



Meet the Candidates

School Board of Education Member Proposition

One Seat on the Remsen Board of Education

Five-Year Term Commencing July 1, 2020

Candidates Will Appear Alphabetically on the Ballot



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Mr. Patrick Nolan

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Biography

Family: *Mr. Nolan and his wife Lenee live on French Road with their three children ages 5, 4, and 2. Lenee is a Remsen graduate. They also have two Labradors, Sadie and Hazel*

Education: *Mr. Nolan went to Holland Patent School for a brief time and then was homeschooled. He attended BOCES for conservation and graduated in 2007. From there he went to MVCC before joining the United States Army in 2008.*

Work Experience: *Mr. Nolan has spent most of his life working in the construction industry. He worked for Doug Lennon Construction until he was deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2009 Mr. Nolan started his own part time business working evenings and weekends doing small construction projects. In 2014 he was honorably discharged from the Army reserves and in 2015 started full-time with his construction business. Since then he has expanded and currently employs 3 full-time employees.*

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Why do you think it is important to serve the community and school as a BOE member?

I think it is important to serve my community and the school as this is where my children along with friends and other family members reside. I think that we need more young adults to be involved in the shaping of our community for future generations.

Mr. Patrick Nolan



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What strengths/experiences would you bring to board service?

I think that as a young member of the community with one child currently in school and two that will soon be in school. I would bring insight into the daily issues/struggles of a young family and some of the concern's parents have currently.

I think that we need to have more board members who have sort of a daily connection to the school with kids in school. Someone who sees the daily things that our children face.

Being self-employed, I could bring leadership and management skills.

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What do you think are or will be the most pressing issues facing education in general or for Remsen Central School?

One of the issues facing education since the COVID-19 pandemic is the possibility of more distanced learning. I believe it is important that kids receive in classroom education. Although our teachers and district has done a good job with the distance learning, there is no replacement for the social interaction and hands on learning that kids receive in a classroom. I think we can do what is necessary to keep schools safe and clean, while providing our kids with the much-needed school interaction.

Another issue is the limited hands on learning. While book work is important, I am a firm believer in hands on learning, such as shop and ag classes. Skills learned in those classes are valuable to not only the kids, but our society.

One issue the Remsen and other area schools are faced with is the declining class sizes and the increasing taxes. I think that we can do more to draw families to our district. We have a great district and teachers, but we need to be able to not only maintain that but also retain our community. If we continue to raise taxes, there will be no incentive for future generations to stay in this area.

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Mr. James Reilly - Incumbent

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Biography

Family: *Mr. Reilly and his wife, Anne, have been married for 37 years. They have three children who have all graduated from Remsen CSD. Mr. and Mrs. Reilly also hosted four foreign exchange students who thrived at Remsen.*

Education: *Mr. Reilly grew up and attended school in Voorheesville, NY. He then attended Alfred University for his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Ceramic Engineering. Mr. Reilly also has a Master's degree from RPI in Business Administration and Industrial Engineering.*

Work Experience: *Mr. Reilly has worked at the Air Force Research Laboratory in Rome, NY for 32 years as an engineer managing government research programs.*

Other: *Mr. Reilly has been on the Remsen Board of Education for seven years and has served as a member, vice president, and president.*

Mr. James Reilly - Incumbent

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Why do you think it is important to serve the community and school as a BOE member?

I believe it's important for everyone to contribute to their community. I have a great appreciation for Remsen CSD and our community. They prepared my children very well for their lives and careers, and I enjoy being able to help other students now.

Mr. James Reilly- Incumbent

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What strengths/experiences would you bring to board service?

A BOE with a stable long-term plan is critical to for the success of our students and community. As the longest serving member of the BOE, I bring experience of the last seven years and the institutional knowledge needed to help provide a stable environment for the district's future success. When I was first elected, the school budget was voted down and we operated on a contingent budget. During my tenure, we have had four Superintendents, the mandate of the Common Core Curriculum by NYSED, and severe budget cuts for education from NYS. Despite these challenges, we have stayed within the tax cap set by NYS, had five capital outlays, our first capital improvement project in 17 years, and tried to keep our students' learning environment stable. I am very pleased with the progress we've made and hope to continue the path we're on.

Mr. James Reilly- Incumbent



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Our inability to have the students in the classroom due to the Corona virus is the biggest issue today. If we can't get our students back in the classroom, our inadequate internet connectivity makes learning from home very difficult.

Over the last seven years, mandates (including unfunded mandates) and instability in funding are the biggest issues. Those changes can be made easily in Albany, but they create chaos in our schools. Our students should not have their education be a series of poorly thought out experiments conducted by politicians.

Mr. James Reilly- Incumbent

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