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BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMANDA GATES
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Thank you for your interest in running for the Board of Education.

Enclosed you will find the petition required to run for election on May 19, 2026.

New York State law requires candidates to submit a petition containing either 25 signatures of eligible voters or 2% of the number of voters who participated in the 2025 budget vote, whichever is greater.

For the Onteora Central School District, this requires **54 signatures of qualified district residents**.

Please note that our attorneys have confirmed that digital signatures are not permitted; all signatures must be original.

Also enclosed is the first expenditure statement. Please complete and return by April 20, 2026, along with the completed petition. This form must also contain original signatures and may be dropped off at the District's Central Offices.

Additionally, a biographical information form is included for use in the district newsletter.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

BOARD VACANCIES

Voting at Large for three (3) vacancies to be filled for the following terms:

- Three (3) positions: July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029

Petitions Due:

5:00 p.m., Monday, April 20, 2026

Minimum of 54 signatures required

<u>FOR DISTRICT CLERK USE ONLY</u> <u>Time/Date Received at the office of the District Clerk</u>

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

**EDUCATION LAW #2018: NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR
THE OFFICE OF MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION IN
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS:**

In all central school districts, candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be nominated by petition. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District; shall be signed by at least Fifty-Four (54) qualified voters of the Onteora Central School District; and shall state the residence of each signer.

Each petition shall be filed with the District Clerk between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. not later than the thirtieth day preceding the election.

**AT LEAST 54 VERIFIED SIGNATURES REQUIRED - LAST FILING
DATE:**

Monday, April 20, 2026, until 5:00 p.m.

Voting at Large for three (3) vacancies to be filled, for three **(3) Board Seats** for terms as follows:

- Three positions: July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029

To the District Clerk of the **Onteora Central School District**: The undersigned qualified voters of the Onteora Central School District at Boiceville, do hereby nominate the candidate named below who has been a resident of the school district for at least one (1) year immediately prior to the election:

NAME OF CANDIDATE _____ RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____
 (As will be on ballot)

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CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE AND CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR CANDIDATES FOR
MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MAY 19, 2026 ELECTION

- In accordance with Sections 1528 and 1529 of the Education Law, as recently revised, all candidates for member of the Board of Education must file three campaign expenditure and contribution statements.
 1. The first statement is due on or before the 30th day before the election (April 20, 2026) (spent under \$500);
 2. The second statement is due on or before the 5th day before the election (May 14, 2026) (spent more than \$500);
 3. The third statement is due within 20 days after the election (by June 8, 2026).
- If a Board candidate expends and/or others expend on his/her behalf less than \$500, and the aggregate amount of contributions to the candidate does not exceed \$500, a sworn statement (see next page) to that effect must be filed with the District Clerk no later than April 20, 2026. No other expenditure statements will be due, unless the Board candidate expends more than \$500 or receives more than \$500 in contributions or loans, in the time before the election. A sworn statement must be filed with both the District Clerk and the Commissioner of Education (see next page).
- The campaign expenditure and contribution statements must be completed, signed by the Board candidate and notarized by a notary public.
- If a Board candidate expends more than \$500 or receives more than \$500 in contributions or loans, a sworn statement must be filed with both the District Clerk and the Commissioner of Education (see next page) and must include the following statement:
 - Dollar amount of any contribution or transfer or the fair market value of any item which is other than money;
 - The name and address of the transferor, contributor or person from whom received;
 - If the transferor or contributor is a political committee, the date of receipt, the dollar amount of every expenditure, and the name and address of the person to whom it was made;
 - The date of the expenditure(s) and a description of the expenditure(s).
- Any contribution or loan that exceeds \$1,000 received after the close of the period covered in the last statement before the election must be reported within 24 hours after receipt. That statement must be completed, signed by the candidate and notarized.
 - includes payments for travel expenses, writing, printing and transmission costs of any letter, circular or other publication containing a statement of position or views of the candidate or other person upon public or other questions, including stationery, and postage, telegraph, telephone and public messenger service.

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXPENDITURE AND CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT
FOR CANDIDATES FOR MEMBER OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The following statement (including attachment, if necessary) shall be completed, signed, notarized and filed with the District Clerk of the **Onteora Central School District**, Boiceville, New York.

I, _____, am a candidate for member of the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District, at an election to be held on May 19, 2026

COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF LESS THAN \$500 HAS BEEN EXPENDED OR RECEIVED IN CONTRIBUTIONS DURING THE PARTICULAR REPORTING PERIOD:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT:

_____ as of April 20, 2026, I have expended and/or others have expended on my behalf, with my approval, less than \$500 on my campaign in support of my candidacy for this office; and

_____ as of April 20, 2026, the aggregate number of contributions received by my campaign does not exceed \$500.

COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF MORE THAN \$500 HAS BEEN EXPENDED OR RECEIVED IN CONTRIBUTIONS DURING THE PARTICULAR REPORTING PERIOD:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT:

_____ as of April 20, 2026, I have expended and/or others have expended on my behalf, with my approval, a total of \$_____ to my campaign in support of my candidacy for this office. **If you checked this, you must complete the attachment.**

_____ as of April 20, 2026, the aggregate number of contributions made by others on my behalf, with my approval, was \$_____. **If you checked this, you must complete the attachment.**

Signature of Candidate

Sworn to before me this _____
day of _____, 2026

Notary Public

NOTE: IF YOU RECEIVE A CONTRIBUTION OR LOAN OF MORE THAN \$1,000 AFTER THE FILING OF THE SECOND STATEMENT, YOU MUST REPORT IT, IN A NOTARIZED WRITING, TO BOTH THE DISTRICT CLERK AND COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION WITHIN 24 HOURS OF RECEIPT.



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Dear School Board Candidate,

If you would like information about your candidacy for a Board position shared in our District's School Budget newsletter, please complete the attached questionnaire and return it to Amanda Gates by Monday, April 20, 2026 by emailing agates@onteorak12.ny.us or faxing to 845-657-8742.

The information must be factual and is limited to details about your background or qualifications for the position. Advocacy for your election or for the school budget is not permissible.

All questions are optional. Information will be published following the candidate ballot order.

Name: _____

Town of Residence: _____

Occupation and Employer: _____

Length of residency in the district: _____

Do you have any children who currently attend school in the district (you may provide grades and/or school building names)?

Did you and/or any of your children graduate from the district (you may provide graduation year for each individual):

Degrees held and name of issuing schools/colleges:

Past school board experience, limited to years of service, and positions held:

Other community service involvement:

Honors/awards:
