



 **RE-1 Valley School District**
Board of Education
Election Workshop



Role of the Board

- Members are elected officials who, through the democratic process, provide control to local citizens over public education in their community.
- Local Boards of Education are charged with determining the educational programs and textbooks provided to students enrolled in their respective districts.

The Individual and The Board

School Boards govern collectively. All decisions are made by a majority vote of the members at a public meeting.

Single issues should not be pursued through Board service





Relationships – General Principles

- Work as a team – each member’s unique strengths contribute to the whole
- Everyone has an equal right to be heard and an equal responsibility to get work done
- Even if you don’t agree with the majority, stand behind the decision of the Board
- No surprises – foster an environment of honesty and sincerity
- Be clear about your expectations of one another

Relationships – *with the Superintendent*

- The Superintendent is the Board’s one and only employee
- Remember, the role of the Board is different from that of the Superintendent – allow each to fulfill its responsibilities



Relationships – *with District Employees*

- Board and employees should see themselves as part of the same “family”
- The Board establishes communication norms and procedures
- It is important to establish a system for listening to employees



Relationships – *with the Community*

- Board members serve as representatives of the voices and values of the community
- Listen to comments and complaints, and direct people to the appropriate place for solutions
- Engage in dialogue in order to understand community needs and concerns.



Leadership – Policy Development

Creating clear and timely policy that promotes the District's vision and enhances its effectiveness.



Leadership – Advocacy and Legislation

Develop a vision to advance the needs of the District and its students in local, state and federal arenas.



Student Achievement Academic Oversight

- Adopt District-wide academic content and performance standards and means for their measurement
- Monitor student progress toward learning goals
- Adopt academic curriculum
- Approve incentives and consequences for reaching/failing to reach goals/standards



Fiscal Responsibility

- Set and monitor financial goals
- Develop, approve and monitor annual budget
- Levy taxes and issue bonds
- Approve contracts
- Allocate resources
- Approve plans for building/renovating school facilities

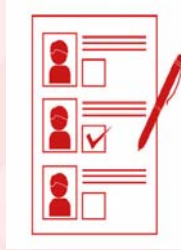


Time Commitment

- Regular Board meetings
- Training sessions
- Work with public
- Special meetings and hearings
- Reading and research

2019 Open Director Positions

- Districts 4 and 7
Open Positions
- Districts 3 and 6
Incumbents Eligible
for re-election



Running Your Campaign *first things first*

- Establish your priorities and identify your values
- Convene a campaign committee
- Keep records/file on time according to FCPA
- Create a budget
- Send initial fundraising letter (if funds are needed)
- Design and produce brochures, flyers, yard signs (whatever is most appropriate)



Running Your Campaign *connecting with people*



- Get voter lists and school directories
- Attend candidate forums
- Attend and participate in school activities
- Establish contacts in every school
- Make personal phone calls

Running Your Campaign *school director election timeline*

- **August 7** – First day for nomination petitions to be circulated
- **August 30**– Last day for school director candidates to file a nomination petition or file as a write in candidate.
- **September 3** - Election may be canceled if, at the close of business, there is no contest for any office, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be a write-in.
- **September 6** – Last day to establish arrangement of candidates' names on ballot by lot
- **September 6** - Online Posting of Candidate Information: (1) candidate's name; (2) residential address; (3) mailing address, if different from residential address; (4) e-mail address, if any; (5) website address, if any; and (6) image of the candidate's written notice of intention to be a school board candidate.
- **November 5** – **ELECTION DAY**
- **December 7** – Deadline for taking Oath of Office
- **December 12** – Last day for school board to hold officer election and reorganization meeting.

Running Your Campaign *important rules and tips*

- It is the Candidate's responsibility to confirm they reside in the Director District in which they wish to run.
- Notice of Intent to be a Candidate form is required.
- Affidavit of School Director Candidate on Qualifications for Office form is required.
- **NOMINATION PETITIONS – CAREFULLY FOLLOW DIRECTIONS**
 - Circulators must be U.S. citizen, Colorado resident and at least 18 years of age and must personally observe every eligible elector who signs the petition. The petition may not be left unattended on desks or counters, etc.
 - To sign a petition, a person must be an elector eligible to vote in the RE-1 Valley School District, Regular Biennial School Election, as shown by the registration books of the Logan County Clerk and Recorder.
 - Petitions may not be taken apart; removal of staples voids the entire petition.
 - Signers must complete each box on both lines by printing, except for signature, and use the address at which s/he is registered to vote (no PO boxes).
 - Petition must be notarized upon completion of collection of signatures.
 - 50 **VALID** signatures are required on the petition: *get more signatures than required!*

Community Service

Serving on a local board can be viewed as one of the most important volunteer services in the community. It is people like you who help make our schools the inspiring learning environments they should be.



What's it like to be a school board member? Just ask one...

Mike Anderson,
(up for re-election)
District 7

Riste Capps,
(term ends 2021)
District 5

Dennis Kaan,
(term ends 2021)
District 1

Jennifer Ogley,
(up for re-election)
District 4

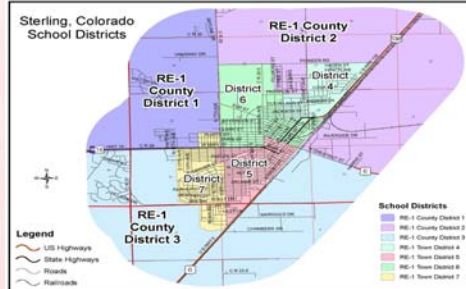
Marty Smock,
Position Open
District 6

Dena Vogel
(term ends 2021)
District 1

Myra Westfall,
Position Open
District 3

Director Districts

please verify district of residence with the Superintendent's office.



More Information

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<http://www.casb.org/>

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/>

<http://www.elections.colorado.gov/>



Thank you for your interest in RE-1 Valley School District!