer

Qualifications: Incumbent since 2012 when appointed by Judge Bell. Have attended Board meetings regularly for ten+ yrs. and am well-informed on the issues facing Ringgold. I have 2 children in the district, hold a DOE security clearance, and my taxes are paid.

Answer to question: Now that the facility issue at Ringgold has been settled, the district must concentrate on improving our ranking in the state assessment. District administration has established a commitment to excellence. It is my goal to work with administration and staff to implement positive changes and improve our ranking thus positioning Ringgold as a recognized leader in educational excellence.

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGION I

Amwell, North Franklin

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 1

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

J. Frank Golsky

Registered: N/A

Nominated: Democratic

Did not reply

Sean Dobich

Registered: Republican

Nominated: Republican

Amwell Twp.

D.O.B: 4/3/63

For more information: N/A

Education: B.S., Business Management, Penn State Univ.

Occupation: Business Manager

Qualifications: Quality Focused business executive with 30 yrs. of experience of providing strategic vision & leadership. Experience with budget planning, performance management, cost control and staff development.

Answer to question: Failed to reply to question

REGION I

Amwell, North Franklin

TERM: 2 YEARS; VOTE FOR 1

No candidate

REGION II

Canton Twp.

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 2

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

Penny S. Caleffe

Party of Registration: Republican

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Canton Twp.

D.O.B. 2/15/44

For more information: 724-222-2761

Education: B.A. in Education, Fairmont State College

Occupation: Retired Teacher

Qualifications: Over 40 years in education & 3½ yrs. of Board experience

Answer to question: Trinity is in the process of re-establishing financial stability. The careful spending and budgetary concerns will need continued monitoring while at the same time providing academic opportunities for our students in the future.

REGION III

South Strabane Twp.

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 2

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

Jennifer Frazier Morgan

Party of Registration: N/A

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Did not reply

Kerrin McIlvaine

Registered: Republican

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

South Strabane Twp.

D.O.B: 6/2/64

For more information: N/A

Education: B.S., Business Administration, 1986; J.D., Pepperdine Law School, 1989

Occupation: Retired

Qualifications: A combination of factors including education, community involvement and currently sitting as a TASD Director.

Answer to question: Failed to reply to question

WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Washington and East Washington. At Large.

TERM: 4 YEARS; VOTE FOR 5

QUESTION: What is the most important issue facing your school district?

Linda L. Clemons

Party of Registration: N/A

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Did not reply

John C. Campbell, Sr.

Party of Registration: N/A

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Did not reply

Karen I. Ruby

Party of Registration: N/A

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Did not reply

Marsha K. Pleta

Party of Registration: N/A

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Did not reply

Troy G. Breese

Party of Registration: N/A

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Did not reply

WASHINGTON COUNTY MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

Job description: The Magisterial District Judge (formerly called district justice) handles traffic violations, landlord/tenant matters, civil claims, except claims against a Commonwealth party as defined by section 8501 (relating to definitions), wherein the sum demanded does not exceed \$12,000 exclusive of interest and costs, and preliminary hearings in criminal cases. Magisterial district judges who are not lawyers must complete a course of instruction and pass an exam before taking office.

Term: 6 years; **Salary:** \$88,290

QUESTION: Are there changes needed in the running of your office and if so, what are they?

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 27-1-01

City of Washington and North Franklin

VOTE FOR 1

Robert W. Redlinger

Party of Registration: Republican

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

North Franklin Twp.

D.O.B. 6/23/54

For more information: Re-elect Bob Redlinger - Face Book

Education: Wash High Grad 72; attended CCAC, Police Academy Grad 1979, numerous schools & classes during tenure as a police officer of 32 yrs.

Occupation: Magisterial District Judge 27-1-01

Qualifications: Current MDJ 27-1-01

Answer to question: This office is up to date with the AOCF.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 27-3-02

Beallsville, Bentleyville, Cokeburg, Deemston, Ellsworth, Marianna, N. Bethlehem. Somerset, W. Bethlehem, West Pike Run

VOTE FOR 1

Curtis L. Thompson

Party of Registration: Democratic

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

North Bethlehem Twp.

D.O.B 11/24/56

For more information: N/A

Education: 1976 Bentworth H.S. Grad; 9 yrs. as Police Chief; Cert in 1990 by Minor Jud Ed Board – certification; Hold office as a District Justice.

Occupation: District Court Judge

Qualifications: 24 yrs. Experience; Certified by State in 1990 and Re-certified each year since

Answer to question: Failed to reply to question

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 27-3-06

McDonald, Cecil, Robinson, Mt. Pleasant

VOTE FOR 1



Traci McDonald-Kemp

Party of Registration: Democratic

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

McDonald Boro

D.O.B. 7/26/70

For more information: traciformdj.com or 724-492-8253

Education: Clarion Univ. of PA, Univ. of Pittsburgh School of Law

Occupation: Licensed Attorney-Deputy DA, Adjunct Professor

Qualifications: Vast experience in civil and criminal law. Prosecuting cases involving child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence and rape for the past 14 years, McDonald-Kemp is recognized for her temperament, fair application of the law, community volunteerism, and professional

excellence. Candidate has unmatched experience, excellent work ethics, and proven integrity.

Answer to question: The public should expect judicial officers to demonstrate a strong work ethic, a commitment to fairness and integrity, a firm understanding of the law, and the ability to listen fairly and without bias in interpreting and applying the law. In the MDJ office, the Judge must balance the transparency of accounting and bookkeeping roles with the confidentiality and privacy concerns inherent in sensitive legal issues. My temperament, background, and experience, make me the perfect fit...

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 27-3-10

Amwell, Blaine, Buffalo, Claysville, Donegal, E. Finley, Green Hills, Hopewell, Independence, Morris, S. Franklin, W. Finley, West Middletown

VOTE FOR 1



Ethan T. Ward

Party of Registration: Democratic

Nominated: Democratic/Republican

Donegal Twp.

D.O.B. 3/19/71

For more information: N/A

Education: McGuffey H.S., 1989; IUP State certified Police Academy, 1994. PA mandatory training/education course for Magisterial District Judges, 2009. Annual update courses for M.D.J.s 2010-2014. Attended over 50 classes on Municipal ordinance, building code, zoning law, motor carrier enforcement, ect.

Occupation: Magisterial District Judge

Qualifications: I have been a Magisterial District Judge for 6 yrs. Previously I was a police officer in Donegal Twp...

Answer to question: Failed to reply to question

SPECIAL ELECTION

SENATOR IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 37TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

Includes Peters Township in Washington County

Job Description: The General Assembly, the legislative branch of state government, is composed of two houses, the Senate and the House of Representatives. A majority vote by both houses is necessary to pass a law.

Term: Balance of 2012 election term, i.e., through 2016

Salary: \$85,339

Vote for 1

Question: What changes would you suggest that would be fair to both cyber schools and public schools that pay for them?



Heather Arnet

Democratic

Municipality of Mt. Lebanon

D.O.B. 6/17/74

For more information: www.arnet4statesenate.com or 412-545-3020

Education: B.A., Carnegie Mellon University

Occupation: CEO, The Women & Girls Foundation (2004-Present)

Qualifications: For over a decade, Arnet has worked to strengthen the economic security of women, children and working families. Recognized as “Top 40 under 40” Pittsburgh Magazine, “Top Twelve Noteworthy Business Leaders” Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “Outstanding CEO Leadership” Pittsburgh Business Times. Chair, Johnson Institute for Responsible

Leadership...

Answer to question: What is most important is that public resources are used to ensure that all children throughout the commonwealth receive equitable excellent education opportunities. It would be fair and wise to ensure that cyber schools are held accountable to the same standards that all of our public schools are held to: regular testing; regular audits; standard for student and teacher performance; and guarantees that 100% of funds are used to support student academic enrichment and achievement.



Guy Reschenthaler

Republican

Jefferson Hills Boro

D.O.B. 4/17

For more information: GuyforPA.com or 412-593-4897

Education: Graduate, T.J. H.S., 2001; graduate, Penn State Behrend, 2004; graduate, Duquesne Law School, 2007

Occupation: Of counsel attorney for Brennan, Robins, & Daley, P.C. law

Qualifications: Served as a Navy J.A.G. between ‘07-’12, prosecuted terrorists while serving in Iraq, elected Magisterial District Judge in 2013,

while DM initiated programs for truancy, domestic abuse, and senior fraud prevention, lifetime dist. 37 resident

Answer to question: Failed to reply to question

JUDICIAL RETENTION

Job description: Judicial retention is a system of retaining judges for additional terms after they have been elected on a partisan, contested ballot. Previously elected incumbent candidates for judge appear unopposed on the ballot. The only question confronting the voter is whether or not the Judge should be retained.

Term: 10 years

QUESTION: What do you think voters should look at when deciding whether to vote for retention of a judge?

Shall John DiSalle be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas 27th Judicial District, Washington County?

John DiSalle

Peters Twp.

D.O.B. 12/19/59

For more information: 724-263-6245 or johndisalle@gmail.com

Education: Univ. of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D., 1984; Duquesne Univ., B.A., 1981

Qualifications: Ten years as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County, during which I presided over all areas of the justice system including criminal court and juvenile dependency proceedings, protecting abused and neglected children. Previously, I was a practicing attorney for 21 years, and an Asst. District Attorney.

Answer to question: In the decision for retention of a judge, voters should consider the judge's experience both before taking the bench and while serving the justice system; the judge's temperament and work ethic; the judge's record of being fair and unbiased; and the judge's commitment to the community. I have worked hard to protect children and victims of crime, while strictly adhering to principles of fairness, impartiality and justice. I am also committed to the community and ...

Shall Katherine B. Emery be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas 27th Judicial District, Washington County?

Katherine B. Emery

North Strabane Twp.

D.O.B. 11/23/55

For more information: N/A

Education: Univ. of Dayton School of Law, J.D.; Univ. of Dayton, M.B.A.; Pennsylvania State Univ., B.A. (Economics)

Qualifications: As a Judge for over twenty years, I have effectively presided over civil, criminal, family and orphans' court cases with preparedness, patience and poise. This experience provides excellent qualifications for this position.

Answer to question: Voters should consider the strengths the Judge has demonstrated on the bench. A Judge should demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the law and the Court's opinions should be well-reasoned and thoughtful. A Judge's demeanor must be patient and understanding; a Judge must be fair and impartial regardless of socio-economic status, race, sex or creed. These qualities exemplify important traits that a wise and effective Judge should possess and should be considered by the voters.

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