

ABOUT THE CANDIDATES: A look at people running in contested races for local public school boards

Center Grove

About the job

Nine candidates are running for two at-large seats on the Center Grove school board. Here's a breakdown of the position and its duties:

Term: Four years
Pay: \$2,000 a year; plus \$50 a meeting

Duties: Develop policies, hire the superintendent, review and approve the annual budget and hire employees based on recommendations by administrators

Total members: Five
Who votes: All voters in the school district

About the candidates



Scott Alexander
Age: 35
Family: Wife, Dana; sons, Spencer, 8, and Zachary, 4
Employment: Director of data management at Anaclim

Education: Center Grove High School, 1991; Purdue University, 1995
Organizations: None listed



Thomas Heermann
Age: 53
Family: Wife, Connie; children, Maggie, 13, Dylan, 10
Employment: Associate with Von Maur

Education: Lincoln East High School, Lincoln, Neb., 1973; University of Nebraska, 1977
Organizations: Center Grove Presbyterian Church



Rich Mickel
Age: 41
Family: Wife, Kate; children, Victoria, 10, Allison, 8, and Sydney, 4
Employment: Engineer and owner of DM Sales and Engineering

Education: Culver Military Academy, 1986; Indiana State University, 1991
Organizations: None listed



Ronald Rose
Age: 46
Family: Wife, Tammy; children, Hailey, 11, Maria, 9, Lindsey, 7
Employment: Sales manager, Philadelphia Mixing Solutions

Education: Tipton High School, Tipton, 1980; Indiana Wesleyan University, 2008
Organizations: Mount Pleasant Christian Church



Jack Russell
Age: 52
Family: Wife, Brenda; son, Austin, 13
Employment: substitute teacher, Center Grove schools

Education: Center Grove High School, 1974; Purdue University, 1978
Organizations: Emmanuel Church of Greenwood, Center Grove Education Foundation, Center Grove Alumni Association



Harold Sisson
Age: 54
Family: Wife, Cathy; daughter, Libby, 18
Employment: Director of application development with Conesco Services

Education: Brown County High School, 1972; University of Indianapolis, 1990
Organizations: Center Grove band boosters, Center Grove schools facilities advisory committee; high school task force; high school visioneers; representative, Center Grove building corporation



John Steed
Age: 61
Family: Wife, Sherry; adult daughters J.J. and Corrie
Employment: Computer analyst with AT&T

Education: University of Indianapolis, 1969; Purdue University, 1972; Indiana University, 1977
Organizations: Glens Valley United Methodist Church; Buick Club of America; Antique Automobiles Club of America



Carol Tumey
Age: Declined to give age
Family: Husband, Dale
Employment: Field supervisor in education department at Franklin College

Education: Leavenworth High School, (later consolidated into Crawford County High School), 1959; Franklin College, 1963; Indiana University, 1974
Organizations: Center Grove Presbyterian Church; National Athletic Directors Hall of Fame; State Athletic Directors Awards Chair; associate director of Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame; Delta Kappa Gamma Society International; Psi Iota Chi Philanthropic Sorority



William Woodman
Age: 67
Family: Wife, Donna; grown children Rebecca, Geoff, Mike and James

Employment: Retired educator
Education: Niagara Falls High School, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 1959; Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, 1963; Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, 1965; Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, 1973
Organizations: Phi Delta Kappa; Alpha Phi Omega; Alumni Varsity C Club at Capital University

Clark-Pleasant

About the job

Eight candidates are running for two seats on the Clark-Pleasant school board. Here's a breakdown of the position and its duties:

Term: Four years
Pay: \$2,000 per year
Duties included: Developing policies, hiring the superintendent, reviewing and approving the annual budget and hiring employees based on the recommendation of administrators.

About the candidates

Pleasant Township
Area district represents: In the Pleasant Township race, all voters in the school district will vote for one of the five candidates. The candidates for the Pleasant Township seat have to live within the township.



Robin Angle
Age: 39
Family: Husband, Andrew; daughters Emily, 8, and Sara, 3
Employment: Project manager at Eli Lilly and Co.

Education: Whiteland Community High School, 1987; bachelor's degree in biology and bachelor's degree in nursing from IUPUI
Organizations: Society of Clinical Research Associates; the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International; Healthcare Business Women's Association



John Dicken
Age: 33
Family: Wife, Jessica; children, Anthony, 12; Garrett, 10; Abi, 9; Veronica, 9; Aniston, 7; Miami, 3
Employment: Runs Monavie, a business and wellness network

Education: Whiteland Community High School, 1994; attended Northwest College in Powell, Wyo.

Organizations: Indiana Association of Mortgage Brokers; Notary Public of Indiana



Kyle Stephenson
Age: 22
Family: Wife, Tracy
Employment: Maintenance at Rolls-Royce Corp.

Education: Whiteland Community High School, 2004
Organizations: The Restoration Church in Greenwood



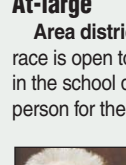
Brian Stubbs
Age: 30
Family: Wife, Jennifer; son Aaron, 1
Employment: Mechanical engineer for Cummins Inc.

Education: Goddard High School, Roswell, N.M., 1996; New Mexico State University, bachelor of science in mechanical engineering
Organizations: Franklin Church of Christ; Society of Automotive Engineers



John Venter
Age: 38
Family: Wife, Jill; son Samuel, 11; daughters Sophie, 6, and Savannah, 4
Employment: Tennis director at University of Indianapolis

Education: Whiteland Community High School, 1989; bachelor of science in mathematics education with a computer endorsement from University of Indianapolis
Organizations: Mount Pleasant Christian Church; Intercollegiate Tennis Association; Professional Tennis Registry; U.S. Tennis Association



Dena Barger
Age: 64
Family: Grown children Tom, Randy, Jamie, Patty "Pepper" Rodriguez, Brad Kates and Justin Allen; Dustin Murray, 16; Taylor Murray, 15; Molly and Jacob Sandine-Barger, 3; and two grandsons

Employment: Owner of Little Creek Family Healthcare in Whiteland
Education: Scottsburg Senior High School; diploma in practical nursing from White River Valley Regional Institute of Ivy Technical College in 1970; bachelor's degree in registered nursing from Indiana University; master's degree in marriage and family therapy and children and adolescent therapy from Butler University

Organizations: Indiana State Nurses Association, American Nurses Association, Risen Lord Lutheran Church in Whiteland



Jeff Brinkman, incumbent
Age: 45
Family: Wife, Rhonda; daughters Amber, 16, and Taylor, 12
Employment: Program manager at Rolls-Royce

Education: Whiteland Community High School, 1982; bachelor of science in mechanical engineering from GMI Engineering and Management Institute in Flint, Mich.
Organizations: None



Ron Ellis
Age: 40
Family: Wife, Cheryl; children Brianna, 10, and Marc, 4
Employment: Most recently chief financial officer for a manufacturing company; now in negotiations to purchase manufacturing company

Education: Graduate of Bloomfield High School; bachelor of science in accounting from Butler University; MBA from Notre Dame
Organizations: Xxxxxx

Edinburgh

About the job

Three candidates are running for two seats on the Edinburgh school board. Here's a breakdown of the position and its duties:

Term: Four years
Pay: \$2,000 per year, plus \$50 for each special meeting outside of the regular schedule of one meeting each month

Duties: Developing policies, determining salaries of all employees, adopting the annual budget after review and evaluating and acting upon personnel recommendations made by the superintendent

Area district represents: The two available seats are town seats, which means that the school board members represent people who live within Edinburgh's town limits.

Total board members: Five
Who votes: All voters in the school district

About the candidates



Robert Burton
Age: 64
Family: Wife, Ruby; grown children, Teresa Denton and Kevin Burton
Employment: Retired; worked as a route representative for Wonder Bread

Education: Attended Edinburgh and Southwestern (Shelby) high schools
Organizations: Masonic Lodge No. 100



Cathy Hamm, incumbent
Age: 55
Family: Husband, Ron; grown children, Chad Hamm and Jill Garris
Employment: Director of Edinburgh Wright-Hageman Public Library

Education: 1971 graduate of Edinburgh High School; 1992 graduate of IUPUC
Organizations: Edinburgh United Methodist Church, Edinburgh Lions Club, Edinburgh Alumni Association and alumna of Leadership Johnson County



Alice Taulman, incumbent
Age: 67
Family: Husband, Larry; grown son, Scott Taulman
Employment: Retired high school counselor and math teacher at the Columbus campus of Ivy Tech and IUPUC

Education: 1959 graduate of a high school in Brooklyn, 1963 graduate of Franklin College, 1973 graduate of Indiana University
Organizations: Johnson County Retired Teachers, Edinburgh Presbyterian Church, Phi Delta Kappa and board member for International School of Columbus

Franklin

About the job

Three candidates are running for two city seats on the Franklin school board. Here's a breakdown of the positions and its duties:

Term: Four years
Pay: \$2,000 per year
Duties include: Setting and amending school policies, adopting the operating budget and tax rate for the district and authorizing the spending of money and hiring the superintendent.

Area district represents: The contested seats represent the city of Franklin within Franklin Township

Total board members: Five
Who votes: All voters in the school district

About the candidates



Gary W. Moody
Candidate did not submit information.



Alan Sundheimer
Age: 35
Family: Wife, Lesly; children Alyxandria, 11, Juan, 11, Tomy, 10, and Alyvia, 8
Employment: Director of quality assurance, regulatory affairs and manufacturing engineering at Promex Technologies

Education: Bachelor's degree and master's degree from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Organizations: Member of American Society for Quality and Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society
Political experience: None



John Wales, incumbent
Age: 37
Family: Wife, Lydia; stepchildren Alisha, 15, and Mark, 13
Employment: Health and safety trainer at Rolls-Royce

Education: Attended IUPUI and Indiana State University

Organizations: Leadership Johnson County, Masonic Lodge 107, Scottish Rite and Central Indiana Association of Training and Development

Political experience: Four years on Franklin school board

Greenwood

About the job

Three candidates are running for one seat on the Greenwood school board. Here's a breakdown of the position and its duties:

Term: Four years
Pay: \$2,000 per year, plus \$100 for each meeting they attend

Duties: Setting and amending school policies, adopting the operating budget and tax rate for the district, and authorizing the spending of money

Area district represents: The available seat is in District 3, which is the area west of U.S. 31.

Total board members: Five
Who votes: All voters in the school district

About the candidates



Steven Moan
Age: 38
Family: Wife, Elizabeth; daughter, Madelyn, 8
Employment: Owns M.E.M. Construction Inc.

Education: 1989 graduate of Greenwood Community High School; 1993 graduate of Butler University; 1995 graduate of University of Indianapolis

Organizations: Greenwood Christian Church



Joe Nichols
Age: 38
Family: Wife, Sharon; stepchildren, Andrea Gibson, 19; Emily Gibson, 15
Employment: Bus driver for Center Grove schools

Education: 1988 graduate of Los Altos High School
Organizations: None



Ray Pier
Age: 62
Family: Single
Employment: Facilities manager for Lincoln Bank
Education: 1965 graduate of Florida Atlantic University

Organizations: Served with U.S. Air Force from 1966 to 1970

Nineveh-Hensley-Jackson

About the job

Five candidates are running for two open seats on the Nineveh-Hensley-Jackson United School Corp. board. Here's a breakdown of the position and its duties:

Term: Four years
Pay: \$2,000 per year
Duties include: Developing policies, reviewing and passing the annual budget and hiring employees based on the recommendation of administrators

Area district represents: The two contested races are at-large seats, which means that candidates can live in any of the corporation's three townships. But according to a board policy, the two people who are elected cannot live in the same township, even if they receive the most votes. Candidates' townships are noted below.

Total board members: Five
Who votes: All voters in the school district, which includes part of Morgan County

About the candidates



Joseph 'Joey' Dallas
Age: 52
Family: Single
Employment: Self-employed farmer and school bus contractor

Education: 1974 graduate of Indian Creek High School, 1978 graduate of Franklin College, 1982 graduate of IUPUI, 1992 graduate of Butler University

Organizations: Member of First Presbyterian Church in Franklin

Township: Jackson



Pamela Gaertner
Age: 51
Family: Husband, Rick; grown sons Nathan and Jeremy Gaertner
Employment: Self-employed seamstress

Education: 1976 graduate of Franklin Central High School

Organizations: Member of Fair Haven Christian Church

Township: Hensley



Bill Ray, incumbent
Age: 77
Family: Wife, Evelyn; grown children Mike, Cindy, Robbie, Debbie, David and Scott
Employment: Self-employed farmer and painter

Education: 1949 graduate of Trafalgar High School

Organizations: Member of Trafalgar United Methodist Church

Township: Hensley



Greg Waltz
Age: 48
Family: Wife, Teresa; children Levi, 16; Christina, 15; Garrett, 9
Employment: Field representative for International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers

Education: 1978 graduate of Indian Creek High School

Organizations: Member of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers, First Christian Church of Morgantown, Indian Creek Brake Backers, past president for the Indian Creek youth baseball and softball league

Township: Nineveh



Paul 'Joe' Wells, incumbent
Age: 49
Family: Wife, Judy; grown children Abigail and Olivia, Margaret, 17, and Emma, 15
Employment: Currently interviewing for employment

Education: 1978 Indian Creek High School graduate; 1982 Indiana University graduate

Organizations: Member of Union Christian Church; Morgantown Lodge No. 358; National School Boards Association

Township: Jackson

Where they stand: Taxes. School building projects. Student achievement. Curriculum. Before you vote, find out where the candidates seeking to run your school district stand on key issues. **Visit the election section at dailyjournal.net for everything you need to know.**