



Marcus Whitman Central School District
Gorham-Middlesex Central School District
Board of Education and District Office
4100 Baldwin Road · Rushville, New York 14544-9799
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TO: District Clerk
Marcus Whitman Central School District

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the following:

1. Official Petition(s) for Nomination of Candidate for Member of Board of Education
2. Memorandum with Information Regarding:
 - a. Procedure for Filing a Petition/Explanation of Signatures Required
 - b. Procedure for Election Expenditure Filing Requirement
 - c. Procedure for Determining Order of Names on Ballot
3. Biography Sheet

Signature

Date

I do _____ do not _____ authorize release of my name to the news media at this time.

I understand that the names of those candidates that file petitions with the District Clerk will be released after 5:00p.m. on April 20, 2026.

Signature

Date

Contact Information: Phone No. _____

Email address: _____



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TO: Candidates for Board of Education
FROM: Sharene Benedict, District Clerk
DATE: January 27, 2026

The election of members of the Board of Education will be held on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026, from Noon to 8:00p.m.**

Procedure for Filing a Petition

Candidates for the position of member of the Board of Education must file a petition with the Clerk of the School District signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the district or by two percent (2%) of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election, whichever is greater. Two percent (2%) of the number of voters in the election of May 20, 2025, is 12. Thus, petitions for nomination of candidates for the May 19, 2026, election must bear the signatures of at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the district. Such petition shall state the name and the residence of the candidate, and the name and residence of each petitioner.

Vacancies on the Board of Education are not to be considered separate specific offices, and nominating petitions in such case are not to describe any specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated.

Each petition shall be filed with the Clerk of the District not later than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting. Thus, petitions are due no later than **5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2026.**

The candidate(s) who receive(s) a plurality of the votes cast respectively for the several offices shall be declared elected.

Education Law Section(s) 2002, 2013, 2018

Procedure for Election Expenditure Filing

If a school board candidate's campaign expenditures exceed \$500, the candidate must file a sworn statement with both the district clerk and the commissioner of education itemizing their expenditures. This statement must list the amounts of all money or other valuable things paid, given, expended or promised by the candidate, or incurred for or on the candidate's behalf with his or her approval.

A candidate who spends \$500 or less is only required to file a sworn statement with the district clerk indicating this to be the case. No other campaign expenditure statement is required.

A preliminary statement must be filed at least 5 days before the election, and a final statement must be filed within 20 days after the election. The statement must cover the period up to and including the day next preceding the day specified for the filing of the statement.

Education Law Section 1528-1531

Please be sure that your preliminary written statement of election expenditures is submitted by April 20, 2026. The final written statement of election must be submitted no later than June 8, 2026.

Procedure for Determining Order of Names on Ballot

The order of names of candidates for school boards will be determined by lot one day after the final day of filing.

Please be advised that the drawing for lots for position on the ballots for the Annual School District Meeting and Election of Marcus Whitman Central School District will take place at the District Office, 4100 Baldwin Road, Rushville, NY on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

You, or your representative, are invited to be present at the drawing, if you wish.

Education Law Section 2018

**OFFICIAL PETITION NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE
MEMBER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARCUS WHITMAN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

We, the undersigned qualified voters of the Marcus Whitman Central School District, wish to nominate _____,
whose address is _____, for a three (3) year term of office.

SIGNATURE (LEGIBLE) OF PETITIONER/PRINTED NAME AND ADDRESS OF LEGAL RESIDENCE

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
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18. _____
19. _____
20. _____
21. _____
22. _____
23. _____
24. _____
25. _____

This petition must be submitted to the District Clerk of the Marcus Whitman Central School District, whose office is located at 4100 Baldwin Road, Rushville, New York, on or before April 20, 2026 at 5pm.

Marcus Whitman Central School District
4100 Baldwin Road
Rushville, NY 14544

Campaign Expenses For Election of School Board Member

To: Marcus Whitman District Clerk

Please check the appropriate file date

___ 30 day preliminary statement due April 20, 2026

___ 5 day pre-election statement due May 14, 2026

___ 20 day post election statement due June 8, 2026

Check **One** of the Following

___ A. I do hereby file this statement, of campaign expenses pursuant to §1528 of the NYS Education Law and do hereby submit an itemized listing of all expenses made by me, or in my behalf at my request, or incurred with my approval, we **DO** EXCEED A TOTAL OF \$500.00 for the time period checked above. (expense details on back of page)

___ B. I do hereby file this statement campaign expenses pursuant to §1528 of the NYS Education Law and do hereby state that the expenses made by me, or in my behalf at my request, **DO NOT** EXCEED A TOTAL OF \$500.00, for the time period checked above.

Signed _____ Date _____

Name Printed _____

State of New York)
County of Ontario) witness:
Town of _____)

The aforesigned, _____, to me known
and known to me, states that the statement made herewith is true and correct.

sworn this _____ day of _____, 20____.

_____, Notary Public

Itemized Campaign Expenses

Complete this section only if you checked item A on previous page.

Item of Expense	Cost

Filed by _____ Date _____

Itemized statements for expenses of \$500.00 or more must also be filled with:

Commissioner of Education
Campaign Expense Statements
c/o Educational Management Services
Room 876 EBA
Albany, NY 12234

BIOGRAPHY

The Marcus Whitman Central School District has my authorization to use the following data in the district newsletter and for press releases as necessary:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Candidate's Name: _____ Phone No. _____

Candidate's Email _____

Address: _____

Please submit a short biography (max of 200 words) about yourself and your reasons for seeking election to the Gorham-Middlesex Board of Education.

A short biography must be emailed to acarroll@mwcsd.org with a digital photograph or a photograph can be taken at District Office no later than **Monday, April 20, 2026**. *Exactly what is submitted will be published in the budget newsletter and shared with the community.*

Example:

- *Introduction-state who you are and your connection to the community*
- *Work/Education*
- *Goals-what you aim to achieve if elected.*
- *Closing statement-summarize your commitment to the role.*

Please do not write in this space.