

MEET THE 2026 BOARD CANDIDATES



Cheryl Frazier-Woods



Edward Spence



Michael Tibbetts

Questions posed to the candidates:

Q1: How long have you resided in the district & your information (clubs, volunteer work, family)?

Cheryl Frazier-Woods: I have been a resident in the district for 37 years. I am the parent of two alumni and have been involved in the PTA (as President, Vice President and Secretary) and served as a Girl Scout and Cub Scout leader.

Edward Spence: I am very proud to have been elected to the BOE three consecutive times and have lived with my wife Doreen and children in Hyde Park for nearly 30 years. I have volunteered for several organizations including: Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Kiwanis, United Way and I am an active member of the Hyde Park Knights of Columbus. My wife Doreen (retired Science teacher) and I are certified therapeutic foster/adoptive parents and members of the Dutchess County/Astor Services Foster & Adoptive Parents Council. We are also members of Planet Fitness and Regina Coeli Parish. We have had nine students attend Hyde Park Schools.

Michael Tibbetts: I have resided in the district for 26 years. I have 3 children, one attended 5th - 12th grades in HPCSD. I volunteer as a current board member and actively participate in several Board Committees and district events.

Q2: Why are you interested in becoming a Board of Education member?

Cheryl Frazier-Woods: To continue the legacy of excellence created by Margaret Greenly, Kevin Sheehan and Jeff Daniels.

Edward Spence: My major goals continue to be: supporting our faculty/staff, promoting 21st Century Learning along with advocating for special needs children/parents. I am also a strong proponent of students acquiring real-work vocational / career skills. I am thankful for the opportunity to continue to serve and look forward to continuing to represent all residents of Hyde Park. I feel it is our moral duty to provide students with an excellent education while doing so in a financially appropriate manner for local taxpayers.

Michael Tibbetts: I have been on the board for two terms (6 years). Being part of a team that is committed to the equitable distribution of a quality public education is one of the most rewarding experiences I have had. I would be honored to continue to serve on the board.

Q3: What is your connection to the school district?

Cheryl Frazier-Woods: My connection is as a parent and tax payer and currently an employee. My position is being excised as of June 30, 2026 which allows me to be available to run for the BOE term starting July 1, 2026.

Edward Spence: As stated above, my family and I have lived in Hyde Park for nearly thirty years. I have been elected to the HPBOE three consecutive terms. I have also been elected the past two years as the President of the Dutchess County School Board Association (DCSBA). This June 2026 our family will have our ninth child graduate from Hyde Park Schools to date. We also have several grandchildren currently enrolled. I have proudly served on several HPCSD committees such as: Policy, District Leadership Team (DLT), Government Liaison, Special Education and DCSBA. I would be honored to continue to represent our community.

Michael Tibbets: I am a resident and tax payer; have a child who attended HPCSD schools and I have served two terms on the Board of Education.

Q4: What skills and/or attributes would you bring to the Board?

Cheryl Frazier-Woods: I have a Master's degree in Human Resources Management and 20 years of Human Resources experience.

Edward Spence: I was employed by IBM Corporation for over 13 years prior to working as an educator for over 30+ years. While a teacher I was selected twice by Google for an annual Innovative Teacher Award. I have taught every grade level from 5th-12th grade. I have also worked as an adjunct at three local colleges for over 25 years. As a school administrator in 2012 I created the first of its kind K-12 1-to-1 student/teacher Chromebook plan anywhere in the Hudson Valley winning a 2013 NYSSBA Innovative Schools Award. I was also elected to serve for over ten years as a Board Member for the Mid-Hudson Teacher Center. I retired as a school administrator in June 2024, but missed schools and "unretired" soon thereafter. I currently work as a full-time school administrator. I bring my 30+ years of experience and community feedback to Board of Education meetings.

Michael Tibbets: I have been a local college teacher for 32 years. As an educator, I am able to maintain a calm and constructive approach to decision making where I value using data and evidence to make informed decisions that support district improvements.

Q5: What do you consider the most important issue(s) facing our school district?

Cheryl Frazier-Woods: I feel the most important issues facing our district are mental health and financial transparency.

Edward Spence: I would say we have several important issues facing our district. We must continue to support of faculty/staff at a time when budgets are becoming tight across New York State. We need to continue to listen to our community's feedback as many residents are getting priced out of New York State. We must listen to each other and respect each other's viewpoints. Most of all we need to ensure that our students are prepared to make personal/career decisions in an increasingly complex society. Go Presidents!

Michael Tibbets: My priority for the district is to continue to support the work of narrowing the achievement gap among different student groups and doing so in a fiscally responsible way.