



VOTER GUIDE – CANDIDATES & ISSUES For Portage County, Ohio NOVEMBER 7, 2023 GENERAL ELECTION

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Aurora City Council at Large
Vote for no more than 2.

John J. Kudley, Jr.

Biographical Info:

Training & Experience: I have been on Aurora City Council for 23 years.

Education: Master of History and Master of Educational Administration

Q: What specific challenges and opportunities do you see in your city and how would you address them?

A: Throughout my tenure are Aurora City Council controlled growth has always been a primary concern. As a city we have been cognizant of the need to make sure that our infrastructure relating to sewer and water meets the needs of our growing community. In addition, fiscal responsibility is vital to maintaining the City's current highly rated status. The purchase of 40+ acres of land on the former Sea World property is an example of how we have sought to limit pressure on our infrastructure while at the same time reducing pressure on our schools by preserving the acreage as green space rather than housing. The Sea World property will also add to our park system which is one of Aurora's greatest assets providing numerous opportunities to our citizens to recreate and enjoy the outdoors.

Scott Wolf

Aurora City Council Ward 2
Vote for no more than 1.

Dennis G. Kovach

Aurora City Council Ward 4
Vote for no more than 1.

George C. Horvat

Aurora City Council Ward 5 (unexpired term ending 12/31/2025)
Vote for no more than 1.

Sarah Grdina Gilmore

Aurora City Council Ward 6
Vote for no more than 1.



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Training & Experience: Lifelong resident of Aurora • Licensed Property and Casualty Insurance Agent • Business Owner • Corporate Trainer • Active in Aurora Community Theatre • Trainer for emergency room physicians and nurses (Topics include bedside manner and communication) • Coordinated Community and Neighborhood Events • Former member of the Aurora Greenmen football team and marching band • Intern for State Representative (Discussed bills on Human Trafficking, Animal Welfare, and School Bus Safety)

Education: BA from Kent State University- Majored in Organizational Communication, Minored in Entrepreneurship. Certificate from Florida Atlantic University - Hospitality and Tourism Management. Graduate of Aurora High School.

Q: 1. What motivated you to run for this office, and what qualifications or experiences do you bring to the position?

A: As a lifelong resident of Aurora, I have seen the dynamic changes that our town has gone through. While some of these changes have been applauded, others have raised some genuine concerns. I've worked with City Council, neighborhood leaders, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Aurora City Schools, Police, Fire, and Emergency Services to coordinate community events. I also had the opportunity to work with one of our state representatives. Together, we discussed bills regarding animal welfare, school bus safety, and human trafficking, so I know how legislation needs to be carefully crafted to be effective.

These experiences showed me that for an area to thrive, it needs a leader who has the experience to lead, the willingness to listen, and an appreciation for all of their constituents. These experiences, and these traits, were what inspired me to run.

Q: 2. What specific challenges and opportunities do you see in your city and how would you address them?

A: One of our biggest concerns is overdevelopment. Dense housing developments create a burden in terms of traffic, school resources, and infrastructure. The city has been purchasing land to remedy the overabundance of compact housing, but this is an expensive process. A cost-effective solution would be to supplement these city purchases with sensible zoning solutions.

Additionally, many residents are excited that the city has entered into negotiations to buy the Gauga Lake property. However, this is an expensive proposition. I have a plan that will make the space more cost-effective. Plans include converting a former aquarium building into a lakeside restaurant, and with my experience in hospitality, I know that this has the potential to be a big revenue source. I'll ensure the space is built in a way that will attract a restaurateur who is willing to pay a premium for a well-appointed space. This, as well as income generated from other amenities, will lessen the burden on taxpayers.

Ludick:

Q: 3. How do you plan to engage with and involve residents in decision-making processes and policy development?

A: Since the insolvency of the Aurora Advocate newspaper, many citizens have reported that it is difficult to know what is happening in their town and that they are unaware of projects the city is working on. What's worse is that they are unable to voice their opinions or concerns until it is too late. That's why I'm building a newsletter for people in our ward. This electronic newsletter will keep citizens in the loop with new city projects and initiatives, and give residents the opportunity to contact me directly before a final vote is called. As a government representative, it is imperative that I act in the best interests of my constituents and give them the ability to voice their concerns. I refuse to lead by assumption or personal interest. Instead, I will lead based on the direct wishes of those from Ward 6.



John Seitz

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Education: Solon High School (98) Bowling Green State University (02)

Q: 1. What motivated you to run for this office, and what qualifications or experiences do you bring to the position?

A: As a longtime homeowner, parent, and community member I want to continue to the efforts that have made Aurora such a great place to live for my family and continue to solve the future needs of Ward 6 families.

With over 25 years of experience in finance, business, cross-functional communication, and community service, I have what it takes for this role.

It would be my honor to serve Ward 6 and our community as a whole and I will use my leadership, integrity, and honesty to make sound decisions as your councilman.

Q: 2. What specific challenges and opportunities do you see in your city and how would you address them?

A: Continue neighborhood connectivity through sidewalks, bike paths, & trails. Make sure our safety and service organizations have the right tools and right equipment.

Stay ahead of deteriorating infrastructure and increase funding for those projects...roads, pipes, sewers. Continue to leverage the city's positive financial position in support of continuing to acquire additional greenspace. Support the school/city relationship

Q: 3. How do you plan to engage with and involve residents in decision-making processes and policy development?

A: I would be serving as the voice of Ward 6 and with that responsibility comes an understanding that the needs are its' citizens and not mine. Although I would be casting the votes, the decision would be from the community.

Creating accessibility and feedback is key in the decision-making process. I plan on continuing my Coffee with the Candidate sessions at local establishments where residents can sit and

Seitz:

discuss needs (or just have a cup of coffee with me). I also plan on offering to speak at any Ward 6 HOA/community meeting to gain feedback or provide an update on the Ward. As always, my email and phone are always available.

My goal as your councilman is to be your voice at the table and keep Aurora safe, beautiful, and financially sound.

Kent City Council Ward 1
Vote for no more than 1.



Melissa Celko

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Training & Experience: 30 + years in healthcare, tech, wellness and leadership, trained in non-clinical mental health and wellness.

Education: MBA & BA from Ursuline College

Q: What is the role of Council in the operations of your City?

A: City Council represents the best interests of residents as the legislative body of city government. Responsibilities include enacting & amending ordinances and resolutions, setting public policy, making financial appropriations, adopting budgets, confirming employment positions/salaries and acting upon information presented by administrative and department employees as well as citizens. Kent has a city charter that outlines the specifics of all members and their responsibilities. The City Manager reports to City Council, all other employees of city report up to the City Manager.

Kent City Council Ward 2
Vote for no more than 1.



Jack E. Amrhein

Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

Training & Experience: 30 years Social Studies teacher Kent City Schools

Education: Kent State University BS Education Marygrove College Masters in Instruction

Q: What is the role of Council in the operations of your City?

A: Introducing new laws for the city.

Voting on legislation to decide if motions become laws.

Approving the city budget.

Appointing community members to city committees.

Advocate for and help constituents.

Kent City Council Ward 3
Vote for no more than 1.

Robin G. Turner
Party: Dem

Kent City Council Ward 4
Vote for no more than 1.



Christopher Hook

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Training & Experience: Chris is an experience community leader, and aspires to be a role model for what humble and loving public service looks like. Chris' career has spanned from working in the Office of then-Congressman Tim Ryan in 2011 to working on gender equality policy and programs with USAID and Save the Children and Equipundo since 2011. In addition, Chris has given back in substantial ways to his community. From 2007-2011, Chris ran the student chapter of the Portage County United Way, winning campus Volunteer of the Year in 2008. In 2020, Chris coordinated a campaign which raised \$10k for Kent Social Services, co-founded Allies for Racial Justice. and currently serves on the Board of Townhall II

Education: B.A., International Relations & French, Kent State University '11 (Summa cum laude); Masters of Science in Public Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health '16.

Q: 1. What is your vision for your community and how would you implement it?

A: My vision for this community is as a friendly, diverse & inclusive melting pot with residents who strongly identify as being from Kent, and who are deeply invested in its future. So, what does this look like?

First, the city must continue to attract local businesses which pull people downtown, offer high-quality jobs to residents and are easy to access.

Safety is a core part of belonging: the city should ensure that the police, fire and EMS keep public health at the center of their mission and build trust with its residents.

Transport is also a core part: the city can build out more PARTA bus lines, but also encourage walking, biking and safe electric personal transport as a means of promoting healthy lifestyles.

Last, Kent should be a haven for people threatened by the growing chorus of anti-democratic, non-inclusive voices in our wider world. We've long been a community of rebels, beatniks, & visionaries, and we should be loud in our defense of that legacy!

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Q: 2. What do you see as the most important issue facing your City and how do you propose addressing it?

A: The most important single issue facing the city is ensuring that people, continue to choose for Kent to be their home. This is largely being achieved already with the incredible small businesses that have come to Kent in recent history, new multi-unit housing developments going up, and with remote work more available, people (like myself) are choosing to stay and work in Kent. We need to continue this trend.

How do we do this?

First, we need to create incentives for builders to construct quality, affordable units, ideally connected to downtown and local transportation, and for landlords to improve existing rental housing stock, and make tenants aware of their rights. We must also improve transportation infrastructure that pulls people downtown and invite local, sustainable businesses to put down roots here. Last, we must also better involve residents, especially young people, in long-term visioning: how can we integrate their diverse voices on our Council and city Committees?

Q: 3. Identify the challenges facing your City and your recommendations for solving them.

A: The first job of the Councilperson is to ensure that city institutions are empowered to maintain quality services coming from the city that 'keep the lights on' for residents. One major challenge foreseen in our city's offerings is our water and sewer service. Going forward, the City needs to look at replacing aging water/sewer infrastructure, and how to pay for it. We should find ways to do this without asking strapped citizens to pay for it (or very much), e.g. state and federal infrastructure grants.

The second challenge is selecting where to go with our Climate Action Plan. The City of Kent has a vast array of options available to it, and I would encourage residents to read them on the City of Kent website. These options include developing climate-friendly city legislation for all new construction, expanding access to renewable energy for homes and businesses, continuing investing in climate-friendly transportation infrastructure, waste composting, and others. A tension there is navigating what the City can actually do - legally vis-a-vis existing governmental regulations especially from the state, and financially, vis-a-vis available city revenue and competing-but-pressing projects. This is where the city can be innovative with public-private partnerships and leveraging federal/state grants as well.

The third challenge is the growing and unchecked state power vis-a-vis local control. You saw that with the August special election, you see that with efforts to censor what's being taught in our history classrooms or in university HR initiatives. And now folks in Columbus threaten to overturn the will of the voters when it comes to Issue 1 and 2. Much of this is beyond our City's control, but what we can do when the law is failing us in these domains is a) defiantly speak in defense of our city and its residents through resolutions, b) allow our residents' voices to proliferate in our public meetings, and c) build solidarity among diverse residents.



John M. Kuhar

Party: Rep

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Training & Experience: Dozens of hours of continued education real

estate ,core law, ethics , security electronics, applied solar technology , construction and trades

Education: Theodore Roosevelt High School

Q: 1. What is your vision for your community and how would you implement it?

A: Continue to bring Kent into a bright new vision where all people can prosper, feel safe , and enjoy the great benefits of our community.

Q: 2. What do you see as the most important issue facing your City and how do you propose addressing it?

A: Continued success for the development we have started. We need to bring in more higher income jobs and opportunity for our citizens.

Q: 3. Identify the challenges facing your City and your recommendations for solving them.

A: Finances are always a challenge. That is why I always try to make sure we are always being wise with our spending along with new ways to make sustainable income without over taxing.

Kent City Council Ward 5

Vote for no more than 1.



Heidi L. Shaffer

Party: Dem

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Training & Experience: Almost 16 years in public service, community volunteer, small business owner, homeowner, work in Kent-based non-profit.

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Q: What is the role of Council in the operations of your City?

A: Kent is a City-Manager form of government. The city council serves a legislative function and also supervises the City Manager whose team provides the executive function. While Council oversees the city manager, we are not typically involved in the day-to-day workings of the city. We might assist our constituents in navigating the offices of the city or call in a problem that we see. I work to ensure that citizens are treated with respect and that if there are issues that are resolvable with improved processes, that this is discussed with the city manager. The main role of the City Council in Kent is to develop policies that guide the city now and into the future. We do this through collaboration with the city staff and with citizens who may provide inspiration or feedback. Our policies try to solve problems, set priorities, and position the city for success. We work collaboratively to vision and enact a healthy future for the city's people, its businesses, and its environment.

Kent City Council Ward 6
Vote for no more than 1.



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Training & Experience: Planning Commission member for the City of Kent since 2017

Education: Graduate of Kent Roosevelt High School Class of 1995

Q: What is the role of Council in the operations of your City?

A: I believe one of the main roles of City Council in Kent is to ensure that the needs of the community are being met equally city wide and that any legislation enacted serves the best interested of all of the residents of Kent. This is done by establishing and maintaining clear lines of communication between the residents of Kent and the city government. And through a willingness to be responsive and listen objectively to the people we represent.

Ravenna City Mayor
Vote for no more than 1.

Frank Seman

Ravenna City Law Director
Vote for no more than 1.

Frank J. Cimino

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Training & Experience: 3 years as Assistant Prosecutor 48 years as Law Director

Q: What is the role of the Law Director in the operations of your City?

A: As the Law Director, I represent the City in lawsuits filed against the City. I represent the cities administration, boards, and Commissions of the city.

Ravenna City President of Council
Vote for no more than 1.

Andrew Kluge

Ravenna City Council at Large
Vote for no more than 1.

Christina West

Ravenna City Council Ward 3
Vote for no more than 1.

Matt Harper

Ravenna City Council Ward 4
Vote for no more than 1.



Tim Calfee

Biographical Info:

Education: B.S. in Education, University of Akron; M.S. in School Counseling, University of Akron; M.S. in Administration, University of Akron; Ph.D. in Curriculum, University of Akron.

Training & Experience: I have worked in education in 48 years. I have been a elementary school teacher, school counselor, principal, and university professor. I was the Superintendent of the Ravenna School District for 10 years and also the Superintendent of Streetsboro for one year.

I taught at the University of Akron and at Malone University. I have served as the 4th Ward City Councilman in Ravenna for the last 4 years.

Q: 1. What is your vision for your community and how would you implement it?

A: To make Ravenna a great place to live, work, shop, and play.

Q: 2. What do you see as the most important issue facing your City and how do you propose addressing it?

A: Ravenna, like many cities, faces a number of challenging issues including: economic development, maintaining and improving city services, improving our city park system, continuing to upgrade our roads and sidewalks and knowing how to best spend our limited resources.

I couldn't say which is our most important issue, but are all things we want work on to improve the quality of life in Ravenna.

To address these issues, the Mayor and City Council will work together to use our resources to best accomplish our goal of making Ravenna a great place to live, work, shop, and play.

Q: 3. Identify the challenges facing your City and your recommendations for solving them.

A: Challenges :

Bringing new businesses to Ravenna and supporting existing businesses to help them grow and thrive.

Renewing, Restoring, and Beautifying our downtown.

Working to keep all properties in Ravenna well maintained, safe and attractive

Keeping the city safe and well protected.

Fixing all of the sidewalks that are broken, uneven, or in disrepair in the city.

Solving the problems:

To address these issues, the Mayor and City Council will work together to use our resources to best accomplish our goal of making Ravenna a great place to live, work, shop, and play.



John Sferra

Write-in candidate

Biographical Info:

Education: DeVry Institute of Technology Dallas Texas

Training & Experience: Product Manager Diebold 22yrs, Journeyman Carpenter, Heavy equipment operator

Q: 1. What is your vision for your community and how would you implement it?

A: I have visited many of small towns surrounding the Ravenna area and they all have one thing in common. A DRAW. I left Ravenna for a day to visit another town for the day spend my money and support their local economy. These other communities have the Cuyahoga river that runs through them, this creates a nature draw, the falls, the river walks. In Ravenna some out of the box thinking has to occur. Ravenna has a couple 5 acre plots of land downtown, and I know there's talks about building a new fire department on one of them, is this the right thing to do. I don't know. Maybe for our next Balloon A Fair we use this open area to launch balloons and keep the attraction downtown, instead of swiftly moving them out of the city to the township where the currently launch.

Q: 2. What do you see as the most important issue facing your City and how do you propose addressing it?

A: I counted 22 vacancies downtown, 12 more and it's a ghost town. I would like to encourage businesses with a funding program that offsets some of the financial burden facing small business startups.

Q: 3. Identify the challenges facing your City and your recommendations for solving them.

A:

The role of local authorities is to lead and represent their communities. They must engage with their communities and encourage community participation in decision-making, while considering the needs of people currently living in communities and those who will live there in the future. I'm a Write in candidate for City council so it's very important to me that I knock on all doors to introduce myself. Two questions I ask "who is your current city council representative, and have you ever attended city council meetings" the answer has predominantly been don't know, and no to both. The challenge is community involvement by way of communication, and encouragement to participate and attend council meetings.

Streetsboro City Mayor Vote for no more than 1.

Glenn M. Broska

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Education: High School, Graduate Ohio Fire Executive, Some College

Q: 1. What is your vision for your community and how would you implement it?

A: When I first ran for office, I had a vision to transform Streetsboro into a premier suburb. Since I first became Mayor in 2011, we have made steady progress towards evolving into a leading destination. We have removed blight along 14 by demolishing the abandoned structures and put up new attractive developments like Buckeye Quality Meats. We have added thousands of jobs with new corporate attraction, getting attention from international companies for headquarters. Our roads used to be terrible but now are free of potholes. Premier suburbs deserve premier amenities so we added a new Fire Station and are building a new Senior Center. We've done all of this with strong financial management and aggressive pursuit of grant dollars. Visions are long term goals but leaders must get multiple stakeholders to participate. With consistent and honest communication with the residents and council, we are seeing trust in city hall to do the right thing. It has taken some time for us to get here.

Q: 2. What do you see as the most important issue facing your City and how do you propose addressing it?

A: Every city, and every person, must learn to adapt to change. No one saw the pandemic coming but we found ways to communicate with our companies to help keep them open. This change actually turned out to be a blessing in disguise. Manufacturing work cannot be performed remotely so we actually saw a bump in income tax collections. Sometimes big, scary negatives, can be a net positive with the right leadership. Whatever happens, though out of our direct control, we will face the issues head on and find a way to continue our evolution into a premier suburb.

Q: 3. Identify the challenges facing your City and your recommendations for solving them.

A: We have addressed some of the legacy issues, like terrible roads and abandoned buildings. There is still work to be done, but we are on the right track. A major problem is the fact that we don't have a city hall and rent in the industrial park. There will never be a time when we won't have to physically house the administration of the city or have a place for the residents to voice concerns. We know we have to do this, and while it is expensive to build a new City Hall, it must be done. Otherwise, we run the risk of one day having a landlord that prices us out of the market. The most prudent financial decision we can make is to build a city hall. We have spent the taxpayer dollar wisely and made sure that the citizens were taken care of first when we completed projects like the new Fire Station, upgrading the parks or the construction of a new Community Center but we cannot ignore the fact that city hall must be in Streetsboro; we cannot be anywhere else.

Jeff Fejes

Candidate has not responded.

Mohammad A. Shaikh

Write-in candidate. Candidate has not responded.

Streetsboro City Council Ward 1
Vote for no more than 1.



Marianne Glenn

Write-in candidate

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Training & Experience: I have 22 years experience as a small business owner managing properties, handling all aspects of finance, cost analysis and customer service. Prior to that I held several accounting positions.

Education: Bachelors Degree in Economics

Q: 1. What is your vision for your community and how would you implement it?

A: My vision for my community is to create stronger connections between our residents and our city leaders by seeking out input from residents to build a sense of community-wide ownership. I want our residents to feel they are part of the decisions that are being made.

Q: 2. What do you see as the most important issue facing your City and how do you propose addressing it?

A: The most important issue facing our city is allowing our city to grow, while preserving our small city appeal. It is my hope that our Downtown Core Concept Plan will come to fruition, to allow our residents a place to gather and connect and have a strong sense of community togetherness.

Q: 3. Identify the challenges facing your City and your recommendations for solving them.

A: Our biggest challenges are traffic related, both in volume and unsafe driving practices. The recent completion of the State Route 14 widening project and the upcoming State Route 43 widening project will help with the flow of traffic. I'd like to see more patrolling of our intersections to improve the safety of our residents.

Chris Masowick

Write-in candidate

Candidate has not responded.

Joe Yonish

Write-in candidate

Candidate has not responded.

Streetsboro City Council Ward 2
Vote for no more than 1.

Anthony R. Lombardo

Candidate has not responded.



Chris Yonish

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Q: 1. What is your vision for your community and how would you implement it?

A: My vision is to see our community continue to grow and be a place where people want to move to and raise their families! How I'd implement that is by continuing the work I'm doing on the PRCAC, CRA and TIRC committees. Also, by being involved in the community and hearing what our residents want and need and finding out ways to justifiably support and bring them to fruition!

Q: 2. What do you see as the most important issue facing your City and how do you propose addressing it?

A: Right now, I believe our most important issue is transparency and engagement. How I plan to address being a councilman of my ward is to be out and engaged with not only my ward but the community as a whole. That's the thing I love about coaching and volunteering for the schools and city, being face to face. That's how you get the people bought into the leadership running their city by standing with them!

Q: 3. Identify the challenges facing your City and your recommendations for solving them.

A: Some challenges we face as a community to me are not having that walkable "downtown" area where folks can go and enjoy the outdoors while having retail stores accessible. Also, not having a city center/city hall is big one for me. That boils down to continuing with our master plan and providing a roadmap to get there!

Streetsboro City Council Ward 3
Vote for no more than 1.

Jennifer Wagner

Streetsboro City Council Ward 4
Vote for no more than 1.

Lisa McDaniel

Tallmadge City Mayor
Vote for no more than 1.

Responses not available for publication. Go to VOTE411.ORG for more information.

Dennis K. Loughry (Rep)

Carol Siciliano-Kilway (Dem)

Tallmadge City Director of Finance
Vote for no more than 1.

Mollie Gilbridge (Dem)

Tallmadge City Council Ward 2
Vote for no more than 1.

Responses not available for publication. Go to VOTE411.ORG for more information.

Jessica Epstein (Dem)

Donald J. Pavlik (Rep)

Tallmadge City Council Ward 3
Vote for no more than 1.

Jonathon D. Bollas (Rep)

Garrettsville Village Mayor
Vote for no more than 1

Rick Patrick

Biographical Info:

Training & Experience: Automotve business since 1990

Education: James A. Garfield graduate

Q: What is the role of the Mayor in the operations of your Village?

A: Responsibility of overseeing the Village Departments and daily operations of the village.

Garrettsville Village Council
Vote for no more than 2

Sheri A. Johnson

Garrettsville Village Board of Public Affairs
Vote for no more than 2

Benjamin Coll

Hiram Village Mayor
Vote for no more than 1



Lou Bertrand

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Education: BA- University at Buffalo | Doctor of Jurisprudence- University of Toledo, College of Law

Training & Experience: 28 years Hiram Council, 12 years Council President, 16 years Hiram Mayor

Q: 1. What do you see as the most important issue facing your Village and how do you propose addressing it?

A: Hiram is the home of Hiram College. Many colleges, including Hiram are down in enrollment. Because of the tax exemption of college property the village is dependent on income taxes.

Costs because of demand of village services and infrastructure improvements have increased over the years.

These issues need to be addressed by village government.

Q: 2. Identify the challenges facing your Village and your recommendations for solving them.

A: The tax base of the village must be maintained and expanded by development of opportunities to develop future revenues to village government.

This may include development of District water and sewer and possibly District Policing with Hiram's neighboring municipalities.

Bertrand:

Q: 3. *How has your Village adjusted for the loss of local government funds?*

A: Hiram prior to 2010 received approximately \$135,000 annually. Currently Hiram Village receives less than \$70,000 currently.

This and lack of safety services contract with the college formerly \$75,000 annually has been a critical loss to Hiram.

The Council has been investigating and exploring additional revenue sources, increasing earned income taxes, property taxes, parking fees and/other unpopular revenue sources.



Anne Haynam

Write-in candidate

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Education: BA Hiram College, MA Shippensburg University, MS Kent State University

Training & Experience: Currently, I am a small business owner (personal chef) as well as a mental health counselor. I spent 14 years as an assistant athletic director managing staff and doing creative problem solving with limited budgets. I currently serve on the village economic dev't committee and chair the Hiram Garden Club - a collaboration between the College and Village/Twp residents.

Q: 1. *What do you see as the most important issue facing your Village and how do you propose addressing it?*

A: There are a number of reasons to be concerned about the future of the Village as well as Hiram College. As the relationship between the two has deteriorated and financial support for safety services has ended, the Village now has a serious financial crisis.

We've already reduced our police services and it's fair to wonder if we will have fire and police services in the future.

We need a fresh perspective - one that values the College and communicating with residents. At the same time, collaboration needs to go beyond the village boundaries to include Hiram township and others. In a nutshell, I'm passionate about community building because we have far more in common and need each other in order to thrive.

Q: 2. *Identify the challenges facing your Village and your recommendations for solving them.*

A: We need to start with community building - meaning rebuilding relationships between the College and residents not to mention Village leadership and residents. Hiram Village and Hiram College are intertwined physically, socially and economically. Despite recent challenges, I believe we are mutually committed to work together to create a vibrant Hiram community - a college town. Living in a college community can be a fabulous experience for students AND residents alike. We can strength the relationship and create more avenues for residents to engage with campus resources while supporting our students in a wide variety of ways that helps recruit and retain students. For example, it's mutually beneficial for the community to be an extension of campus sustainability efforts as well as the arboretum project.

We also need to actively engage with our other existing businesses to support their on-going needs as well as becoming more appealing to new businesses. That starts with identifying our assets which go beyond simply just looking for places to build houses. We have natural resources around us to develop for hiking/biking, public-private opportunities with space on the

Haynam:

College campus, two prime commercial spaces that has been empty for years, and a need to update our approach to zoning. As mayor I will encourage and support council and committees in developing short and long term planning. I'll work to create clear messaging to perspective businesses as well as help promote the valuable businesses we currently have in the Village. As a result, our village will develop an improved identity.

Q: 3. How has your Village adjusted for the loss of local government funds?

A: We have yet to adjust and have the added complication of losing funding for police/fire that the College provided in the past. There's no doubt that tough financial decisions are ahead. However, it's time for new leadership and fresh energy to work with Village Council to address our budget crisis as well as increase communication with Village residents. It's important for residents to feel part of the process and as mayor I will update our communication system and create more avenues for information exchange.

Hiram Village Council
Vote for no more than 2

Ed Frato-Sweeney

Keith R. Holmes

Mantua Village Mayor
Vote for no more than 1



Linda S. Clark

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Q: 1. What do you see as the most important issue facing your Village and how do you propose addressing it?

A: Communication between our Village Government and our resident's and Business owners. By encouraging community involvement and listen to suggestions from the community. Improving the overall positivity and moral in the community.

Q: 2. Identify the challenges facing your Village and your recommendations for solving them.

A: Revamping our service department and how we go about doing the work in the Village. We have started for the last 6 months to do repairs the correct ways, instead of temporary fixes. We have also started doing projects ourselves verses outsourcing them. Saving the resident's taxes dollars and making them go further and more efficiently. Continue to watch the Villages finances so we continue to make the best decisions that are in the best interest of the resident's.

Q: 3. How has your Village adjusted for the loss of local government funds?

A: We have started bringing many things that were outsourced into the service department, examples, , cleaning the admin building, mowing the lawns, repairing/ replacing storm drains, in house vehicle repairs. Replacing equipment with more efficient machinery.

Nicko Koutavas

Candidate has not responded.

Tammy Meyer

Candidate has not responded.

Mantua Village Council
Vote for no more than 2

Kevin Maloney

Steve Thorn

Write-in candidate

Biographical Info:

Training & Experience: 2 years on Mantua Council, business owner

Education: BSEE

Q: What is the role of Council in the operations of your Village?

A: Council is the legislative authority, responsible for management and control of the finances and property of the Village, including setting staffing requirements, salaries and compensation.

Council also should set a unified "vision" for the Village, aligning service and physical improvement projects to that vision based on feedback from residents, and encouraging and supporting citizen involvement in Village activities, businesses and organizations.

Mogadore Village Mayor
Vote for no more than 1.

Michael A. Rick

Mogadore Village Council
Vote for no more than 4

Bobby McDowall

John R. Tonsic

Barb Van Dike

Chris Yoho

Sugar Bush Knolls Mayor
Vote for no more than 1.

Jeffrey A. Coffee

Sugar Bush Knolls Clerk-Treasurer
Vote for no more than 1.

Amy Mucha

Sugar Bush Knolls Council
Vote for no more than 2.

Nicholas F. Jordan

Nate Mucha

Windham Village Mayor
Vote for no more than 1.

Lawrence Cunningham, Jr.
Candidate has not responded.

Sheila Moore
Candidate has not responded.

Windham Village Council
Vote for no more than 2.

Scott Garrett

Sherri R. Pennington

Atwater Township Trustee
Vote for no more than 1.

John B. Kovacich

Candidate has not responded.

Dale A. Wiley

Candidate has not responded.

Atwater Township Fiscal Officer
Vote for no more than 1.

Emily Lashley

Q: 1. If the trustees asked the fiscal officer if there are enough funds for a major project, what factors would you consider in preparing your response?

A: I would take in consideration how quickly the funds needed to be paid out. I would look at any project spending that may already be scheduled. Also, I'd ask if this would be a loan with payment and interest, or if this is a lump sum payment. Finally, I would factor in if this spending would have any negative impact on the townships financial situation in the near future.

Q: 2. What do you consider to be the most important responsibilities of the Fiscal Officer?

A: The most important responsibility of the Fiscal Officer would be to accurately and efficiently maintain and record all financial actions taken by the township. Including but not limited to, paying out approved spending in a timely manner. Also, to communicate clearing with all township departments in order that everyone is spending within their allotted budget.

Teri Weber Zachariah

Candidate has not responded.

Brimfield Township Trustee
Vote for no more than 1.



Sue Fields

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Training & Experience: Ohio Township Association Leadership Academy Graduate, Portage County Leadership, Various HR related OTJ Seminars

Education: Stark Technical College-Business Administration - 27 years Brimfield Township Trustee Serving our Community

Q: 1. What do you see as the most important issue facing your Township and how do you propose addressing it?

A: In my opinion, the completion of the Fire Station project is the most important short-term issue. I will continue to work with the County, the Architect and the primary Contractor for completion of the planned construction. Due to the diminished material supply chain, we have had to make changes in materials used which takes my coordination between all parties involved. According to the Architect and Contractor we should be move in ready by years end if not sooner.

Q: 2. Identify the challenges facing your Township and your recommendations for solving them.

A: Planned and controlled economic development presents a continual challenge. We have developed a land use plan that was designed according to resident surveys. See <https://brimfieldohio.gov/economic-development/>

Our current primary challenge within the plan is water and sewer service on State Route 43 between Kent and Howe Road. I will support the plan developed by our residents in all aspects.

Q: 3. How has your Township adjusted for the loss of local government funds?

A: Our department heads design and submit their budget plans according to projected revenue. If revenue is lost, we tighten our belts without reducing service to our residents. Anything requested outside the budget must be applied for through Grants from private and public entities.



Bob Losey

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Training & Experience: Over 43 yrs at Goodyear in various leadership positions. Part of that was interacting with various government agencies on introducing new technology.

Education: Bachelors degree in mechanical engineering from Ohio Northern Univ. and a masters degree in business administration from Kent St.

Losey:

Q: 1. What do you see as the most important issue facing your Township and how do you propose addressing it?

A: Our township has been growing rapidly so we have to keep growing the services to keep up. We have passed levies for road maintenance, police and fire. It is time to start looking at other services (such as parks and library) and see how we can supply them as economically as possible. Ideally, I would like to do it without increasing the cost to residents. That would mean looking for grants, donations and collaborations with other agencies.

Q: 2. Identify the challenges facing your Township and your recommendations for solving them.

A: We have some underutilized or under advertised resources that is would be good to see utilized more. One such example is Lions Park. There are 2 playgrounds, a shelter, a pavilion, 2 baseball fields, a couple soccer fields, a basketball court, a sand volleyball court and a nice path through the woods. There is a paved pad that could very economically be converted to a couple of pickleball courts. They also have free concerts there in the summer. Even with all of that, I seldom see many people there. I think that it is mostly a matter of making people aware of the opportunities and maybe making some more structured activities. Maybe some structured youth events, organized volleyball leagues, a free learn to play pickleball event, etc. As an example, for the learn to play pickleball event, we could get a volunteer to lead the discussion and have enough paddles on hand for people to use. We could also solicit volunteers for other events as well.

Q: 3. How has your Township adjusted for the loss of local government funds?

A: Our township, Brimfield, has formed a Joint Economic Development (JED) agreement with Tallmadge. This includes the businesses that have started in the old Maplecrest golf course area. We have also voted in a few levies for road maintenance, police and fire.

James McKey

Write-in candidate

Candidate has not responded.

Brimfield Township Fiscal Officer
Vote for no more than 1.

John Dalziel

Charlestown Township Trustee
Vote for no more than 1.

Bruce A. Lange

Charlestown Township Fiscal Officer
Vote for no more than 1.

Susan M. Forgacs

Deerfield Township Trustee
Vote for no more than 1.

Mark P. Bann

Candidate has not responded.



Stephanie Barringer

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Training & Experience: I have been self-employed around 20 years. I know the necessity of integrity, honesty and transparency to make growth possible.

Q: 1. What do you see as the most important issue facing your Township and how do you propose addressing it?

A: Our most important issue is transparency! Our residents have asked for it for many years. We want to know what is going on. We want to know why decisions were made. The lack of transparency has had a negative effect on our township for far too long. The lack of transparency affects our growth immensely! We need growth and lots of it.

Q: 2. Identify the challenges facing your Township and your recommendations for solving them.

A: The challenges facing our township are workable. Our township would have more resident and business support with better communication. Better communication begins with honesty and most importantly transparency. Transparency would be a great starting block to build the foundation needed for growth. Our township has so much to offer. We need three independent thinkers to bring what they have to the table and utilize the township assets.

Q: 3. How has your Township adjusted for the loss of local government funds?

A: We could do better! We have just started to utilize grants. I have always questioned the lack of utilization of grant money. With a little hard work, we could have the ability to grow through grant funding in many different ways. I hope to help make this process more feasible.



Laura Lindberg

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Education: A.A.S., University of Akron. Graduate, Southeast High School

Training & Experience: Grant Seeking Essentials Certificate. Member of Deerfield Historical Society, Deerfield Civic Association, Deerfield Cemetery Association, Ohio Farm Bureau, Deerfield United Methodist Church (Church Council and Lay Leader), served on the board of directors for COSCA, ICHA, WHAO (horse breed associations). Generational farmer, agricultural background. Deerfield business owner/farmer. Born and raised in Deerfield.

Lindberg:

Q: 1. What do you see as the most important issue facing your Township and how do you propose addressing it?

A: One of the most important services Deerfield Township provides to its citizens is emergency services. It's no secret that there has been much controversy involving our Fire Department. Promoting stability and staffing within the Fire Department is a top priority.

Q: 2. Identify the challenges facing your Township and your recommendations for solving them.

A: There is a general disconnect between community leaders and the citizens. It is important to listen to the concerns of the residents. I would like to be a voice for the people without serving my own personal agenda. After a long absence of youth sports teams due to years of litigation over ownership of the park, it's great to see youth sports back in Deerfield. Deerfield has a long proud history of youth sports and I want to promote its growth.

Q: 3. How has your Township adjusted for the loss of local government funds?

A: I have three approaches to managing the loss of funding to Deerfield Township. We have wonderful township employees that we are able to utilize their talents for in house repairs and maintenance to limit the outsourcing of costly projects. Deerfield is blessed to have organizations such as Deerfield Historical Society, Deerfield Civic Association, Deerfield Cemetery Association amongst others that are both willing to help out the township by donating time, talent, items and funding. I am a member of these clubs and will help bridge the gap between these associations and the township. I would like to use my certification in grant writing to identify and pursue potential grants for Deerfield, like I am currently doing for the Deerfield Historical Society.

Deerfield Township Fiscal Officer
Vote for no more than 1.



Tracey Dean

Biographical Info:

Education: Graduate of alliance high school , Licensed, managing cosmetologist, completed, Workmen's Comp. recordkeeping class

Training & Experience: I've kept business records, payroll of my own beauty shop, I did payroll, and kept records and billing for our own trucking company and landscaping business from 1990 to 2008 billing managing payroll at a Italian club in charge of ordering banking and payroll

Q: 1. If the trustees asked the fiscal officer if there are enough funds for a major project, what factors would you consider in preparing your response?

A: I would have to consider all the townships financial obligations , check total balance on hand to see if the remaining money would be sufficient to fund that project without putting the township in financial jeopardy.

Q: 2. What do you consider to be the most important responsibilities of the Fiscal Officer?

A: Keeping accurate and up-to-date financial records along with that would be to keep accurate minutes of meetings and communications.

Nick Lam

Candidate has not responded.

Edinburg Township Trustee
Vote for no more than 1.

Jeffrey Bixler

Edinburg Township Fiscal Officer
Vote for no more than 1.

William McCluskey

Franklin Township Trustee
Vote for no more than 1.

Scott E. Swan

Franklin Township Fiscal Officer
Vote for no more than 1.

Lise S. Russell

Biographical Info:

Training & Experience: I am running for my fourth term as fiscal officer - twelve years previous experience in the same field

Education: Roosevelt High School graduate, three years college at Kent State University

Q: What is the role of the Fiscal Officer in the operations of your Township?

A: The role of the fiscal officer is to transparently and accurately maintain, manage, and record the financial status on all revenue and expenditures in a township in accordance with federal, state, and county guidelines; create and adhere to an annual budget; provide pertinent financial information to the voting members of the board to assist them in making decisions on how resources are utilized; maintain records for the township in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code and an established records management policy; and perform all duties associated with payroll and accounts receivable for all expenses.

Freedom Township Trustee
Vote for no more than 1.

Jeffrey Derthick

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Education: Crestwood Local Schools (general education); Maplewood Career Center (Power Equipment Mechanics); Hocking Technical College (Fire and EMS Certifications/general education)

Training & Experience: Current Township Trustee (on second term); Current Chairman of the Board; Chairman of the Community EMS Board; Alternate Representative to the Garrettsville Freedom Nelson Fire District; Current OPWC Representative; Currently Alternate to Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS); Alternate to Zoning Commission and BZA Boards.

Jeffrey Derthick:

Q: What is the role of the Trustee in the operations of your Township?

A: The role of the Trustee in the operations of our township is to be responsible for general administration duties, such as adopting the budget, maintaining the roads, cemeteries, parks, employees. Making decisions to benefit the residents and community. Assist in making the township a desirable place to live, work and bring businesses in.

Freedom Township Fiscal Officer
Vote for no more than 1.

Jennifer Derthick

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Training & Experience: Current Fiscal Officer (1st term); Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Portage County Board of DD; Fiscal Officer Windham Joint Fire District; President of the Freedom Community Park Boosters; President of the Portage County Youth Benefit Committee; various Fiscal Officer Trainings that are required/voluntary for the position; database management; policy review.

Education: James A Garfield (general education); Maplewood Career Center (Executive Secretary Program); Kent State University Trumbull Campus (general business courses); International Association of Administrative Professionals courses; online/in person fiscal officer training courses (required/not required)

Q: What is the role of the Fiscal Officer in the operations of your Township?

A: The fiscal officer of a township is responsible for keeping accurate records of all accounts, transactions and proceedings of the township. Some of these duties include recording accurately the proceedings of the Board of Township Trustees, keeping the minutes, overseeing and safeguarding the township funds, and working with the trustees to ensure that monies are spent wisely and in the best interest of the residents. The Fiscal Officer plays a crucial role in maintaining financial transparency and accountability within the township. By keeping accurate records and working closely with the Township Trustees, they contribute to effective fiscal management and decision-making

Hiram Township Trustee
Vote for no more than 1.

Jack Groselle

Biographical Info:

Education: Masters in leadership

Training & Experience: Past county commissioner and trustee for many years

Q: What is the role of the Trustee in the operations of your Township?

A: We 3 trustees work together to keep the township safe
We manage the funds for fire and police and township roads

Hiram Township Fiscal Officer
Vote for no more than 1.

Eric Hankinson

**Mantua Township Trustee
Vote for no more than 1.**

John Festa

Candidate has not responded.



Paul E. Moore

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Education: 1972 Crestwood graduate

Training & Experience: 15 years at Mantua/Shalersville Fire Dept; 18.5 years at City of Aurora Maintenance & Facilities; Building Engineer degree & Boiler's license; 32nd degree Mason; Licensed CDL driver; Heavy Machinery Equipment Operator

Q: 1. What do you see as the most important issue facing your Township and how do you propose addressing it?

A: It is vital that the Township trustees work closely with one another, are respectful of each other's opinions and collectively work together for the best interest of the residents and Mantua Township. Should I be elected, I plan to be an active trustee and bring my years of experience and knowledge to work in the best interest of the community working along with the other trustees. Mantua Township is a beautiful place to live and we need to work together to ensure that immediate needs are addressed and a long term strategic plan is in place and continually reviewed and adjusted.

Q: 2. Identify the challenges facing your Township and your recommendations for solving them.

A: One of the big challenges Mantua Township faces today is concerning the future use of the former Mantua Township school building and the costs associated with the improvements needed to bring it up to code and make it functional again. This is a historical building in our community but comes with significant costs and challenges to upgrade and maintain. My recommendation would be to put together a volunteer committee consisting of local residence to assist the trustees with developing a long-term strategic plan, assist with seeking grants and develop plans for future use of the building.

Q: 3. How has your Township adjusted for the loss of local government funds?

A: As a Mantua Township Trustee, it is important to find ways to value engineer and think outside the box at all times, especially when there is a loss of government funds. It is the duty of the trustees to be fiscally responsible with the taxpayers' funds, while continuing to run the township and make repairs to items such as the roads and cemeteries without allowing infrastructure to get to a point where it is too expensive to repair and requires replacement that the budget cannot afford. Developing a strategic plan and setting priorities that accounts for future loss in revenue is critical to this process.

**Mantua Township Fiscal Officer
Vote for no more than 1.**

Julia A. Pemberton

Nelson Township Trustee
Vote for no more than 1.

Michael Kortan

Nelson Township Fiscal Officer
Vote for no more than 1.

Kevin Cihan

Palmyra Township Trustee
Vote for no more than 1.



Ricky D. Bennett

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Education: Graduated from Waterloo H.S. Some college, many technical classes

Training & Experience: I retired from Sherwin Williams in 2016 after 30 years of service as a Maintenance Supervisor. Since 2016 I've been working part time for the Palmyra Twp. Road Dept. In July I was appointed to fill the recently vacated Trustee position.

Q: 1. What do you see as the most important issue facing your Township and how do you propose addressing it?

A: Funding necessary projects within our budget is very challenging. Just one example of this is that roadway maintenance costs have risen by a third over last year, mostly due to increased material costs. After comparing multiple bids we elected to reduce the number of miles of roads paved to fit our budget. We continue to apply for available grants.

Q: 2. Identify the challenges facing your Township and your recommendations for solving them.

A: With rising costs, replacing aging equipment is a major issue in Palmyra. We're trying to work within our budget to continue providing the best services that we can to the community. One way we do this is by servicing and maintaining our own equipment whenever possible.

Staffing and retaining employees is a challenge that we are working together to remedy. We've gotten creative with work schedules and incentives that we hope will help with this.

Q: 3. How has your Township adjusted for the loss of local government funds?

A: As a new trustee I hesitate to say we have "adjusted" to the loss of local government funds. I feel the previous trustees have always done a good job of managing our township budget. That being said, we continue to look for cost saving measures, apply for any available grants, hold fundraisers, and have reduced the number of Township clean up dates from twice a year to just once.

Robin Tittel

Candidate has not responded.

Palmyra Township Fiscal Officer
Vote for no more than 1.

Kelly Harvey

Paris Township Trustee
Vote for no more than 1.



Edward F. Samec, Jr.

Biographical Info:

Training & Experience: Retired Police Chief of Middlefield Police Department and Hiram Police Department

Education: Associate Degree Criminal Justice University of Akron

Q: What is the role of the Trustee in the operations of your Township?

A: As Paris Township Trustee I oversee the Paris Fire Department and Hawley Cemetery I also work with the 2 other Trustees and our Fiscal Officer in making decisions that are in the best interest of Paris Township residents while being fiscally responsible with tax payers dollars.

Paris Township Fiscal Officer
Vote for no more than 1.

Linda L. Shaulis

Randolph Township Trustee (term commencing 1/1/2024)
Vote for no more than 1.



John K. Lampe

Biographical Info:

Campaign Phone Number: 3306186850

Education: Bachelor Degree Business Mgmt. Hiram College

Q: What is the role of the Trustee in the operations of your Township?

A: My primary role as a Randolph Township trustee is to oversee Zoning operations. But I am also involved with decision involving our Fire Dept. and Road Dept.

Randolph Township Trustee (unexpired term ending 12/31/2025)
Vote for no more than 1.

Nick Reynolds

Randolph Township Fiscal Officer
Vote for no more than 1.

Mary A. Rodenbucher

Biographical Info:

Training & Experience: Over 15 years as the Randolph Township Fiscal Officer

Ravenna Township Trustee
Vote for no more than 1.

Hank T. Gibson

Q: What is the role of the Trustee in the operations of your Township?

A: To ensure that we provide road maintenance including resurfacing and snow removal, outstanding EMS and fire service and to enforce zoning codes. We want to make our township attractive so we can entice companies to either start a business or move an existing company to our township. My goal for the past 16 years is to listen and provide solutions to questions from our constituents. I have always tried to be a good steward of taxpayers money and will continue to do so.

Ravenna Township Fiscal Officer
Vote for no more than 1.

Gail Pittman

Rootstown Township Trustee
Vote for no more than 1.

Joseph M. Paulus

Biographical Info:

Campaign Phone Number: 3304741869

Training & Experience: Service-minded individual since I was 5 years old picking up trash at the Randolph Fair. US Air Force veteran. Former Rootstown small business owner. 2-time President of Rootstown Area Chamber of Commerce. 2-time President of Rootstown Lions Club and still member of 17 years. Former youth coach in wrestling and soccer. 3 -term Rootstown Township Trustee. Continuing education in government through seminars, meetings, and activities.

Education: Bachelor of Information Technology

Q: What is the role of the Trustee in the operations of your Township?

A: Ensuring tax money is spent wisely and judiciously. Maintain 2 cemeteries. Provide a top-notch Fire Dept. Maintain township roads. Maintain township Zoning and its regulations. Be involved. Try to hire locally as much as possible. Listen to residents. Answer every resident phone call or email. Understand the differing needs of every resident and put yourself in their shoes. Explain the workings of government. Township government is the most efficient form of government in our country. Network with other elected officials in the county, state, and federal levels. Work together with other Trustees and the Fiscal Officer. Not always agreeing, but listening, understanding, and compromising. Treat people respectfully and politely. Enjoy the job or do not run for the office. Try to make the Township better than when you found it.

Rootstown Township Fiscal Officer
Vote for no more than 1.

Stephanie Boyle

Candidate has not responded.

Linda Hankins

Biographical Info:

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Education: Bachelor's in Accounting from Kent State University

Training & Experience: 35 plus years of banking, including investments, construction bookkeeping, accounts payable and fiscal specialist experience, treasurer and budget/finance committee member of several organizations. Attended the State of Ohio Auditor's Fiscal Officers' Conference March 2023.

Q: 1. If the trustees asked the fiscal officer if there are enough funds for a major project, what factors would you consider in preparing your response?

A: There are several factors I would consider if the trustees asked me if there was enough funds for a major purchase. First I would consider if this project was within the ORC guidelines, then I would consider if the project had been budgeted for. If it hadn't been budgeted for then I would look at the unencumbered funds in the general fund to determine if there was sufficient funds to support the project. Once I had taken these steps I would notify the trustees if there was enough funds to support the major project. If there wasn't enough funds for the project I would look for alternative ways to fund the project, such as grants.

Q: 2. What do you consider to be the most important responsibilities of the Fiscal Officer?

A: I feel some of the most important responsibilities of the Fiscal Officer are to review each bill for accuracy and timely payment of the bills and payroll. It's also important to keep accurate, organized financial township, payroll and personal records. I feel that it's important to be available and to keep open communications with the township trustees and department heads to answer their questions and concerns and respond to their needs and communicate any concerns I may have.

Tina Jenior

Candidate has not responded.

Shalersville Township Trustee
Vote for no more than 1.



Jack R. Bias

Biographical Info:

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Campaign Facebook: www.facebook.com/BiasForTrustee/

Education: Masters Degree in Industrial Technology at Kent State University

Training & Experience: Retired from Chrysler after 30 years as an engineer. Retired from General Motors after five years as an engineer.

While at GM, I supervised the Tool & Die Roo and their CAD/CAM department.

Q: 1. What do you see as the most important issue facing your Township and how do you propose addressing it?

A: The most important issue facing the township is uncontrolled growth. The Land Use Survey sent out to the residents of Shalersville showed how important they regard this issue.

81% of the residents who responded do not want development along Infirmary Road, south of the turnpike.

71% do not want any development East of State Route 44 and North of the Ohio Turnpike with 69% not wanting the County Airport expanded. Only 8% of the residents are for the expansion, with the remainder indifferent or undecided.

According to the Land Use Survey, Shalersville's residents like that Shalersville is rural, has wide open spaces, and is not like Streetsboro. They dislike the traffic, noise, airplane flights over residential areas, and solar wind farms.

I would not support allowing apartments, condominiums, and high-density housing. I will support minimum lot sizes, and zoning prohibitions that would maintain the rural character of Shalersville Township.

Q: 2. Identify the challenges facing your Township and your recommendations for solving them.

A: One of the challenges facing the Township is getting more resident involvement. Informing the residents will create more resident involvement. This could be accomplished with utilizing our digital sign in front of the Townhall, and a Social Media presence that is maintained and updated. In the past, the turnout would be standing room only for a controversial issue that was scheduled, and the public was notified. Does anyone remember the meeting with Mr. Morgan held a few years back about the airport expansion.

Q: 3. How has your Township adjusted for the loss of local government funds?

A: The Township has adjusted and will continue to adjust to the loss of government funding, using a multi-faceted approach.

The County informed Shalersville Trustees that they would begin collecting the \$5.00 license plate fee that the township had declined to charge their residents. Shalersville reluctantly began collecting this fee; the residents were going to be charged in either case, it was only a matter of who received the money.

Jack Bias:

The Township has received Grant money from several sources.

The Township received grants for the removal of a house, for the park driveway and parking lot, for a walking trail, and for repair of Cooley Road. Frank Ruehr Jr. is working with the Portage County Engineers office for the possibility of road grants in 2024 and 2025.

Another savings, I would not need the Township to provide any health care for me personally.

Rich McIntyre

Candidate has not responded.

Shalersville Township Fiscal Officer Vote for no more than 1.



Maude Bias

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Training & Experience: I am the current, Shalersville Township Assistant Fiscal Officer, Secretary and Member Zoning Commission, Secretary Board of Zoning Appeal. Retired Manager of Financial Counseling at Robison Memorial Hospital. 5 years Office Manager Valley Health Center.

Q: 1. If the trustees asked the fiscal officer if there are enough funds for a major project, what factors would you consider in preparing your response?

A: As the Assistant Fiscal Officer, I see the financial reports and know where to find them, to give the Trustees, educated answers to their questions.

Q: 2. What do you consider to be the most important responsibilities of the Fiscal Officer?

A: The most important part of the job is to accurately maintain the township budget of over 1.5 million dollars and records.

Kristine R. Hunkus

Biographical Info:

Campaign Email: khunkus@yahoo.com

Training & Experience: Fifteen years experience as the Fiscal Officer for Hartford Township, Trumbull County. Nine years experience working for the Trumbull County Engineer's Office.

Q: 1. If the trustees asked the fiscal officer if there are enough funds for a major project, what factors would you consider in preparing your response?

A: I'd look to see how much was appropriated for the year, how much revenue is expected to come in, and what other expenditures are coming out of that fund (what we planned for the year).

Q: 2. What do you consider to be the most important responsibilities of the Fiscal Officer?

A: To maintain the budget in a fiscally responsible way. Also, to make sure we are spending within the budget approved by the Trustees.

Suffield Township Trustee
Vote for no more than 1.

Jeff Eldreth

Biographical Info:

Education: High school

Training & Experience: Worked on the township road crew for 20years . This I feel totally prepared me for being a trustee.

Q: What is the role of the Trustee in the operations of your Township?

A: The role I have as a trustee is to oversee the road department, the chip in ceiling of a roads, in the overall maintenance of our ditches and culverts

Suffield Township Fiscal Officer
Vote for no more than 1.

Lori Calcei

Biographical Info:

Training & Experience: Suffield Township Fiscal Officer for 16 years

Q: What is the role of the Fiscal Officer in the operations of your Township?

A: The main role of the Fiscal Officer is to manage the finances of the township. This includes paying the bills, depositing monies received, and following all the rules for appropriating and purchasing goods and services as needed by the township. Other responsibilities include taking minutes, keeping township records, and working with the trustees to see that monies are spent wisely and in the best interest of the township residents.

Windham Township Trustee
Vote for no more than 1.

Craig Alderman

Candidate has not responded.

Brian Keith Miller

Candidate has not responded.

Windham Township Fiscal Officer
Vote for no more than 1.

Casey M. Timmons

Mahoning County Educational Service Center
Vote for no more than 2.

Responses not available for publication. Go to VOTE411.ORG for more information.

Marie Dockry

A Ross Douglass

Brian E. Racz

Stark County Educational Service Center
Vote for no more than 2.

Mary J. Olson

EDUCATION

BS (Education) – Akron University, MA (Fine Arts) – Akron University

OCCUPATION

Retired, taught elementary education in Akron Public Schools for 35 years, former adjunct Akron University and Stark State

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE

Former member of Lake Board of Education for 6 years; member of Stark Educational Service Center for past 8 years.

Q: How does the recent change in the authority of the Ohio State Board of Education affect the work of the Stark County Educational Service Center?

A: My understanding that functionally speaking, the SCESC is unaffected by any structural/functional changes in the authority of the Ohio Board of Education. Accordingly, I will continue to work with the participating and members of SCESC (mostly made up of Stark County based local school districts) in providing the very best in program, practices and administrative support to participating/member districts.

Teresa Purses

EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree from Malone University in Education; Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction; Doctorate in Educational Leadership both from Ashland University.

OCCUPATION

Educator (retired)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE

I have held a wide variety of educational positions in public education at the local, county, and state levels throughout my thirty+ year career and continue to serve on numerous boards.

Q: How does the recent change in the authority of the Ohio State Board of Education affect the work of the Stark County Educational Service Center?

A: While the authority is shifting, there will continue to be direction from the state level to all Educational Service Centers. The SCESC will continue to work collaboratively with the districts, partners, and communities it serves to provide leadership, support, and programs to enhance education in our region.

Stark County Educational Service Center

Gregory Wolfe

EDUCATION

BA in Justice Studies from Kent State

OCCUPATION

Real Estate Agent

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE

I have had the pleasure of serving the Citizens of Plain Township on the Zoning Commission

Q: How does the recent change in the authority of the Ohio State Board of Education affect the work of the Stark County Educational Service Center?

A: Under the Senate Bill 1, the ODE would be renamed the department of Education and Workforce (DEW), and will be run by a cabinet level position appointed by the Governor. As for its impact on the Stark County Educational Service Center, I believe that the change will not be directly seen. The authority of the E.S.C. comes from the Ohio Revised Code, and the power comes from the legislature.

Summit County Educational Service Center

Vote for no more than 2.

Christina Barry

Cierra Lynch Shehorn

Aurora City School Board (term commencing 1/1/2024)

Vote for no more than 2.



Mike Acomb

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Education: Bachelor of Arts: Elementary Education; Master of Education:

Special Education; Ohio Superintendent License

Training & Experience: 4 years-Aurora School Board Member; 27 years - Professional Educator; Current COO/Business & Personnel - Solon City Schools; Advanced Level Cognitive Coach; Deep knowledge of school finance and law; Data-driven decision maker. Advocate for all kids!

Q: 1. What are 2-3 priorities for your office to address? Is there a particular issue that motivates you to serve on the board?

A: 1. Fiscal responsibility. I expect the district to continue to improve its academic ranking while also improving performance in the non-academic areas. Further, we must also develop a viable, responsible strategy for maintaining our current facilities year after year. Aging and outdated facilities will catch up with us if we fail to identify creative and innovative solutions. In doing so, I will work to ensure that financial decisions are strategic, well reasoned, and systemically aligned with our strategic vision and associated goals. Transparency is paramount to gain and maintain the trust of our neighbors.

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2. Strategic Communication Plan. I believe that we must continue to improve our overall communications strategy with families. This effort should include a better coordination of district and school events to avoid unnecessary calendar conflicts. Communications from all levels must be planned, succinct, and easily consumable. Efforts need to improve so that parent engagement can be increased and the partnership between the schools and families can be strengthened.

3. Unlike many other candidates for this position, I have no political agenda. My agenda is doing what is best for kids to ensure they learn, grow, and develop in safe, nurturing environments. We are doing that work now; and I hope the community will allow me to continue that work for the next 4 years. I am concerned with the long-term overall health and effectiveness of the school district. I place kids first; and always have. All kids. I will work to ensure that every student that comes to school feels safe, secure, heard, and connected to the school community. We need to teach them how to navigate a complex world that includes social media, controversial topics, and political division. The Strategic Vision outlines the core competencies for Future Ready people. I will make sure that policy and administrative decisions are consistent with the vision.

Q: 2. What particular skills or experiences qualify you to serve as a school board member?

A: I am a high expectation, data-driven decision maker. I am the most experienced education leader on the current board with more than 26 years in teaching and school leadership (administration) and 4 years in governance (school board). I am a licensed Superintendent and have experience writing/revising board policies and a deep understanding of the complexities school finance. I co-led the levy campaign in 2017 which passed with great support.

As the Chief Operating Officer, handling all business and personnel matters for the Solon City Schools, I excel at “systems thinking” and strive to make well-reasoned decisions with consistency. I have established and maintained meaningful relationships with many Aurora city officials. I am a good listener and an excellent communicator.

Furthermore, I have experience with school demolition, school renovation/construction, and analyzing multiple pieces of data to make sound decisions related to facility needs.

Q: 3. *What measures would you support to make information about board meetings and decisions more accessible to the public?*

A: I firmly believe that changes must be made in how we communicate with the community. In my 4 years on the Board, I advocated for better equipment to improve sound and to enable the video recording of meetings. Videos are now posted on our website with the agendas and minutes. I would support a notification system that allows members of the public to be notified when board documents/videos are posted to the website.

I expect to continue to engage my colleagues and the administration at meetings with questions and comments that bring transparency to the public. I have always spoken during meetings, asking questions for the community, and will continue to serve by engaging everyone in open and honest discussion. I will also strive to make myself more available to the public. I already attend many events throughout the district; but finding new ways to increase my availability for discussion and question/answers is paramount. My phone number and email address are published for use.

Aurora City School Board (term commencing 1/1/2024)

Allan E. Biggins

Candidate has not responded.



Ryan Kray

Biographical Info:

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Campaign Facebook: www.facebook.com/ryankrayforauroraschoolboard

Q: 1. What are 2-3 priorities for your office to address? Is there a particular issue that motivates you to serve on the board?

A: I will work to ensure our schools prepare students for future success, that parents have a say in their children's education, and that our schools use tax payer resources effectively and efficiently.

It is a priority of mine to make sure that all parents have their voices heard and their children protected. I am fully committed to becoming a voice from the community for the community and to ensure that the Aurora City schools continue to be a leader in public education. I will continue to be an Advocate for Parental Rights in our schools.

I decided to run for School Board because I believe we are all called to serve our community and neighbors.

Q: 2. What particular skills or experiences qualify you to serve as a school board member?

A: I just recently earned my degree of Juris Doctor. Graduating from law school has always been a personal goal of mine. Another personal goal has always been to serve on the school board of this amazing city of Aurora that we call home. I always set goals to things that I am passionate about.

My passion and willingness to listen thoughtfully to others and the willingness to spend the time necessary to be well informed on the issues coming before the Board.

I will strive to build positive relationships throughout the district, connect the community and set goals that align with the community's vision for our schools.

Q: 3. What measures would you support to make information about board meetings and decisions more accessible to the public?

A: I want to create a commitment to transparency and community engagement. Aurora residents have valuable input to lend as the Board of Education makes governing decisions. I strongly support efforts to provide accessible and ongoing opportunities for stakeholder engagement and multi-faceted communication efforts to keep the Aurora Community informed. Transparency is important since it promotes not only accountability in our schools but also participation by families and community members. I believe transparency leads to a commitment that ultimately leads to success in our students.

Aurora City School Board (term commencing 1/1/2024)



Molly Schneider

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Education: BA History from John Carroll University; MA Education from John Carroll University; MA, American History and Government from Ashland University; Currently working on a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from Kent State University

Training & Experience: High school social studies teacher for over 15 years; social studies department chairperson, Bill of Rights Institute professional development instructor, school improvement plan committee member, mentor in Ohio's Resident Educator program, National Constitution Center Teacher Advisory Council member, strategic plan committee member, curriculum review team member, delivered over 10 presentations at national education conferences. I have been awarded a James Madison Fellowship and Outstanding Teacher Award by the Daughters of the American Revolution in 2022.

Q: 1. What are 2-3 priorities for your office to address? Is there a particular issue that motivates you to serve on the board?

A: If elected, my primary goal will be to help build community trust in the School Board. Communities and organizations thrive with the presence of authentic trust which can only benefit student achievement. I hope this can be done by focusing on the following three policy initiatives.

1) I want to help instill more transparency in the communication and actions of the board while respecting confidentiality when it is appropriate and required.

2) Update policies that the Board is in a position to update and have them reflect the educational needs of students in our current times. I want to make sure Board policies are fairly enforced and serve the needs of the students and district.

3) Finally, I want to explore potential opportunities to increase communication between the Board and community stakeholders that can supplement the monthly public meetings. This can be particularly important regarding financial issues and financial responsibility of the community's tax dollars.

Q: 2. What particular skills or experiences qualify you to serve as a school board member?

A: I have spent my professional career in education as a high school social studies teacher for over 15 years and have served on numerous committees and strategic planning initiatives at my school. I am a nationally recognized educator who is also currently pursuing a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction. My years of experience and various leadership roles within education, coupled with numerous presentations and awards, illustrate my dedication to improving educational outcomes.

Beyond my professional experience, I am uniquely qualified because I am a proud Aurora alumna and have deep community roots in Aurora. Four generations of my family (including my own children) have either spent their professional careers or have received an outstanding education in Aurora Schools. My grandparents and parents have been important role models in

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my life on the importance of civic service to the community and I believe it is now my turn to build on this legacy by planning the future for our schools.

Q: 3. What measures would you support to make information about board meetings and decisions more accessible to the public?

A: The best way for a school board to be available to the community is through multiple channels of engagement. This includes regular meetings, public forums, or community outreach events where members of the board are present to listen to concerns and suggestions from the community.

Additionally, maintaining an active and informative online presence through a website or social media platforms can be effective in reaching a broader audience. Effective communication with various constituent groups should include regular newsletters, emails, or notifications updating the community about decisions, policies, and upcoming meetings. Creating advisory committees that include representatives from different segments of the community can also foster direct communication between the board and various constituents. Open lines of communication, active listening, and a willingness to consider community input are key principles for a successful dialogue between a school board and its constituents.

Tony Zayas

Candidate has not responded.

Aurora City School Board (unexpired term ending 12/31/2025)
Vote for no more than 1.

Miriam Conner

Candidate has not responded.



Jennifer Klich

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Education: University of Akron, Bachelor's of Science in Nursing cum laude with Honors; Crestwood High School, High School Diploma summa cum laude with Honors

Training & Experience: Registered Nurse (Step Down Unit & Emergency Department) at Robinson Memorial Hospital 2010-2014; Member of Aurora Elementary PTO (2022-current); Co-Treasurer Swim Team Parent Board (2022-current)

Q: 1. What are 2-3 priorities for your office to address? Is there a particular issue that motivates you to serve on the board?

A: My top priorities are increasing transparency/enhancing community engagement, advocating for mental health for our educators and students, and updating our aging policy manual.

I think it's important to increase dialogue and share information freely during meetings in order to provide more transparency as to why and how decisions are made. We could also enhance community engagement by maintaining an official Facebook page. Facebook remains the primary platform utilized by baby boomers, gen Xers and Millennials. Operating an official ACSD Facebook page allows the community to rally behind our schools and celebrate our many achievements without having to follow a multitude of different Facebook groups.

Mental health is very important to me as it's something I understand well due to my nursing background. Focusing on a more holistic view of students will help them be better learners overall and more future ready. Ohio House Bill 33 released new requirements for funding Student Wellness and Success Funds on physical and mental health services as well as the requirement for developing a plan for using those funds in collaboration with community agencies. As a nurse, I'm excited to see this move forward as I am confident it will help our students navigate their mental health needs.

Lastly, a quick review of our policy manual reveals aging policies. Nearly 200 of our policies were adopted in 1985 and have since not been updated or revised. I question whether this leaves our students unprotected and our district vulnerable. The world was a much different place in 1985. Aurora was much different in 1985. The Ohio School Board Association offers many services to help us update policies so they are current with rapidly changing laws, and I would advocate for use of those services so that our district can be better prepared moving forward.

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Q: 2. What particular skills or experiences qualify you to serve as a school board member?

A: I've been a resident of Portage Co for the majority of my life, a resident of Aurora for just over 10 years, and a mom of 3 children who attend Aurora City Schools. I believe an effective school board is composed of members with various professional backgrounds so that we may pool our knowledge and experiences together to best support our district and community. My previous experience as a Registered Nurse in the Step Down Unit and the Emergency Department at Robinson Memorial Hospital prepared me for this role by strengthening my desire to be an advocate, increasing my capacity to be an empathetic listener and effective communicator, and strengthening my ability to collaborate with others, working as team to achieve a common goal. Just as nurses are required to consider a holistic view of patients, board members must also consider a holistic view of their students. My skill set and expertise are unique, and I offer an additional view that would be an asset to the current school board.

Q: 3. What measures would you support to make information about board meetings and decisions more accessible to the public?

A: I believe there are several ways the board could increase communication and transparency of their decision making process. Increasing dialogue during meetings and discussing exhibits that require more background information is essential to increasing transparency. Utilizing an official Facebook page to live-stream board meetings would also help by expanding the board's audience and increasing community engagement for those unable to attend. Finally, the board could also consider hosting community forums that encourage dialogue between board members and community members.

Crestwood Local School Board

Vote for no more than 3.

Tim Herron

Biographical Info:

Campaign Facebook: www.facebook.com/herronforcrestwood

Q: 1. What are 2-3 priorities for your office to address? Is there a particular issue that motivates you to serve on the board?

A: First, compensation for teachers needs to be addressed. With fewer teachers entering the work force every year it is becoming more difficult to hire and keep new teachers. Also, with Crestwood on the lower end of the pay scale in the county it makes it even more difficult. We need to keep teachers in the district instead of training them for 2 or 3 years for them to go to other districts.

Second, we need to be fiscally responsible. With our country's current inflation, we need to ensure that we use our funds wisely to get the most out of our money. Our district has done really well with finding grants and spending, we just need to remain vigilant.

Q: 2. What particular skills or experiences qualify you to serve as a school board member?

A: My career in the Military and Federal Government have taken my kids to different school districts in the country and I have had the opportunity to see to way they work and apply that to my school board career. I have also learned a lot in the last 4 years of serving on the Crestwood School Board.

Herron:

Q: 3. *What measures would you support to make information about board meetings and decisions more accessible to the public?*

A: Crestwood School board meetings dates are posted on the schools web page. The link to watch the meetings online are also posted on the web page in addition to being able to attend meetings in person. The decisions of the board are made in those meetings and the minutes of the meetings are also posted on the web page. That being said, I am open to and welcome any recommendations to make this information available in other ways that would help with access to this information.



Eric W. Hummel

Q: 1. *What are 2-3 priorities for your office to address? Is there a particular issue that motivates you to serve on the board?*

A: 1.) Transparency: I will be a transparent Board Member that converse with Students, Parents, Teachers, Staff and other members of the board regarding all discussions related to Crestwood Schools.

2.) I will be an accountable Board Member

3.) I will connect with the Community. I will strive for full communication with Community members to understand their needs and desires for Crestwood Schools to achieve top performance ratings.

Q: 2. *What particular skills or experiences qualify you to serve as a school board member?*

A: Compassion for the community and our schools

Over 50 years running a successful construction business in Portage County, Northeast Ohio. Served on Board of Directors at The Middlefield Banking Company for 9 years.

Q: 3. *What measures would you support to make information about board meetings and decisions more accessible to the public?*

A: I will strive to make the meeting information available online so that decisions are made in an open forum with the community.



Bonnie Lovejoy

Biographical Info:

Education: Cuyahoga valley Career Center

Training & Experience: Advanced business classes

Q: 1. *What are 2-3 priorities for your office to address? Is there a particular issue that motivates you to serve on the board?*

A: To develop a productive relationship with the community and parents to find better ways for communication and transparency.

Working as a collaborative board by respecting all opinions on the board, with the focus towards increasing the success of our student body with varying needs and continue to create a safe and welcoming environment.

Managing the needs and wants of the community, parents, students, employees while keeping balanced finances.

I serve to support and help find the balance between the Tax payers, Employees, and the youth that are the future of this community.

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Q: 2. What particular skills or experiences qualify you to serve as a school board member?

A: I have served almost 12 years at Crestwood and Maplewood as a board member. Served as Board President as well as being on the Policy committee and Personnel committee. I am a franchise business owner. Managing business finances, payroll, employees, and serving our ever growing clientele. I am familiar with contract language, business legalities, and working through tough situations. I recognize the needs of the students as a parent and the district as a financial institution.

Q: 3. What measures would you support to make information about board meetings and decisions more accessible to the public?

A: Online access for meetings and minutes. Reminder calls to parents of the district. Email link to board meetings to watch live. We could utilize high school digital board and better utilization of our online resources.



Karen Schulz

Biographical Info:

Education: Crestwood High School, Bachelor of Science Biological Sciences Kent State University, Master Public Administration Kent State University

Training & Experience: 27 years public service in Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater management, treatment, and testing

Q: 1. What are 2-3 priorities for your office to address? Is there a particular issue that motivates you to serve on the board?

A: Three priorities for me are: employee retention, levies, and school funding.

Turnover of employees is a problem for several reasons: losing our most experienced and valued employees means losing the people who know our district and students the best, have knowledge of and experience with our policies and procedures, have the confidence and poise that comes with time and lends a sense of continuity, stability and unity. Also the hiring process is lengthy and time consuming and keeps administrators from other areas.

New employees, through no fault of theirs, often take some time to get up to speed in a new environment.

Although it is a nationwide issue, it's one we should continue to work on.

The frequency of need for levies, both operating and permanent improvement, can create an atmosphere that is not only confusing and worrying, but can generate doubt and reluctance. We should work on developing alternate styles of levies that can be less frequent, but equally productive and beneficial. Not necessarily a simple task, but could be very worthwhile.

Funding for Ohio schools has been problematic for some years. Schools do get Federal funds, often as grants, and State funds, from the State foundation after calculations concerning the community's ability to pay; but local funding continues to be based upon property values. A method that sends varying funding to schools.

Ohio's method of funding public schools was declared unconstitutional in 1997 yet it continues. Additionally, the State now spends considerable money on private schools where only slightly more than 10% of Ohio students go. Much effort has to be made to correct and improve this method of funding.

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As far as any motivating issue asked about in the second part of this question, having an agenda or any personal issue is inappropriate when running for or serving on a Board of Education. The only overriding objective should be to accomplish what is best for the students and their education.

Q: 2. What particular skills or experiences qualify you to serve as a school board member?

A: In addition to my 60 plus years of residing in the Crestwood District and attending and graduating from Crestwood, I think that my 27 years of public service have provided me with the sense of accomplishment achieved by working together for the good or the betterment of people. I regularly worked with members of the community resolving problems and concerns and also helped to educate both children and adults about community and environmental services available to them.

My education includes a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences and a Master of Public Administration. My MPA degree includes classes in Finance, Human Resources, Organizational Analysis, Ethics, Economics, Personnel, and many others.

Also, since I am now retired I have the time to properly do what is required to be prepared for, not only regular meetings, but any other issues that arise.

Q: 3. What measures would you support to make information about board meetings and decisions more accessible to the public?

A: I believe that information about Crestwood Board meetings and Board decisions is readily available.

Our meetings are available to be viewed both live and as a recording a day after the meeting. The meeting schedule and agendas are available on the District's website. We encourage attendance by the public and per our policy, have time on every agenda for comments by the public. Although we don't typically answer questions during our business meetings, they are generally answered within a day or so. Questions can be emailed to any Board member or the Superintendent and Treasurer. We all answer or agree to find the answer to questions received via phone calls as well.

Phone calls or appointments for visits to the Central Offices are also available and may be more convenient for those without computer access.

Although there are some topics that we are not permitted to discuss, we make every effort to provide information and answers when asked and accommodate special circumstances.



Monica Stouffer

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Education: Bachelors in Early Childhood Education, Masters in Educational Administration

Q: 1. What are 2-3 priorities for your office to address? Is there a particular issue that motivates you to serve on the board?

A: Improving the culture of our schools would be one of my first priorities. I am a mother of four school-aged children in our district, which is my main motivation in running for a position on the Board. When my oldest daughter expressed immense disappointment in the fact that just about every teacher, she has ever had in our district is no longer there, I knew it was time for me to figure out what I could do to bring our district back together and create a culture that cultivates collaboration, respect, and commitment to lifelong learning. To cultivate an environment rich for

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student success, one must understand the impact this environment has on everyone from the superintendent to the student body, high expectations must be set and enforced. It is important to me that we foster a culture of trust and communication, by discussing the district's strategy for improvement. It is my top priority to ensure that our schools are a safe place where everyone is encouraged to share ideas and advocate for our children. Another goal of mine is to regain the community's trust and involvement. In order to be heard, you have to be able to listen to the voice of the community. It would be a priority to share the Board's vision with the community through collaboration between the school and local businesses. A great school-community relationship creates a sense of belonging among students, teachers, and parents. It's time to come together to create a clear, shared vision, in order to reestablish trust between our community and the School Board. I'd also like to focus on improving the quality of our children's education and experiences. The administrators, teachers, and caregivers working with school children are imperative in creating high-quality education. Further efforts should target improvements in the quality and content, opportunities for higher education, continuous development of elective courses and extracurricular activities and access to the trades.

Q: 2. What particular skills or experiences qualify you to serve as a school board member?

A: As an experienced educator, coach, and a parent, I understand that education is the foundation from which we build strong communities. As a classroom teacher and parent, I've witnessed first hand how policy decisions have a lasting impact on students.

Receiving my Bachelors in Early Childhood Education and a Masters degree in Educational Administration, I strongly feel that my prior and current experiences provide a stepping stone in helping the Crestwood Community. I've participated in numerous committees within a public school system including: PBIS Committee, Curriculum Committee, and Literacy Committee. I've also coached softball and soccer teams. I am an active member of both the Crestwood Primary and Intermediate Parent Teacher Organizations, helping to better serve our teachers and students.

Q: 3. What measures would you support to make information about board meetings and decisions more accessible to the public?

A: Communication is key. I want to hear from our community on issues that are important to them. It is important to me that we would involve as many parents, administrators, and community members as possible. Often, the Board meetings are hard to attend due to the formal structure, time, place, etc. It is necessary to be able to hear from our community and form discussions, addressing the barriers that may be impacting them. We should seek ways to hold two-way discussions by having monthly coffee talks where we can involve teachers, students, parents, or residents of our district. This will create opportunities to participate and engage in a more intimate setting. It would be with great honor and responsibility to serve as a Board member for Crestwood Local Schools.

Dan E. Tillett

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Education: Graduated Crestwood High School 1967. Graduated Kent State 1971 BS w/ Spanish Major, Ed. Minor.

Training & Experience: Construction and general contracting industry 50 years. Built new coffee shop downtown Mantua.

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Q: 1. What are 2-3 priorities for your office to address? Is there a particular issue that motivates you to serve on the board?

A: Priority #1 is establishing complete transparency with the community, making decisions in an open meeting in which decisions are fully and publicly discussed.

Priority #2 is bringing professionalism to the board and its meetings so that members treat each other with respect, and posturing and intimidation are no longer acceptable.

Priority #3 is Radical Accountability for the Board. Accountability to the community and then holding the Superintendent and Treasurer accountable.

Q: 2. What particular skills or experiences qualify you to serve as a school board member?

A: Business Experience: 50 years in the construction industry with approximately 40 of those years involved in management

Leadership experience: 30 years in church leadership, trained to be a servant leader

Community Involvement: Part of the team that put the coffee shop in Mantua, rebuilding and redefining Main Street and creating a draw to the village. Working with the Downtown

Revitalization Committee to bring \$400,000 in grants to radically improve the block of buildings on Main Street.

Q: 3. What measures would you support to make information about board meetings and decisions more accessible to the public?

A: Two problems exist regarding making information about board decisions and meetings more accessible: the public in general have felt "closed-out" by this and past boards, and board meetings are conducted in a way that doesn't reveal what is going on - for instance the use of consent agendas in which most proposals are "rubber-stamped" and not discussed.

The solutions:

We will first change the meetings so that the board, and consequently the public, are more involved in the decisions, fully discussing and working through items on the agenda. By creating an environment where ideas can differ but respect is shown, the best decisions will be made and unity can be achieved.

We will create an openness in the meetings so that the public can see and understand what taking place, and they can give input at appropriate times - input that will be heard and fully considered, not summarily dismissed.

**Field Local School Board
Vote for no more than 2**

Larry W. Stewart

James A. Garfield Local School Board
Vote for no more than 3.

Colleen Khairallah

David Vincent

Biographical Info:

Education: Associates' degree

Training & Experience: US Navy, electronics tech, technical sales

Q: What is the role of the School Board Member in the operations of your School District?

A: I should act as a liaison between the community we serve and the administration, faculty and staff we employ

Deral White

Kent City School Board
Vote for no more than 2.



Alicia R. Crowe

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Secondary teaching certification in Social Studies University of North Carolina – Charlotte

Training & Experience: 2001-present Kent State University (Currently Associate Dean and Professor in the College of Education, Health and Human Services)

Q: 1. What are the current challenges facing your school district and how would you address them?

A: A challenge that Kent City Schools faces, and will continue to face, is how to navigate the impacts that larger societal issues like poverty, lack of access to mental health supports, and political polarization have on the day-to-day functioning of schools and the needs students come to school with each day. A second challenge Kent City Schools faces is the growing educator shortage.

As a board member, I would begin by developing an understanding of how our current policies and practices help or hinder addressing these challenges. I would then work to learn how other districts have found success. Then, I would use this knowledge as I collaborate with the superintendent as he navigates these matters as the district leader.

Q: 2. How would you be an effective school board member?

A: To be an effective school board member, I plan to stay current on emerging issues in the district, listen to members of the community, and continue to educate myself on school finance, state and federal policy, and educational initiatives as relevant to the district. Of utmost importance to be effective though will be to develop and nurture a positive and trusting relationship with the superintendent and the treasurer.

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Q: 3. What is the responsibility of a board member in addressing emerging controversies?

A: As a board member when a potential controversy emerges, I should explore the issue to understand what is at the heart of the matter, consider the nuances of the issue and the potential impact of the controversy on the district including impact on students and staff, collaborate with the superintendent to develop a response and shared message regarding the controversy, and speak with members of the district and the community as needed.

Kevin Elrod

Biographical Info:

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Education: Bachelor of Science - Education

Training & Experience: Current educator.

Q: 1. What are the current challenges facing your school district and how would you address them?

A: The Pandemic and how it has impacted students is something that will be studied for decades. Staff shortages in education from teachers to bus drivers and everyday support are coming to Kent. We have to face these problems while the funding of schools is challenging in today's economy. People are having to do more with less in our town. We can't just go to voters and ask for more money. So many of our issues can be resolved with community involvement. Over the last 6 months I have talked with many people in the community. The general consensus is that their voices are not being heard. As a teacher and someone in schools on a daily basis, I know the problems facing Kent (and other districts) will not be solved overnight. I will be a sounding board for everyone. I do not have all the answers nor will I pretend that I do. However, I will listen to everyone and anyone and bring "community" back to local school boards.

Q: 2. How would you be an effective school board member?

A: I have lived in Kent for over 40 years. As a graduate of Kent City Schools I know the value of an education in the city of Kent. I left for a minute and came back. Kent is committed to community. I am a member of that community. As a school board member I will represent everyone. Every decision I make will have the good of the community in mind. I went door to door and talked to people. All had the same general statement : No one in Kent had ever done that in their part of town. I did. I will continue to do it. I will have a phone number for any and everyone to call or text at any given time. I will be an on call liasion for the community.

Q: 3. What is the responsibility of a board member in addressing emerging controversies?

A: This is the big question in school boards across the country. The responsibility of the board member is to listen and act in the best interest of the community. I am huge on community. We are literally in this together. Decisions will be made that do not always make everyone happy. Board members need to be willing to listen to everyone and not issue blanket statements on community involvement.

Kent City School Board



Rebekah Wright Kulis

Biographical Info:

Education: BBA, Kent State University, MBA Kent State University

Training & Experience: As a lifelong resident of Kent, I have been actively involved in the community through service to the Kent Board of Education (16 years) along with active participation in the Rotary Club of Kent, the United Methodist Church, and service on a variety of boards. In addition to my education and background in the business, I continue to seek out opportunities to serve, as well as learn and develop skills and perspectives in ways that can help others.

Q: 1. What are the current challenges facing your school district and how would you address them?

A: Budgeting will remain a challenge for public schools for the foreseeable future. Public schools are almost entirely dependent on government funding and taxes, which, by and large, are fixed over periods of time, even as expenses increase. Controlling the budget, managing expenses and procuring additional sources of revenue is vitally important.

Student achievement is a statistic by which our district is measured. Since 2020, so much ground was lost through no fault of the students or teachers. With an outstanding effort by the entire staff at Kent City Schools, the ODE report card indicates 5 stars in growth of all students, 4 stars in achievement, and 5 stars in gap closing. We must remain laser-focused on these tasks using every possible resource.

Changing demographics is a huge concern. Children in low-income situations have lower word acquisition and homework support. In addition, they often experience instability and food insecurity. We use targeted interventions to boost academic skills and family support. Clothing closets are in many of the schools and Kent Schools is lucky to have generous community partners who provide for those in need.

Despite competition from private/charter schools, public education is key to the vibrancy within a community. We encourage families to be part of their students educational journey. At the other end of the spectrum, we've expanded partnerships with colleges and maintain strong career-tech programs to enhance pupil experiences.

Community engagement has changed as people consume information so differently than they used to. Traditional daily papers are still viable, yet many use the Kent Schools website and social media to gather information. Being in the schools is crucial to learn about the wonderful programs and success stories. Nothing is better than face-to-face interaction and we will continue to welcome community members into their schools to engage in the life of the district.

Q: 2. How would you be an effective school board member?

A: Many people don't know the role of a board member. The board exists to create policy and advise the superintendent. Board members do not involve themselves in the daily operation of the district or hire/evaluate staff. So being an effective board member is about knowing the role. In addition to seeking opportunities to educate myself on important issues, I believe that means gathering information about the opinions and thoughts of the Kent community and using that input to advise the superintendent and influence policies and decisions that come before the board. I am very involved in community activities, which gives me an opportunity to interact with a wide variety of people in that respect. It also works the

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other way, in that I have a chance to educate and inform people about what is happening in our schools and I LOVE talking about Kent City Schools!

Q: 3. What is the responsibility of a board member in addressing emerging controversies?

A: It is the responsibility of community leaders to be aware of emerging controversies and issues which may impact the district, and by association, the broader community. To dig deeper, board members must educate themselves on the stances, impacts and resolutions available to address these topics. I believe it is also important to have thoughtful discussion before action, allowing all parties to gain and gather broad-based information, community input and a balanced perspective about potential impacts to the district.

Joy Pattison Vallen

Q: 1. What are the current challenges facing your school district and how would you address them?

A: 1. Teachers teaching to many students, abilities, and different learning styles to bring each individual to his/her ability and grade level.

Have the teachers of the same grade or subject in all the buildings plan together, share ideas to save everyone time, and discuss concerns.

Allow board members to sit in on classes, read curriculum agenda for each grade, talk to teachers, and bring ideas to the board to discuss with the teachers, principals, other teachers, and parents.

Provide encouragement and positive feedback to all educators.

Having staff meetings that address teachers concerns, teaching style and ideas, hands-on activities to increase the teachers' teaching skills and abilities, and how to provide alternative ideas and materials without the finances.

2. Influences and ideas outside education that are not true, wrong techniques, wrong focus.

Remember why we are in Education to teach the students at their level, to teach what is personal and practical to their lives today and in the future.

Listen to parents concerns about the curriculum, what is or is not being taught, What is appropriate and discuss these concerns and teaching before school board meetings. Remove any books or ideological teachings from the curriculum. Do not allow outside Influences, wrong ideas, and lies divert from teaching the truth and objectives needed for life long learning.

3. To teach in away that creates success.

To be bold and share with the Ohio State Board our concerns, ideas for changes, and success or failure to these approaches.

Q: 2. How would you be an effective school board member?

A: How could I be an effective school board member in Kent...

From my experiences working at different schools and different curriculums.

Teaching preschool to 6th grade, having combined grades.

Tutoring all Grades preschool to grade 12

Working with special needs and gifted

Focusing on the individual and his/her learning styles

Having to teach many ESL students learning in a second language

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As well as learning from the students and colleagues ideas and experiences from over ten different countries with different cultures and different teaching approaches

Having worked with limited resources and little financial provision, creative ways to improvise what we have available with materials and finances.

Q: 3. What is the responsibility of a board member in addressing emerging controversies?

A: Listen to and be open to all ideas and suggestions being kind and respectful to others and different approaches.

Agree to disagree.

Work together to come up with a correct answer or various solutions.

Be open minded and not judgmental.

Remember our purpose for being on the board to create ways for each student to be successful where he/she is performing and aim to take them to the next level.

Remember we are serving our community, state, and country.

Research and compare our curriculum to other schools, states, and other countries objectives and teaching styles like that of Korea and Japan.

Investigate what are the objectives of our national educational associations of different subjects.(America's National Association of Mathematics)

Board members need to interact with teachers, parents, students, principals, and transportation or other forgotten areas that all impact the Kent educational system.

Lake Local School District
Vote for no more than 2.

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OCCUPATION

Retired Educator, Local School Board Member

EDUCATION

Lakewood High School, Franciscan University of Steubenville BS

EDUCATION RELATED MEMBERSHIPS

OSBA, OEA-Retired

Q: How do you plan to deliver a quality education in a time of financial challenge?

A: We must all work together to help our students to reach their goals given our resources.

Stacy K. Hoffman

Scot T. Nabors

Mogadore Local School District

Vote for no more than 2.

Responses not available for publication. Go to VOTE411.ORG for more information.

Bob Gaetjens

C.C. Penrod

Triston Smead

Michelle Yoho

Ravenna City School Board

Vote for no more than 2.

Pamela Nation Calhoun

Biographical Info:

Education: BA, Political Science- Kent State University (1993)

Training & Experience: Executive Director of the Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority (PMHA). Twenty-four years of service at PMHA. Member of the Community Action Council of Portage County, Inc. and Portage Learning Centers boards. Former member of the Neighborhood Development Services, Inc. and Townhall II boards.

Q: What is the role of the School Board Member in the operations of your School District?

A: School board members represent the community's voice. School board members serve as liaisons between the school district and the community. The school board is a policymaking body that works collaboratively with the school district's superintendent and treasurer to establish policies, goals, and plans for the district. Board members are not responsible for the day-to-day operations of the school district. School boards are responsible for the development of the annual budget, establishing policies, hiring and evaluating the superintendent and treasurer, utilizing data to monitor progress, ensuring that resources are being properly utilized, and furthering student achievement. Board members are responsible for assessing the district's success as evidenced by the district's overall performance, fiscal health, and the achievement of students. Effective school board members help foster positive relationships throughout the school district and within the community.

Michael Wisniewski

Rootstown Local School Board

Vote for no more than 2.

Craig Mullaly

Amanda Waesch

Southeast Local School Board
Vote for no more than 3.



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Training & Experience: Coordinator of Community Engagement and Academic Advisor at Kent State Honors College June 2016- present, Academic Advisor University of Akron Honors College 2010-2016, School counseling (grades 6-12) and College Access positions 2005-2010

Q: 1. What are the current challenges facing your school district and how would you address them?

A: I believe that Southeast faces many of the same challenges of other school districts. Recovering from the setbacks from COVID has been challenging. Many Southeast students are struggling in reading and math. I'd like to see clear vision and goals for our school district, and make sure that our board holds the district accountable for results.

Q: 2. How would you be an effective school board member?

A: I believe I would be an effective school board member because I relate to the families that currently have children in the school district. I am living the challenges of raising a family in our current world. I put a lot of trust into our school district to educate my children and prepare them for the future. I want to represent our families and help to make the best decisions to support our kids in the classroom. I am an active community member and passionate about education. I want to expose our students to the many opportunities locally to help them discover a future career.

Q: 3. What is the responsibility of a board member in addressing emerging controversies?

A: School board members need to keep an open mind. You are coming to the table as a neutral party to hear the issue from all sides. It's your responsibility to listen to all sides of an issue and after hearing and/or seeing all the evidence then you collaborate with the entire board to determine the next steps.



David G. Fesemyer

Biographical Info:

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Education: Bachelor of Science from Kent State University/ Master of Arts from The University of Akron

Training & Experience: 41 years as a teacher and administrator with the Southeast, Woodridge and Beachwood City Schools

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Q: 1. What are the current challenges facing your school district and how would you address them?

A: Ensuring the safety of children and staff is an ongoing challenge in school districts across Ohio. Southeast Schools are no different. Policies, procedures, trainings and safety drills must be in place and reviewed often. Enhanced security measures should be added as money and technology becomes available. I feel strongly parents should send their children to school knowing that we have taken every available measure to keep them safe while they are in our care.

Another challenge is declining enrollment. Again, this is true in many districts throughout our area. When it comes to declining enrollment, I prefer to focus on the areas we can control. I've always believed, "If you build it, they will come." In other words, if you offer excellent programming in a safe, caring, environment with an engaging curriculum; families will find their way to Southeast. To achieve this, the district leadership along with the entire staff must commit to excellence in everything we do. I believe the Southeast staff to be outstanding, so we have many examples of excellence throughout the district already. Fallout from the pandemic has presented a unique set of learning challenges for many children and these need to be addressed.

Last, the uncertainty of school funding in Ohio is another challenge. Southeast has a history of being fiscally conservative and yet able to provide quality school programs for our children. As costs continue to rise, its going to become more necessary as ever to tighten our belts and look for ways to become more efficient with the monies provided by the taxpayers. The way the State of Ohio funds schools with its over reliance on property taxes was deemed unconstitutional by the Ohio Supreme Court in 1997. The Ohio Fair Funding Act has benefitted some districts, but districts like Southeast have seen little change in their funding. With the expansion of vouchers in Ohio, it has become even more vital we attract and retain students.

Q: 2. How would you be an effective school board member?

A: Effective school board members tend to be good listeners and communicators. They possess the heart of a servant and want to make a difference in their community. They can face public criticism in the performance of their duties without becoming defensive. My experience as a school administrator has prepared me well for the role of BOE member. I have experience facing public scrutiny and criticism. I also learned to be a good listener and communicator. My sole intent for becoming a board member is to give back to a community that has done so much for my family and I. I am passionate about schools, children, teachers and parents. I like to collaborate with others to provide the best opportunities for our children and staff. Everything I have done in my professional life has prepared me well for this role. I look forward to having a chance to serve our community.

Q: 3. What is the responsibility of a board member in addressing emerging controversies?

A: As a member of a board of education, you are one of five people elected to represent the community in school matters. As controversies arise, it's the duty of a board member to hear all sides of the issues with pre-judging. All final decisions are board decisions and not individual decisions. Guidance on many controversies can be obtained from the district board policy manual or guidelines. I believe maintaining a strong chain of command in the district is vital to the overall success of the board. Last, as a board member, I feel it's important to be fair, honest and straightforward. Policy guidelines provide a solid place to start in the decision making process.

Southeast Local School Board



Mary Kaley

Biographical Info:

Education: Kent State University - Bachelor of Science Degree Criminal Justice

Training & Experience: I have served 24 years as a board member at Southeast Local Schools. I have also served almost 20 years as the Southeast representative on the Maplewood Career Center Board of Education. I have served numerous times as Board President and also on various committees at both schools. I am a retired Postmaster with 34 years of service. I have experience in supervising employees, payroll, human resources, contracts and contract negotiations, training employees and serving the needs of the community that I worked in. I have completed numerous workshops, seminars, and trainings for school board members. I received the Ohio School Boards Association Award of Achievement Master Board Member 2013.

Q: 1. What are the current challenges facing your school district and how would you address them?

A: Covid-19 created a gap in achievement with our at-risk students. Also behavioral issues post Covid became more prevalent. As a current board member I continue to ensure that the district offers close the gap tutoring. Also we will continue to explore targeted interventions. We have added a behavior coach along with a social worker to help students and families connect with resources that are available to help students be successful in the class room. School funding also continues to be a challenge. Given the current economic climate and the possible elimination of the guarantee along with unfunded mandates, we have to continue to be prudent with our financial choices.

Q: 2. How would you be an effective school board member?

A: As an effective board member I have remained current on the issues in my district along with state issues involving education. I research data and attend training and professional development to help me stay current with our districts needs. I am active in the community and make myself available to address concerns that community members have. I have high expectations for our student achievement and work with the superintendent and administrators to make sure our curriculum offers great choices for all students. I will continue to work for the success of every student while maintaining accountability to the community and the taxpayers. Great things are happening at Southeast. Open enrollment numbers in our district are up. Our district recently received 4 stars out of 5 on the Ohio School Report Card. Our facilities continue to receive many updates and improvements to name a few.

Q: 3. What is the responsibility of a board member in addressing emerging controversies?

A: It is important for a board member to listen to the information about the controversy. The pertinent information needs to be gathered. There are always several sides to an issue. Withhold judgement and gather the facts. Seek those who are capable of providing the most accurate information. Involve those who are needed to help resolve the controversy. Lastly as a board member if I disagree with the resolution I definitely speak up and give my reasons why.

Kevin Werschey

Candidate has not responded.

Southeast Local School Board

John Witkosky

Q: 1. What are the current challenges facing your school district and how would you address them?

A: The major challenges continue to be funding, student population, and a sufficient level of employees. Constant changes in state funding plus the high cost of living/goods make staying within our allotted funding and budget difficult. We communicate with our state reps for funding and also the community reference levies. Increasing student population, we attempt to offer opportunities to learn with the courses that will help the students during and after graduation. Covid 19 brought about many retirements effecting our staffing levels. We offer competitive wages and benefits to get the best people we can.

Q: 2. How would you be an effective school board member?

A: After 13 years on the school board, thanks to the voters, I have found that collaboration and compromise have been very helpful. Being only one vote, you must keep focused on what is best for our students and staff, and work together to meet the academic goals and concerns for school safety.

Q: 3. What is the responsibility of a board member in addressing emerging controversies?

A: Controversies can be people, economic, and/or weather related. As a board member, listening to or actually seeing the situation at hand, and then coordinating discussion with our superintendent plus other board of education members, to produce a plan or an answer to the public, is a crucial responsibility.

Springfield Local School District

Vote for no more than 2.

Responses not available for publication. Go to VOTE411.ORG for more information.

Donnie Furlong

Dave Hofer

Chad Lance

Parker James Mason

Stow-Munroe Falls City School District

Vote for no more than 3.

Responses not available for publication. Go to VOTE411.ORG for more information.

Nancy Brown

Mike Daniels

Mike Sheehan

Kari Suhadolnik

Streetsboro City School Board (term commencing 1/1/2024)
Vote for no more than 3.

Tracy Campbell

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Training & Experience: Seasoned HR professional. SCS Board of Education member (2020-2023) - Currently serving as Board President; Streetsboro Community PTA - Board President (2010-2018) and current board member of our Educational Foundation.

Q: 1. What are the current challenges facing your school district and how would you address them?

A: Finances - State funding of our schools in Ohio places most of the financial burden on the taxpayers/residents in our city. I will continue to explore alternatives to make the most efficient use of our resources by engaging our administrators to find ways to achieve cost savings without adversely affecting critical educational programming.

State report card – Our district received a much-improved score, however there is still much work to be done. Setting clear and realistic expectations for our administrative team is key.

Recruitment and retention of staff – Working to provide competitive salaries along with mentorship and professional development opportunities while adhering to our budget remains a focus.

Community engagement – The success of school districts weighs heavily on the creation of positive relationships with all stakeholders. We need to be committed to hosting informational events like an annual State of our Schools – this would allow us a venue to promote our successes and be an opportunity for our stakeholders to learn about their investment, ask questions and discuss concerns.

Also, I believe that we need to continue working on partnering with our city leaders to promote a strong city-school relationship. We need to look at how many resources can be shared. This can only strengthen our district with its connection to the community.

Q: 2. How would you be an effective school board member?

A: Being a board member requires continuous learning and it is also about building relationships and prioritizing the needs of our students. I will continue to increase my knowledge of educational and financial needs/challenges; this is an area where learning never stops as things change rapidly.

I am committed to providing transparency and collaborating with the administrative team. It is important that our stakeholders' concerns are heard. I will continue to hold myself, our board members and administrative team accountable for their actions and decisions.

Q: 3. What is the responsibility of a board member in addressing emerging controversies?

A: Board members collaborate with the Superintendent and administrative team focusing on the best interests of the district. It is important for us to be informed, maintain objectivity, have a commitment to fairness, and bring in resources when needed. If a controversy arises, we should communicate and provide transparency to our stakeholders.

Streetsboro City School Board (term commencing 1/1/2024)



Tonia Epple

Biographical Info:

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Education: Bachelors Degree in Business from Bowling Green State University

Q: 1. What are the current challenges facing your school district and how would you address them?

A: Our district, along with many others, has a lack of substitute teachers and bus drivers. We need to offer competitive pay and possibly add an incentive program to attract more interest in these positions. Our district has done a good job applying for grants to fund programs and resources that we need. I would push for us to apply for more, so our faculty has the best programs, teaching aids, and resources available to them.

Q: 2. How would you be an effective school board member?

A: I was appointed to the Streetsboro City School Board in August to fill a vacated seat. Since my appointment, I have met with almost all the principals in the district to speak with them about the wonderful programs they are implementing and find out where we have opportunities. If I am elected in November to continue with the board for an additional 4 years, I plan to grow those relationships with the administrators. I would like to be a part of their goal setting and help them achieve those goals. I would use skills from my professional career as an analyst to make sound decisions regarding district spending. For the past 15 years I have been an involved community member. Continuing to be engaged with parents and staff will help us achieve the goal of educating our children to be successful in their lives past graduation.

Q: 3. What is the responsibility of a board member in addressing emerging controversies?

A: The responsibility of the Board of Education is to support the community in a healthy and safe manner.

Board members should approach any controversy with an open mind, do research and educate themselves, and then form their opinion. They should have discussions with other board members and come to a consensus on how to move forward.

Jaime Jordan

Candidate has not responded.

Eric S. McDaniel

Candidate has not responded.

Kelly J. Rich

Biographical Info:

Campaign Phone Number: 330-603-5576

Education: Bachelor of Science in Business specializing in Human Resources Management. Leadership Portage County. OTA Grant Writing workshop/seminar

Training & Experience: Accounting, banking, and human resources. For the past nine years I have been employed at an Aerospace company. I manage accounts receivable and accounts payable, the budget, maintain fiscal responsibility, process payroll, and employee benefits.

Rich:

Q: 1. What are the current challenges facing your school district and how would you address them?

A: Safety is my utmost concern not only for students, but faculty as well. Increasing police presence with additional SRO officers as well as police presence in all activities, not just football games. This comes at a fiscal cost, but to weigh it against the deterrent of a catastrophic event is well worth it. Obtaining grants that will support salaries of additional officers provides time to reevaluate budgeting issues when it becomes the responsibility of the district to absorb the cost at the end of the grant. This can be achieved by evaluating the current budget and tightening or simply moving funds around.

This year I was very happy to see that Streetsboro schools received a higher rating. This shows continued efforts put forth by the students with the support and guidance of the faculty and administrators. Success is a collaborative effort and with all of us working towards the same goal furthers our chances of success and attaining our academic objectives and that in turn has a positive affect within our school district and community. As part of the Board, we need to foster a positive learning environment that will allow our children the opportunity and chances to continue to achieve, excel and succeed.

Q: 2. How would you be an effective school board member?

A: Being an effective board member, by supporting the community, engaging, and interacting with businesses and the city to support open communication and interaction on both sides. Understanding that every person brings experience, opinions, ideas, and a reason for what they ask or need from a Board Member. Collaboratively working with Faculty, The Board and Superintendent, on issues as they arise. Being available to parents and faculty to address concerns and not ignoring the issue(s). Respecting the foundation of those that have been part of the Board and are currently serving would be an honor, they have set objectives, achieved many and work with a community minded goal and that is something that I want to be a part of.

Q: 3. What is the responsibility of a board member in addressing emerging controversies?

A: The responsibility of a board member when dealing with emerging controversies is leadership, sometimes the hard decisions must be made. I will ensure I will be consistent, fair, and my performance will be based on fact and justified through policy and procedures, and everyone is treated equally. Collaborating with my fellow Board Members and the Administration, we will arrive at a decision that will be a fair and equitable solution for everyone.

**Streetsboro City School Board (unexpired term ending 12/31/2025)
Vote for no more than 1.**



Sara Scott

Biographical Info:

Education: Kent State University Bachelor of Science of Nursing

Training & Experience: 22 years as an oncology nurse, years of leadership & management experience, board experience for the local chapter of Oncology Nursing Society

Q: What is the role of the School Board Member in the operations of your School District?

A: Our school board works closely with school administrators to ensure forward progress of our district. They offer opinions and insight to administration as the voice of the community. Each board member has a responsibility to be engaged with & educated about the district's mission, vision & direction. Board member awareness of standards, goals, and metrics that the district is measured by provides accountability for administrators. As community members, being approachable is necessary for others to be able to share any feedback or suggestions for the school district. Also sharing the progress and improvement made by the district with the community at large is another important role of board members.

**Tallmadge City School District
Vote for no more than 2.**

Chad A. Davis

Mike Passarelli

**Waterloo Local School Board (term commencing 1/1/2024)
Voter for no more than 3.**

Patti Wittensoldner

**Waterloo Local School Board (unexpired term ending 12/31/2025)
Vote for no more than 1.**

Timothy Moon

**West Branch Local School District
Vote for no more than 2.**

Mikki Kanagy

**Windham Exempted Village School Board
Vote for no more than 2.**

Megan Fisher

Ted St. John

ISSUES

Issue 1 (Ballot Language)

A Self-Executing Amendment Relating to Abortion and Other Reproductive Decisions

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Proposed by Initiative Petition

To enact Section 22 of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Ohio

A majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass.

The proposed amendment would:

- Establish in the Constitution of the State of Ohio an individual right to one's own reproductive medical treatment, including but not limited to abortion;
- Create legal protections for any person or entity that assists a person with receiving reproductive medical treatment, including but not limited to abortion;
- Prohibit the State from directly or indirectly burdening, penalizing, or prohibiting abortion before an unborn child is determined to be viable, unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means;
- Grant a pregnant woman's treating physician the authority to determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether an unborn child is viable;
- Only allow the State to prohibit an abortion after an unborn child is determined by a pregnant woman's treating physician to be viable and only if the physician does not consider the abortion necessary to protect the pregnant woman's life or health; and
- Always allow an unborn child to be aborted at any stage of pregnancy, regardless of viability if, in the treating physician's determination, the abortion is necessary to protect the pregnant woman's life or health.

If passed, the amendment will become effective 30 days after the election.

SHALL THE AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?

YES

NO

Issue 1 (Explanation provided by the League of Women Voters of Ohio Education Fund)

About This Measure

The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety

Explanation:

A "**yes**" vote supports amending the Ohio Constitution to:

- establish a state constitutional right to "make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions," including decisions about abortion, contraception, fertility treatment, miscarriage care, and continuing pregnancy;
- prohibit the state of Ohio from interfering with this constitutional right, except when the state demonstrates "that it is using the least restrictive means to advance the individual's health in accordance with widely accepted and evidence-based standards of care;"
- allow the state to restrict abortion after fetal viability, defined as "the point in a pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician, the fetus has a significant likelihood of survival outside the uterus with reasonable measures;" and
- prohibit the state of Ohio from banning abortion when, in the professional judgment of a physician, an abortion "is necessary to protect the pregnant patient's life or health."

A "**no**" vote opposes amending the Ohio Constitution to establish the constitutional right to "make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions." This, then, allows the General Assembly to pass legislation banning or restricting abortion and other reproductive decisions.

Pros:

1. This amendment would restore the rights and protections for Ohioans that were eliminated by the U.S. Supreme Court's 2022 decision (*Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*) in which the court held that the U.S. Constitution does not confer a right to abortion.

2. The amendment would restore rights and protections for Ohioans that were guaranteed in 1973 by a U.S. Supreme Court decision (Roe v. Wade) that held the right to privacy under the 14th Amendment protected abortion as a fundamental right at least up until the time of fetal viability.
3. The amendment would establish that the doctor-patient relationship in Ohio ensures that individuals are empowered to make their own reproductive health decisions without interference from the government.
4. The amendment would establish that every individual in Ohio has the right to make reproductive decisions including but not limited to decisions on contraception, fertility treatment continuing one's own pregnancy, miscarriage care, and abortion. This is important for underserved populations, especially those with limited resources.
5. The amendment does not address gender affirming care issues.
6. The amendment does not address or change any laws involving parental rights over minors.

Cons:

1. The amendment would prohibit the Ohio General Assembly from regulating reproductive health decisions, including abortion, contraception, fertility treatment, continuation of pregnancies, and miscarriage care.
2. While the amendment says it allows a health exception for abortions after viability, it uses language that has been interpreted by the courts to include mental, financial, and social health—making it effectively impossible to enforce any protections for the fetus.
3. The amendment could only be changed by voters through a subsequent amendment. The policy on abortion should not be in the state constitution, but in state laws.
4. The amendment states that "every individual" has the right to carry out one's own reproductive decisions. This language could be interpreted by courts to mean that "every individual" includes minors, threatening parental consent laws on the medical care of minors.
5. The amendment states that reproductive decisions are "not limited to" contraception, fertility treatment, continuing one's own pregnancy, miscarriage care, and abortion. This "not limited" language could be interpreted to include gender affirming care.
6. The State of Ohio, through the elected members of the General Assembly, should be able to enact laws that attempt to protect fetal life as much as possible.

Issue 2 (Ballot Language)

To Commercialize, Regulate, Legalize, and Tax the Adult Use of Cannabis

Proposed Law

Proposed by Initiative Petition

To enact Chapter 3780 of the Ohio Revised Code

A majority yes vote is necessary for the law to pass.

To enact Chapter 3780 of the Ohio Revised Code, which would:

- Define adult use cannabis to mean marijuana as defined in Section 3719.01 of the Revised Code and establish the Division of Cannabis Control (the "Division") within the Department of Commerce;
- Authorize the Division to regulate, investigate, and penalize adult use cannabis operators, adult use testing laboratories, and individuals required to be licensed;
- Legalize and regulate the cultivation, processing, sale, purchase, possession, home grow, and use of cannabis by adults at least twenty-one years of age;
- Create additional protections for individuals who engage in permitted adult use cannabis conduct;
- Establish the cannabis social equity and jobs program and require the Department of Development to certify program applicants based on social and economic disadvantage;
- Define "social disadvantage" to include membership in a racial or ethnic minority group, disability status, gender, or long-term residence in an area of high unemployment;
- Shield certain confidential information from disclosure to the public, including but not limited to any information reported to or collected by the Division that identifies or would tend to identify any adult use cannabis consumer and prohibit the Department of Development from releasing certain application information as public records;
- Require the Division to provide preferential treatment to applicants who have qualified for the cannabis social equity and jobs program based on social disadvantage when issuing level III adult use cannabis cultivator licenses and dispensary licenses;

- Prohibit certain local government entities from limiting specific research, levying a tax, or charge on adult use operations, their owner, or their property not generally charged on other business, and prohibit certain local government entities from prohibiting or limiting adult use cannabis home grow or prohibiting or restricting an activity authorized by the proposed law;
- Authorize a landlord or an employer to prohibit the adult use of cannabis in certain circumstances, and prohibit the operation of a motor vehicle while using or under the influence of adult use cannabis and from using any other combustible adult use cannabis while a passenger in a motor vehicle;
- Limit criminal liability for certain financial institutions that provide financial services to any lawful adult use cannabis operator or testing laboratory licensed under the proposed law;
- Require the Division to enter into an agreement with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to create a program for cannabis addiction services;
- Provide for the creation of five funds in the state treasury: the adult use tax fund; the cannabis social equity and jobs fund; the host community cannabis fund; the substance abuse and addiction fund; and the division of cannabis control and tax commissioner fund; and
- Provide for taxation of 10 percent on the sale of adult use cannabis by dispensaries in addition to usual sales taxes and require that all monies collected from the 10 percent tax levied to be deposited into the adult use tax fund and quarterly distributed as follows: 36 percent to the cannabis social equity and jobs fund; 36 percent to the host community cannabis facilities fund; 25 percent to the substance abuse and addiction fund; and three percent to the division of cannabis control and tax commission fund.

If passed, the law will become effective 30 days after the election.

SHALL THE PROPOSED LAW BE ADOPTED?

YES

NO

Issue 2 (Explanation provided by the League of Women Voters of Ohio Education Fund)

About This Measure

An Act to Control and Regulate Adult Use Cannabis

This is an Act (law) which could be amended or repealed by the General Assembly and is NOT an amendment to the Ohio Constitution.

Explanation:

If approved by voters, the initiated statute, titled An Act to Control and Regulate Adult Use Cannabis (the “Act”), would legalize and regulate the cultivation, manufacturing, and sale of marijuana in Ohio for adults who are at least 21 years old. Pursuant to the Act, Ohio residents would be permitted to cultivate up to six marijuana plants at their primary residence, with a maximum of twelve plants per residence where two or more persons who are at least 21 reside, and marijuana sales would be subject to a 10% adult-use tax, in addition to the traditional sales tax.

The Act also establishes a Division of Cannabis Control (“DCC”) within the Ohio Department of Commerce. The DCC would be responsible for overseeing the adult-use market with the authority to license, regulate, investigate, and penalize licensees and those required to be licensed under the Act. This centralization is meaningful because currently, under Ohio’s Medical Marijuana Control Program, dispensaries are regulated by the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy while cultivators, processors, and testing laboratories are regulated by the Ohio Department of Commerce. The establishment of the DCC is expected to alleviate certain headaches resulting from the inter-agency regulatory overlap.

Another important impact of the An Act to Control and Regulate Adult Use Cannabis, and a result of adult-use legalization generally, is that the medical program’s burdensome advertising restrictions are expected to be relieved significantly. As many Ohio licensees are aware, Ohio currently has very restrictive, burdensome, and, at times vague, advertising rules related to medical marijuana that significantly reduce the impact and effectiveness of marketing and advertising. With the legalization of adult-use marijuana, Ohioans can expect to see more creative and targeted advertising through more traditional outlets.

The Act also provides a significant boost to existing industry participants. Licensees who have either a certificate of operation or provisional license as of the effective date of the Act will be grandfathered into the adult-use program to expand into the recreational use area.

Importantly, there will be an opportunity for new operators to enter the Ohio market through a cannabis social equity and jobs program. At the outset, the DCC is to issue 40 recreational cultivator licenses and

50 adult-use dispensary licenses “with a preference” to applicants who are participants under the cannabis social equity and jobs program.

Pros:

1. Decriminalizes cannabis, reduces incarcerations, and encourages sentencing reform.
2. Recreational cannabis is purported to have lower risks than alcohol. Cannabis will be regulated like alcohol (21 and up).
3. Unlike alcohol, cannabis has some health and medical benefits. Medical marijuana already is legal.
4. Would create jobs in cultivation and sales. Would establish a cannabis social equity and jobs program to help employ the social and economic disadvantaged.
5. Cannabis legalization would spur more research on health benefits and risk of usage.

Cons:

1. Cannabis is addictive and could lead to more serious drug use. Today’s marijuana is much more potent than in the past.
2. Cannabis alters thinking and coordination, which could have dangerous consequences especially in relation to operating motor vehicles and job impairment.
3. Allowing home-grown cannabis will expose more youth to a psychoactive drug.
4. Legalization of recreational cannabis will require another state bureaucracy with increased government costs.
5. Legalization would require the Department of Mental Health and Addiction services to create a new program for cannabis addiction.

3 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Atwater Township

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Atwater Township for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefore, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such staff under Section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs that the county auditor estimates will collect \$156,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 2.9 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$74 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

4 Local Liquor Option For Particular Location (By Petition) (Sunday Sales) Atwater Township B

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the sale of spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday by Atwatermex Properties LLC a D1, D2, D3 holder who is engaged in the business of restaurant & bar at 1312 SR 183 & Patio Atwater, OH 44201 in this precinct?

YES

NO

5 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Charlestown Township

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Charlestown Township for the purpose of current expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$17,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1.5 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$18 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

6 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Charlestown Township

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Charlestown Township for the purpose of current expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$8,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.7 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$8 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

7 Local Liquor Option For Particular Location (By Petition) Deerfield Township B

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the sale of beer; wine and mixed beverages; spirituous liquor be permitted by Cove W LLC DBA Cove W Winery Pavilion & Grassy Area, an applicant for an A-1-A liquor permit, who is engaged in the business of Winery and Brew Pub at 820 SR 14 Unit B Deerfield Township Deerfield OH 44411 in this precinct?

YES

NO

8 Local Liquor Option For Particular Location (By Petition) (Sunday Sales) Deerfield Township B

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the sale of beer; wine and mixed beverages; spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday by Cove W LLC DBA Cove W Winery Pavilion & Grassy Area an applicant for an A-1-A liquor permit; holder of A-1-C; holder of A-2 who is engaged in the business of Winery and Brew Pub at 820 SR 14 Unit B Deerfield Township Deerfield OH 44411 in this precinct?

YES

NO

9 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Franklin Township

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Franklin Township for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges in Franklin Township that the county auditor estimates will collect \$348,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 2 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$58 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

10 Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement) Hiram Township

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A replacement of a tax for the benefit of Hiram Township for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges that the county auditor estimates will collect \$172,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 2 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$70 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

11 Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement) Hiram Township

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A replacement of a tax for the benefit of Hiram Township for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefore, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such staff under Section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs that the county auditor estimates will collect \$172,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 2 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$70 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

12 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Palmyra Township

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Palmyra Township for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefore, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such staff under Section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs that the county auditor estimates will collect \$58,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$24 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

13 Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement and Increase) Randolph Township

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A replacement of 2 mills of an existing levy and an increase of 1 mill to constitute a tax for the benefit of Randolph Township for the purpose of providing ambulance service, emergency medical service, or both that the county auditor estimates will collect \$442,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 3 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$105 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

14 Local Liquor Option For Particular Location (By Petition) (Sunday Sales) Suffield Township C

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the sale of beer, wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday by Crafted Artisan Meadery LLC d/b/a Crafted Artisan Meadery an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of operating a family-owned craft meadery at 1292 Waterloo Road, Mogadore, OH 44260 (Suffield Twp.) in this precinct?

YES

NO

15 Proposed Tax Levy (Additional) Aurora City School District Portage and Summit Counties

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. An additional tax for the benefit of the Aurora City School District for the purpose of current operating expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$5,130,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 5.9 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$207 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

16 Proposed Tax Levy (Additional) Ravenna City School District

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the Ravenna City School District for the purpose of current expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$2,674,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 6.9 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$242 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

17 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Streetsboro City School District

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Streetsboro City School District for the purpose of current operating expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$4,765,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 9 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$272 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

18 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Tallmadge City School District Summit and Portage Counties

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Tallmadge City School District for the purpose of current expenses that the county fiscal officer estimates will collect \$3,313,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 7.4 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$227 for each \$100,000 of the county fiscal officer's appraised value, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025. FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

19 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Tallmadge City School District Summit and Portage Counties

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Tallmadge City School District for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the school district in the sum of \$2,867,000 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county fiscal officer to average 5.61 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$172 for each \$100,000 of the county fiscal officer's appraised value for a period of 10 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025?

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

20 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Crestwood Local School District

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Crestwood Local School District for the purpose of emergency requirements in the sum of \$1,400,000 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average 3.56 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$115 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 4 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025?

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

21 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Field Local School District

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Field Local School District for the purpose of current operating expenses at a rate not exceeding 10.75 mills and general ongoing permanent improvements at a rate not exceeding 1 mill, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$5,665,000 annually, at a combined rate not exceeding 11.75 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$352 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

22 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Field Local School District

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Field Local School District for the purpose of current operating expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$3,031,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 7.3 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$179 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

23 Proposed Tax Levy (Additional) Lake Local School District (Stark and Portage Counties)

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of Lake Local School District for the purpose of current expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$6,304,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 9.9 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$347 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

24 Proposed Tax Levy (Additional) Mogadore Local School District Summit and Portage Counties

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the Mogadore Local School District for the purpose of current expenses that the county fiscal officer estimates will collect \$635,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 5.9 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$207 for each \$100,000 of the county fiscal officer's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

25 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Rootstown Local School District

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Rootstown Local School District for the purpose of general permanent improvements, including renovating, rehabilitating, adding to, furnishing, equipping, and otherwise improving school facilities and their sites that the county auditor estimates will collect \$425,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 2.5 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$47 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

26 Proposed Tax Levy (Additional) Southeast Local School District

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the Southeast Local School District for the purpose of general permanent improvements that the county auditor estimates will collect \$441,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1.5 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$53 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

27 Proposed Tax Levy (Additional) Springfield Local School District Summit and Portage Counties

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall a levy be imposed by the Springfield Local School District for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the Springfield Local School District in the sum of \$1,739,000 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county fiscal officer to average 3.77 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$132 for each \$100,000 of the county fiscal officer's appraised value, for a period of 5 years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024?

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

28 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Waterloo Local School District

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Waterloo Local School District for the purpose of avoiding an operating deficit in the sum of \$940,000 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average 4.39 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$141 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024?

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

29 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of two existing levies for the benefit of Portage County for the purpose of providing for the operation of community programs and services authorized by county boards of developmental disabilities, for the acquisition, construction, renovation, financing, maintenance, and operation of developmental disabilities facilities, or for both such purposes by the Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities that the county auditor estimates will collect \$7,085,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 2.9 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$47 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 10 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

30 Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement) Mental Health and Recovery Board

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A replacement of a tax for the benefit of Portage County for the purpose of the operation of community addiction services providers and community mental health services providers and the acquisition, construction, renovation, financing, maintenance, and operation of alcohol and drug addiction facilities and mental health facilities by the Portage County Mental Health and Recovery Board that the county auditor estimates will collect \$4,548,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$35 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 10 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

31 Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement and Additional) Portage Park District

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A replacement and additional levy for the benefit of the Portage Park District for the purpose of (1) operating and maintaining a growing countywide park system, including Trail Lake Park, Towner's Woods Park, The Portage Hike and Bike Trail, Dix Park, Headwaters Trail, Seneca Ponds, Morgan Park, Shaw Woods; (2) developing new parks and trails and providing public education and recreation programs for all ages and abilities; and (3) protecting our rural character and drinking water quality by acquiring and conserving forests, streams, wetlands, and other natural areas that the county auditor estimates will collect \$4,548,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$35 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 10 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025. An existing levy of 0.5 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$13 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, expiring in 2023, will be cancelled and replaced upon passage of this levy.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

32 Local Liquor Option For Particular Location (By Petition) (Sunday Sales) Ravenna City 4A

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages, and spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday by Justice Morgan, L.L.C., dba East Main Saloon (Bar 130) an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit, who is engaged in the business of operating a bar at 130 E. Main Street, 1st floor & basement & patio, Ravenna, Ohio 44266 in this precinct?

YES

NO

33 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Mantua Village

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Mantua Village for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges that the county auditor estimates will collect \$80,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 3.85 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$108 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

34 Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement) Sugar Bush Knolls Village

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A replacement of a tax for the benefit of Sugar Bush Knolls Village for the purpose of current expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$80,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 8 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$280 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY