

# Rondout Valley Central School District

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Accord, New York 12404

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Debra Barbiani  
District Clerk

845-687-2400 Ext. 4803

DATE: March 6, 2025

TO: Candidates for the Rondout Valley Central  
School District Board of Education

FROM: Debra Barbiani  
District Clerk

SUBJECT: Petition for Candidacy

Enclosed please find a copy of the petition to be used in filing your candidacy. By Education Law, each petition for a candidate must be signed by qualified voters of our District in an amount of two percent of the voters who exercised their voting privileges at the preceding Annual District voting. For 2025 candidates, the number of signatures required is Twenty Five (25). The signed petitions are required to be filed with the Clerk of the District prior to the Special District Meeting. ***This year the deadline becomes 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 21, 2025.***

An additional requirement for all candidates for Boards of Education throughout our State became effective in December of 1978, was modified as of May 29, 1981 and amended effective January 1, 2005. Attached is a Summary of Specific Provisions of Chapter 446 of the Laws of 2004 amending Education Law Sections 1528 and 1529 requiring the filing of expenditures with the Clerk of the Board by candidates for the Board of Education:

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

***IMPORTANT: BE SURE TO INCLUDE, WITH THIS PETITION, A BIOGRAPHY OF 100 WORDS OR LESS.***

## **SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC PROVISIONS**

### **Education Law Section 1528**

Section 1528 of Education Law is amended to require School board candidates, except a candidate for member of the community district education council of a New York City community school district, to report all expenditures and contributions totaling more than \$500. The law further states that contributions statements shall include:

The dollar amount and/or fair market value of any receipt, contribution or transfer which is other than money;

1. The name and address of the transferor, contributor or person from whom received.
2. If the transferor, contributor or person is a political committee as defined in Section
3. 14-100 of the Election Law.
4. The name of and the political unit represented by the committee.
5. The date of receipt.
6. The dollar amount of every expenditure.
7. The name and address of the person to whom it was made, or the name of and the political unit represented by the committee to which it was made; and
8. The date of the expenditure.

### **Education Law Section 1529**

Section 1529 of Education Law is amended to provide for an additional reporting date prior to election day; it also changes the filing time period for the first statement for School Board candidates throughout New York State. The times for filing the statements required by Education Law Section 1528 are as follows:

1. The first statement shall be filed on or before the thirtieth day preceding the election to which it relates.
2. A second statement shall be filed on or before the fifth day preceding the election to which it relates;
3. A third statement shall be filed within twenty days after the election.

Section 1529 of Education Law also requires that any contributions or loans in excess of \$1000, if received after the close of the period covered in the last statement filed before the election (#2 above) but before the election itself, shall be reported within twenty-four hours after receipt.

PETITIONS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDACY

I, the undersigned, do hereby state that I am a duly qualified voter of the Rondout Valley Central School District at Accord, the political unit for which a nomination for public office is hereby made; that my place of residence is truly stated opposite my signature thereto, and do hereby nominate the following person as a candidate for election as TRUSTEE of the Board of Education of the Rondout Valley Central School District at Accord; with voting to be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., in the District Office.

Name of Candidate

Residence (Address)

July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028

Term of Office

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, on the date placed opposite my signature.

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\_\_\_\_\_ being duly sworn, says: I am a duly qualified voter of the Rondout Valley Central School District at Accord, County of Ulster, State of New York, and now reside in said District, Town of \_\_\_\_\_, County of Ulster and State of New York. I know each of the voters whose names are subscribed to this petition sheet, containing \_\_\_\_signatures, and each of them subscribed the same in my presence and upon so subscribing declared to me that the foregoing statement, made and subscribed by him/her was true.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

Sworn to before me this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

**RONDOUT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION PETITIONS - 2025**

**PLEASE INCLUDE WITH THIS PETITION A BIOGRAPHY OF  
NO MORE THAN 100 WORDS**

**BE SURE ELECTION EXPENDITURE STATEMENT IS SIGNED**

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**DECLARATION OF CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES  
FORM 1 - FOR EXPENDITURES OF \$500 OR LESS**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, residing at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

do hereby declare that I am a candidate for a seat on the Board of Education of the Rondout Valley Central School District; the election to take place on the 20th day of May 2025. I hereby swear that to the best of my knowledge and belief, campaign expenditures incurred by me personally, or by others with my knowledge and consent, did not exceed \$500.00.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Candidate)

Sworn to before me this  
\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2025

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

**NOTES:** Before completing this statement, please read instruction sheet attached.

File one copy of the form with the School District Clerk on the (30<sup>th</sup>) thirtieth day preceding election date.

File a second copy of this form with the School District Clerk on or before the (5<sup>th</sup>) fifth day preceding the date of election.

File a third copy of this form with the school District Clerk within (20) twenty days after the election.

**DECLARATION OF CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES  
FORM 2 - FOR EXPENDITURES MORE THAN \$500**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, residing at \_\_\_\_\_

do hereby declare that I am a candidate for a seat on the Board of Education of the Rondout Valley Central School District; the election to take place on the 20th day of May 2025.

My campaign expenses are as follows:

Traveling Expenses:	\$ _____
Publications:	\$ _____
Stationery:	\$ _____
Postage:	\$ _____
Telephone, public media (radio, newspapers, etc.):	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

I hereby swear that to the best of my knowledge and believe the foregoing itemization is accurate as to campaign expenditures incurred by me personally or by others with my knowledge and consent.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Candidate)

Sworn to before me this  
\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2025

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

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