

BOARD OF EDUCATION

CANDIDATE PERSONAL STATEMENTS



Sandra Dare

I am Sandra Dare, your candidate for school board. I am a graduate of the NYM Class of 2005, I possess a BS degree from Le Moyne College, and I hold an MBA from SUNY IT. I have professional experience as a Human Resource Manager for Empire Recycling Corporation, Deputy Commissioner of Personnel for the County of Oneida, and Director of Personnel for the MVWA, where I am currently employed. I have volunteered with various organizations, most recently Biddy Basketball and Little League. My husband and I have two children: Frank Jr. (6), and Alessandra (4).

I am running for school board because I believe every child deserves to thrive. Attending NYM paved the way for my success and happiness in life, and I want to be a part of ensuring the same for all future graduates. My love for the district and children fuels the desire and motivation needed to tackle this task. My professional experience provides me with the skills necessary to be successful. Philosophically, I am fiscally conservative, but I also believe it is important to find the right balance when it comes to opportunity cost. Humbly, I ask for your support and confidence on May 20.



Steve King

I am running for election to my third term on the New York Mills Board of Education. Since my election in 2014, I have gone to countless hours of training with the New York State School Board Association (NYSSBA), the Oneida-Madison-Herkimer School Board Institute (OMHSBI) and the New York State Rural Schools Association. I have represented the Board of Education and the District as a NYSSBA voting delegate for the four years and was on the OMHSBI Executive Committee for seven years, where I sit on the programming and the nomination committees. I have served on the Board Policy Committee (currently chairing), the Community Relations/Communications Committee (previously chaired) the Finance Committee, the Transportation Committee (previously chaired) and Safety Committee (previously chaired). Additionally was a previous Board of Education Vice President and President. Prior to becoming a member of the Board of Education, I served 17 years as a PTSO officer (Treasurer and Parliamentarian), and 15 years as the president of the Music, Arts and Drama Boosters. I also served as an officer of the School Foundation, sat on the District Steering Committee, several Building Project Committees and pretty much any school committee that I was able to.

I am a firm believer in the value of public education and keeping our district whole. My number one concern is ensuring that all students are afforded every opportunity to succeed. Our district needs to continue offering classes and activities to both engage our students and prepare them for any pathway they choose as they continue on in life. I am grateful for the services that we are able to share with other districts, either through our BOCES or other consortiums and I am always interested in exploring ways to save the District money while maintaining services, and opportunities for our students. I am always open to new and innovative ideas and I vow to continue to listen to your concerns

I live in New York Mills with my wife of 43 years Roberta A (Bobbi) King. Our two daughters graduated from the New York Mills Union Free School District; Jennifer (class of 2000) and Kristie (class of 2008). Experience matters. I ask for your vote.

Candidates will be onsite for “Meet the Candidates” during the public budget hearing on May 6th at 5:30 pm.