



School board elections

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and military information, and also checked the Colorado Courts database for infractions that would merit further investigation (little turned up, other than traffic violations and debts). We've noted which candidates did not acknowledge questionnaires or give permission to verify their claims.

LEWIS-PALMER SCHOOL DISTRICT 38 TWO CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM



DAVID J. CLOUD

Age: 55
Education: B.S. Mathematics and Engineering Sciences, USAF Academy, 1976; M.S. Aeronautics and Astronautics, Stanford University, 1982; Ph. D. Engineering Science, Oxford University, 1987.
Occupation: Teaching consultant and

co-founder of Teaching Science and Technology, Inc., a company that teaches technical short courses in Space Mission and Satellite System Design to engineering professionals.

Civic involvement: President, Running Bear Townhome Homeowners' Association; former Treasurer, Cub Scout Pack 386, Colorado Springs; former Little League baseball coach and umpire in Tri-Lakes area.

Do/did your children attend public schools? Two sons graduated from Lewis-Palmer High School. Oldest son attended middle school and high school in the district; youngest son attended elementary school, middle school and high school in the district.

Military service: U.S. Air Force, 1976-1995, lieutenant colonel.

Priorities: My top priority is restoring community confidence in district leadership so we can focus on providing a quality educational experience for our children in a fiscally responsible manner. The key is developing a disciplined long-term financial plan that spends taxpayer money wisely and emphasizes teacher compensation while maintaining the quality everyone in D-38 expects.

How to reach you: 488-9635; dbc07@q.com



GAIL WILSON

Age: 66
Education: B.S., Education, Wittenberg University, 1966; Masters in Non-Profit Management, Regis University, 2002.
Occupation: Community volunteer, retired educator and executive director.
Civic involvement: Board president, Tri-

Lakes Center for the Arts; Board president, Colorado Parent and Child Foundation; Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce; Early Childhood Action Committee and Legislative Resolution Committee of Colorado Association of School Boards.

Do/did your children attend public schools? A daughter graduated from Wasson High School.

Military service: None

Priorities: The top priority is student achievement. PK-12. The highest quality education for all students in Lewis-Palmer must be preserved. Students must feel safe at all times. Educators must be treated with respect. Resource allocation must be accountable, reflect these priorities and those in the district vision statement.

How to reach you: 488-1796; gailwilson38@yahoo.com

Web site: gailwilsonforlp.com

Three candidates are running unopposed: Jeffrey Ferguson, Robb Pike (incumbent) and Mark Pfoff (incumbent). All returned their questionnaires, but only Ferguson and Pike signed the release for a check of educational and military claims. All candidates were checked in the Colorado Courts database.

WOODLAND PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT RE2 TWO CANDIDATES FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM IN DISTRICT B



MARK RODHOLM

Age: 42
Education: BA in telecommunications, Indiana University, 1990.
Occupation: Account executive, Sirius Computer Solutions.
Civic involvement: Woodland Park Chamber of Commerce; youth coach Woodland Park Parks and Rec.; member of Woodland Park Christian Church.

Do/did your children attend public schools? One son attends Woodland Park Middle School, another son attends Gateway Elementary.

Military service: None

Priorities: I want a stronger connection between students, educators, parents and community as I believe there is a proven balance of success in our schools as it relates to success in our community. I also wish to continue to support the 21st Century School initiative currently in place.

How to reach you: 719-216-3789

Candidate Rich Wetzel did not return a questionnaire.

Candidates running unopposed: Amy Nieman (District D incumbent); write-in candidate Bill Blackburn (District E incumbent). Neither returned questionnaires.

RE-2 BALLOT QUESTION

Issue 3A: Shall the current Woodland Park School District Re-2 director district plan of School Board representation, in which one director is elected from each of five geographical areas, be changed so that three school board members are elected who live within District elementary school geographic areas — one each from Columbine, Summit, and Gateway — and the other two are elected as at-large members who reside anywhere in the District?

Yes vote: Would allow the school district to switch to three director district seats and two at-large seats for its five-member board. The three districts would follow the attendance boundaries for the three elementary schools. The change is being sought to make it easier to find school board candidates while maintaining neighborhood representation. The change would start with the 2011 election and be phased in over two elections.

No vote: Would retain the current five director districts.

ACADEMY SCHOOL DISTRICT 20 NINE CANDIDATES VYING FOR THREE FOUR-YEAR TERMS



CATHERINE BULLOCK

Age: 43
Education: B.S. in accounting, Brigham Young University, 1987. CPA certification, California, 1990; transferred to Colorado, 1996.
Occupation: Certified Public Accountant, self-employed.

Civic involvement: Parent representative on D-20 Sounding Board, 2002 to present; D-20 school volunteer, 1997 to present; Gleneagle Swim Team treasurer, 2004-07; CES volunteer seminary teacher, 2004-06.

Do/did your children attend public schools? Children currently attend Pine Creek High School, Discovery Canyon High School, Discovery Canyon Middle School and Antelope Trails Elementary. Children also have attended Challenger Middle School and School in the Woods.

Military service: None

Priorities: 1) Fiscal responsibility: It's your money. We can never forget this and we must be conscientious stewards of these funds. 2) Accountability: I believe in being accountable to the people and parents in the district. It's all about the children: They should be the focus of all district policies, decisions and programs.

How to reach you: 351-9511; catherine@bullock4D20.com

Web site: www.bullock4D20.com



TERRY KUNKEL

Age: 60
Education: Associate of Arts, Fullerton College, 1980.
Occupation: Self-employed real estate broker (Realtor).
Civic involvement: Academy School D20 District Accountability Committee, 2003

to present; Chairman of the El Paso County Republican Party 2005-2007; Mountain Ridge Middle School Accountability Committee, currently; reading tutor at Explorer Elementary School last year.

Do/did your children attend public schools? Son attended Frontier Elementary and Mountain Ridge Middle School and graduated from Rampart High School in 2004.

Military service: None

Priorities: To see the complete implementation of longitudinal tracking of each student and to help graduating students understand the true meaning of servant leadership. To continue the excellence of my predecessors.

How to reach you: 332-0642; terry@tdkrealty.com



DOUG LUNDBERG (incumbent)

Age: 61
Education: B.S., Wayne State University, 1970; M.A. in science education, Adams State College, 1985.
Occupation: Retired science teacher from Air Academy High School.
Civic involvement: Current D-20 Board of

Education Director; past member of the state committee to write Colorado state standards; past workshop leader for teachers through the Colorado Department of Education; current assistant at various D-20 sporting events.

Do/did your children attend public schools? One daughter graduated from Air Academy High School and another attends Discovery Canyon Campus.

Military service: None

Priorities: I want to make sure that the D-20 Board represents what our patrons want. District 20 has an excellent reputation not only for academics, but for being reasonable and approaching things in a thoughtful and careful manner. We must continue to approach situations with common sense and not with a single angle approach. The current school board functions as a team. With more than half of the incoming School Board being new, I would like to make sure that we continue to foster team dynamics and that we speak loudly and with one voice.

How to reach you: 488-0485; doug@lundberg.tv

Web site: http://www.lundberg.tv



FRAN REICHERT

Age: 57
Education: Associate in Arts, Camden County Community College, 1972.
Occupation: Community volunteer.
Civic involvement: Academy School District 20 volunteer; volunteer coordinator 2008 Mill Levy Override; D-20 Rocky Mountain

Robotics Team mentor and volunteer coordinator First Robotics Competition, Denver and Atlanta; managed several D-20 school board campaigns.

Do/did your children attend public schools? Son and daughter attended D-20 schools and graduated from Pine Creek High School.

Military service: None

Priorities: Today's students need learning skills necessary to compete in a global economy. My priorities will center around providing those skills with intellectual challenge and as needed instructional remediation. This can be accomplished by attracting and retaining highly skilled teachers, decreasing class size, upgrading facilities and programs, within our current budget.

How to reach you: Phone: 594-6796; flreichert@earthlink.net

Web site: www.franreichert.com



DAN "R12" REIFSCHNEIDER

Age: 45
Education: Aerospace engineering, Iowa State University of Science & Technology, 1986; MBA, Oklahoma City University, 1991.
Occupation: Assistant vice president for

Science Applications International Corporation's Missile Defense Programs.

Civic involvement: Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce, Military Affairs Council; volunteer youth soccer and basketball coach.

Do/did your children attend public schools? Two graduated from Liberty High School; one attends Air Academy High School and one attends Timberview Middle School.

Military service: Air Force, 1986-2007, retired lieutenant colonel

Priorities: My top priority is to ensure a solid education for all the students within District 20. One primary tenet is to support initiatives that encourage more fitness and nutrition within our schools. Our country would reap huge benefits if all students developed lifelong habits of good nutrition and fitness.

How to reach you: 964-5176; elect@dan-r12.org

Web site: www.dan-r12.org



JAMES M. JENISTA

Age: 50
Education: Master's degree, aerospace engineering, University of Notre Dame, 1983.
Occupation: Military exercise planner, North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command.
Civic involvement: Parent volunteer when

children attended D-20 schools; past forensics judge; after-prom volunteer; operate sound board at church.

Do/did your children attend public schools? Three children graduated from Rampart High School; two others attended Mountain Ridge Middle School and graduated from Rampart High School.

Military service: Navy, 1982-2002, retired lieutenant commander.

Priorities: I hope to sustain and improve District 20's excellent academic performance through a mutually supportive combination of teacher accountability (for students' performance), student responsibility (for their own studies), parent involvement (in their children's future), and administrative stewardship (of the taxpayers' dollars).

How to reach you: Cell: 200-4757; Jjenista@aol.com



TRACEY JOHNSON

Age: 46
Education: B.A. in Spanish and political science, Rice University, 1985; J.D., University of Houston Law Center, 1991.
Occupation: Stay-at-home mom.
Civic involvement: Junior League of Colorado Springs; Academy School District 20;

Pikes Peak Rush Soccer Club.

Do/did your children attend public schools? One at Liberty High School, one at Timberview Middle School and one at Ranch Creek Elementary. They all attended Edith Wolford Elementary.

Priorities: I deeply value education and a high quality public education even more so. The impetus for my candidacy and top priority is to nourish, strengthen and further Academy School District 20's successful achievement of delivering a top-notch education to our community's children.

How to reach you: 494-0725; traceyannajohnson@yahoo.com



MARK A. SMITH

Age: 46
Education: B.A., history, California State University Sacramento, 1991; M.A., education, American InterContinental University, 2005.
Occupation: Retired Army officer; substitute teacher for D-20 schools.

Civic involvement: More than 13 years with the Boy Scouts; School Activities Committee at local high school; election judge for 2008 election.

Do/did your children attend public schools? One attends Pine Creek High School and another attends Aspen Valley High School.

Military service: Army, 1982-2006, retired major.

Priorities: My motivation is to provide sound decisions and reinforce standing policies that have made D-20 Colorado's finest district. Amendment 23 and Referendum C is our most pressing issue. Recommend a comprehensive review of current and projected expenditures. Fiscal responsibility is key to meeting needs without compromising achievement and educational excellence.

How to reach you: 598-7149; the.wahiawa.smiths@att.net.



LINDA VAN MATRE (incumbent)

Age: 45
Education: B.S., computer information systems, DeVry Institute of Technology, Kansas City, MO, 1985; Master of computer information systems, University of Denver, 1991.
Occupation: Aquatic fitness instructor at the Briargate Family YMCA.

Civic involvement: Academy District 20 Board of Education incumbent; youth group volunteer, Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church; Co-Chair, Yes for D20 Schools Committee (to pass Mill Levy Override), 2008; D-20 Parent Sounding Board Representative, 2001-02 and 2006-08.

Do/did your children attend public schools? Two attend Rampart High School and one attends Mountain Ridge Middle School.

Military service: None.

Priorities: Ensure that district resources continue to be directed toward student achievement and character development. To that end, I support competitive staff compensation, continued investment in core subject areas, a variety of challenging curriculum options (IB, arts, AP, world languages), and school choice for families.

How to reach you: 528-1634; TalkToLinda@LindaForD20.com

Web site: www.VoteForLindaD20.com



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DAY 2 OF 4 COLORADO SPRINGS DISTRICT 11, HARRISON DISTRICT 2, CALHAN DISTRICT RJ-1

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COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 11 FIVE CANDIDATES VYING FOR THREE FOUR-YEAR TERMS

DELIA B. ARMSTRONG BUSBY

Age: Not given
Education: B.A., English, California State University, 1967; Masters in Education, University of Colorado, 1977; Certification in Governance from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.
Occupation: Self-employed
Civic involvement: District 11 Board of Education, 1999-2003; Board of Directors, Depression Bipolar Support Alliance, 2008-2009; past board member, Pikes Peak Community College; past board member, Urban League.
Did/Do you have children in public schools? Family members have attended Audubon, Mann, East, Wasson and Mitchell.
Military service: None
Priorities: Build a dream school district with the support of the community and under the leadership of the school staffs and families. We have all the tools we need to grow the change we imagine for School District 11.
How to reach you: See Web site
Web site: <http://committeetoelectdeliaarmstrongbusby.bbn.org>



CHYRESE EXLINE

Age: 40
Education: none listed
Occupation: Geriatric administrator/Medicare and Medicaid consultant
Civic involvement: Colorado Springs Diversity Forum Government and Public Affairs Committee; D-11's Eliminating the Achievement Gap Committee; Galileo School of Math and Science Advisory Council; House District 14 candidate in 2008.
Did/Do you have children in public schools? Exline graduated from Mitchell High School; family members have attended Palmer High School.
Military service: None
Priorities: Aside from continuing to address the issues faced by the current school board, I would like to have a clear focus on eliminating the achievement gap, increasing D-11 student enrollment, and encourage more involvement by D-11 parents and the community.
How to reach you: 229-4670; chexline@comcast.net



AL LOMA

Age: 49
Education: B.S. Business/Public Administration, University of Phoenix; M.S., Strategic Leadership, Mountain State University, 2009.
Occupation: Minister/Executive Director, Victory Outreach Ministries.
Civic involvement: Current member Detox Coordinating Council; current member Chief Richard Myers Community Leader's Group; past member of Colorado Springs Charter Review Commission; past member Judicial Advisory Council.
Did/Do you have children in public schools? N/A
Military service: U.S. Army, 1978-1982
Priorities: Researchers have confirmed more teens are dropping out of high school than is being reported and dropouts are more likely to end up in jail. I am committed to using my understanding of at-risk families and advanced education to bring a new perspective to combat these unfortunate truths.
How to reach you: 477-0000; revloma@vocolorado.org



LUANN LONG

Age: 54
Education: Some college, no degree. Mitchell High School graduate.
Occupation: Retired D-11 employee; working transition year.
Civic involvement: Numerous D-11 committees (SCAUS, District Advisory and Accountability - Budget, School Utilization, Start Times, etc.); Red Cross Disaster Action Team Leader; Co-Chair Women Helping Women; PTA President.
Did/Do you have children in public schools? Two children graduated from Wasson high School.
Military service: None
Priorities: I am a native of Colorado Springs. My children and I graduated from District 11, and my grandson is in District 11. I have always worked and fought for a better quality of life for all children. Issues for the coming year are budget, school reconfiguration and boundaries.
How to reach you: Not provided.



SANDRA MANN

Age: 53
Education: N/A
Occupation: N/A
Civic involvement: District 11 Board of Education, current; Downtown Colorado Springs Rotary Club, 2000-2008; Southern Colorado Better Business Bureau Board of Directors, 2000-2008; Suicide Prevention Partnership Board of Directors, 2000-2008.
Did/Do you have children in public schools? Two children attended Grant Elementary, Mann Middle School and Palmer High School.
Military service: N/A
Priorities: Increase graduation rate, close achievement gap, increase D11 enrollment, secure funding for increased teacher/support staff salaries, explore opening vocational-tech specific D-11 high school, increase parental outreach and involvement in student success, increase math/reading test scores for all students, expand innovation and partnerships with community.
How to reach you: 548-0503; mannmedia@yahoo.com

HARRISON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 FIVE CANDIDATES VYING FOR THREE FOUR-YEAR TERMS



DEBORAH L. HENDRIX (incumbent)

Age: 47
Education: Paralegal certificate, corporate law, Roosevelt University; B.S., Howard University, 1983.
Occupation: Customer specialist, Alpine Technology
Civic involvement: School board member, Harrison School District 2; school board member, Colorado Springs Early Colleges; event coordinator and treasurer, Restoration Church; volunteer, Junior Achievement of Southern Colorado.
Do/did your children attend public school? One daughter in 10th grade at Colorado Springs Early Colleges; one daughter in sixth grade at Carmel Middle School.
Military service: none
Priorities: Continue the progress that District 2 has made over the past three years. These priorities include: focus on increasing student achievement with limited resources; maintaining financial stability; recruiting, hiring and training qualified teachers and staff; ongoing pursuit of solving 21st century challenges.
How to reach you: 271-2411; dhendrix635@msn.com



STEVE HESTER

Age: 57
Education: Attended Pikes Peak Community College
Occupation: Lead tech, surgical support, Memorial Hospital.
Civic involvement: Harrison School Board, 1997-2001 and 2003-2007; James Irwin Charter Schools School Board, 2007-2009; chairman, Stratton Meadows Neighborhood Council, 1994-1996; Member School Accountability Committees at Chamberlin Elementary, Gorman Middle School and Harrison High School, 1992-1998.
Do/did your children attend public schools? Son attended Chamberlin Elementary and Gorman Middle School and graduated in 2000 from Harrison High School.
Military service: U.S. Army, 1971-1992, medical specialist (medic), staff sergeant.
Priorities: Providing a quality education to all students, ensuring accountability, and giving parents choices. Not all students are the same, so they need options that fit their needs. Ensure parents, students, taxpayers and staff are valued and treated with respect. Ensure public funds are used responsibly and wisely.
How to reach you: 632-1902; stevehestersr@gmail.com



RICHARD L. PRICE (incumbent)

Age: 64
Education: B.A., education, University of Northern Iowa, 1967; M.A., education, University of Northern Iowa, 1971.
Occupation: Retired principal of Carmel Middle School; Realtor; educational consultant, Gurian Institute.
Civic involvement: Board member, Peak Education; Vice president, Board of Education, Harrison School District 2.
Do you have children? If so, do/did they attend public schools? Two children attended public school in Iowa.
Military service: Army Reserves, Air National Guard 1968-1974.
In 50 words or less, please discuss your top priorities: As a school board member, I will work to increase student achievement and graduation rates, maintain financial stability, support teachers and staff, expand communication and transparency, improve the district's image and be creative in solving 21st century challenges.
How to reach you: 540-9949; rprice@erashields.com
Web site: www.d2leadership.com



LINDA M. PUGH (incumbent)

Age: 58
Education: B.S., nursing, University of Maryland (Walter Reed Institute of Nursing), 1972; M.S., medical-surgical clinical specialist, University of Maryland School of Nursing, 1980.
Occupation: Adjunct faculty, medical-surgical clinical nursing, RN/ADN program at Pikes Peak Community College; nursing instructor for medical-surgical clinical experience (work with second-year students in hospital setting).
Civic involvement: Active in District 2 for 20 years, including parent organizations, accountability, band booster and Positive Behavior Support committees and district wellness and principal hiring committees; continued participation as a community supporter in various committees such as accountability, District Wellness Council, Band Booster; treasurer, School Board for Harrison School District 2; marriage preparation facilitation and music ministry in our church.
Do/did your children attend public schools? Three children attended Harrison School District 2 from kindergarten through high school.
Military service: Major, Army Nurse Corps; called out of retirement for Desert Storm, major, Army Nurse Corps.
Priorities: Continue to help shape the district's growth through: decisions made in the best interest of children; continued growth in academic achievement using best education practices and differentiated data-driven instruction, recognizing and building excellence in education, preparing students for 21st century challenges and maintaining a respectful and collaborative board working environment.
How to reach you: 576-1121



ED RALSTON

Age: 57
Education: B.S., B.A. finance, Regis University, 1996; CIS, Regis University, 2001; M.B.A., University of Phoenix, 2008.
Occupation: High school business teacher, Woodland Park School District.
Civic involvement: Knights of Columbus; The Retired Enlisted Association.
Do/did your children attend public schools? Two younger sons attended Wildflower Elementary School and Panorama Middle School and graduated from Sierra High School.
Military service: U.S. Air Force, 1970-1992
Priorities: First, accountability, believing all levels should be held responsible for their action, since we hold certain groups accountable. Secondly, having teamwork; parents, teachers, paraprofessionals, administration and school board working toward a common goal of educating our students. Thirdly, establish a team from the different areas within the district community on how to reduce district costs.
How to reach you: 232-9093; ieralston@msn.com

CALHAN SCHOOL DISTRICT RJ-1 SIX CANDIDATES VYING FOR THREE FOUR-YEAR TERMS



RACHEL BRITTON*

Age: 34
Education: B.S., zoology, Michigan State University, 1999
Occupation: Stay-at-home mom
Civic involvement: 4-H since 1986; coach of a high school equestrian team in Michigan; Rosemarie Club at St. Mary's Holy Dormition Orthodox Church in Calhan.
Do/did your children attend public schools: Daughters attend Calhan Elementary School.
Military service: N/A
Priorities: My priorities are getting the most out of the school for my children. I would like to help create/maintain a safe and healthy learning environment. I would like to see more parental involvement at the school and would like to foster a working relationship between parents and teachers. I would also like to bring more educational opportunities to our students.
How to reach: 347-3084 or breezenscout@yahoo.com



DAN CROOK

Age: 52
Education: Bachelor of Business Administration, University of Texas at Arlington, 1987.
Occupation: Financial systems consultant, self-employed.
Civic involvement: Living Word Community Church Awana Program Commander; Eastern Plains Youth Basketball Club.
Do/did your children attend public schools? Four sons attend Calhan High School, Calhan Middle School and Calhan Elementary School.
Military service: N/A
Priorities: Having been educated myself in the small town of Derby, Kan., the students in Calhan will always be my No. 1 priority. Having said that, fiscal responsibility, educational excellence, career counseling, community involvement and student religious freedom are all top priorities for me.
How to reach: 347-3163 or dgcpcpa@msn.com



NILE FISCHER

Age: 39
Education: Associate of Applied Science, aviation technology, professional pilot, Aims Community College, Greeley, 1992; B.S., professional pilot, Metropolitan State College of Denver, 1995.
Occupation: Captain, Frontier Airlines
Civic involvement: N/A
Do/did your children attend public schools? Daughters attend Calhan middle and high schools. Son attends St. Paul Lutheran Preschool.
Military service: N/A
Priorities: Students of Calhan School District deserve the best education possible. They need to be able to compete locally, nationally and globally. This requires ensuring the right teachers have the right equipment, tools and training to be successful in achieving these goals.
How to reach: N/A



MARIA P. HERNDON

Age: 45
Education: B.S., mathematics, Colorado State University, 1994.
Occupation: Software quality engineering manager, Lockheed Martin Information Systems & Global Services.
Civic involvement: N/A
Do/did your children attend public schools? Two sons attend Calhan High School.
Military service: N/A
Priorities: My highest priority is providing education resources for our students at all levels. Our youth, as the bounty of our present and future, deserve committed individuals with the ability to make decisions about the resources that continue and improve an education that will take them far into the future.
How to reach: maria.herndon.calhan@gmail.com

SCOTT MIKITA

Age: 38
Education: B.S., agricultural business, Colorado State University, 1994.
Occupation: Owner/operator Mikita Dairy, self-employed.
Civic involvement: Treasurer, St. Mary's Orthodox Church; assistant coach, Calhan baseball and T-ball.
Do/did your children attend public schools? Two sons attend Calhan Elementary School.
Military service: N/A
Priorities: To provide students with a quality education that will enable them to successfully pursue a higher education and/or compete in today's job market. Provide students with best affordable resources: teachers, books and learning programs. We must provide students with a safe, stable environment that stimulates learning.
How to reach: 347-2261; mikitadairy@wildblue.net



TIM (JOE) SWANSON

Age: 50
Education: Bachelor of Science in Human Services, University of Phoenix (Colorado Springs), 2006; Master of Social Work with Trauma Certificate, University of Denver, 2008; Odyssey Training Center (Denver), Substance Abuse Counselor (CAC).
Occupation: psycho-social service provider at Fresenius Medical.
Civic involvement: Founding parent and past board of trustee member of Frontier Charter Academy; past board of director for Youngs child placement agency in Colorado Springs; National Association of Social Workers; past El Paso and Denver County therapeutic foster parent of sexually and physically abused children.
Do/did your children attend public schools? Son and daughter attend Calhan High School; another daughter graduated from Ellicott High School in 2002.
Military service: U.S. Army, 1978.
Priorities: Focus on the importance of continued improvement of CSAP scores and a balanced budget. This will require the incorporation of the teachers, staff, administration and school board with professional development and parent/community accountability with equality for all students and parents.
How to reach: 641-4917; swanson@falconbroadband.net.

* Candidate did not return a release form giving permission to verify educational experience.

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ELLICOTT SCHOOL DISTRICT 22 NINE CANDIDATES VYING FOR THREE FOUR-YEAR TERMS

JENNIFER ADES

Age: 26
Education: Associate of Arts, Veterinary Assistant, Penn Foster University, 2003; Associate of Arts, Massage Therapy, Collinson Massage School, 2002.
Occupation: Single mom, independent beauty consultant for Mary Kay Cosmetics.

Civic involvement: Goal judge, Colorado Association for Blind Athletes, 1997-2001



Do/did your children attend public schools: N/A -- child is 7 months old.

Military service: N/A

Priorities: To help the school district get the education back up to par. When I started school it was one of the top schools and now it's falling by the wayside, education-wise.

How to reach you: N/A

MARYANNA CLEMONS*

Age: 41
Education: Bachelor of General Studies with concentration in Human Services, Fort Hays State University, 2002
Occupation: Freelance marketing/media professional
Civic involvement: N/A



Do/did your children attend public schools? All three children attend Ellicott public schools.

Military service: U.S. Army, 1991-93, PV2
Priorities: Help improve the appreciation of District 22 school teachers for retention purposes and so that they understand they are the backbone of the district; help improve communication between the

administration and the parents and the teachers; help improve the activities and sports available to the kids of District 22.

How to reach you: 683-5202 or clemonsmary@yahoo.com

GARY DAHN

Age: 49
Education: Associate of Arts, University of Maryland, 1985; Associate of Arts, Pikes Peak Community College, 2003; B.A. in Sociology, Colorado State University, 2005.
Occupation: Co-director/program manager/co-owner, Safe Landing Group Center, a state-licensed group center for at-risk teen boys.

Civic involvement: Boy Scouts of America, 17 years; Freemason.

Do/did your children attend public schools? 17 children (including nieces, nephews, grandchildren and adopted/foster children he helped raise) all attended Ellicott schools.

Military service: Retired E-7, U.S. Army (served 1978-2000).

Priorities: Re-establish communication between parents and the school district. To put FUN back in the schools so students and teachers look forward to coming to school. Also important: teacher retention; military relations; budget concerns; quality education; teaching materials;

restoring late route; supporting extracurricular activities; and to listen, consider, take action.

How to reach you: 683-4241; mstrgrnr89@aol.com

STEFANIE DICKINSON

Age: 35
Education: Radiology certification, Memorial Hospital School of Radiology, 1995.
Occupation: X-Ray technologist, Memorial Hospital; construction business owner and bookkeeper.
Civic involvement: Ellicott District Accountability Committee; volunteer in Ellicott Elementary and Middle schools; T-ball coach; former president and founder of Colorado Prairie League of Pop Warner Football.

Do/did your children attend public schools? All three children have attended Ellicott Schools since kindergarten.

Military service: N/A

Priorities: Ellicott's vision is that every student should experience excellence everyday. To achieve this goal, I believe in high expectations and rigorous standards for students and staff. I believe this vision can be obtained by embracing families, fostering strong relationships between the schools and the community, and promoting a trusting, supportive and effective learning environment in our district.

How to reach you: 683-5090; stef@texaslonghorn.com

SHERRY A. FERRIMAN



Age: 42
Education: B.S.B.A., Management and Information Technology Management, TUI University online program, 2005.

Occupation: College enrollment counselor.
Civic involvement: Lay speaker for church; secretary, Program Resources UMW Mile High Pikes Peak District; various volunteer opportunities supporting her children's activities and education.

Do/did your children attend public schools? Daughter attends Ellicott Middle School; another daughter and son attend Ellicott Elementary School.

Military service: U.S. Navy, 1985-2007; E7

Priorities: My top priority is safety. Children must have a safe learning environment in order to learn and do their best. The threats can be internal or external to the school district. Increased safety will result in a better learning environment.

How to reach you: 213-4747; ferriman@elpasotel.net

ROBERT N. MILLER SR.



Age: 73
Education: Ph.D., American College of Metaphysical Theology, 2000 (a nonaccredited institution that issues a Ph.D. certificate for \$249, with a requirement of a short, self-paced course of study)
Occupation: Owner of a group home for at-risk teenage boys.

Civic involvement: Boy Scouts of America; military organizations; Chief of the Freedmen Cherokee Nation.

Do/did your children attend public schools? A son graduated from Ellicott High School in 1994. Three children attend Ellicott Middle School. Eight group home boys attend Ellicott High School.

Military service: Retired Army, 1953-73; E-6 Social Worker.

Priorities: Decent education for all children attending our schools; better communication between school and parents; a better dress code; diversity and change.

How to reach you: 683-3313; friendlyBob1@msn.com

BEA TWISS

Age: N/A
Education: Omaha College of Health Careers, 1981
Occupation: Office manager and dental assistant, now self-employed as private contractor for dental offices; has done substitute teaching for Ellicott School District 22.

Civic involvement: Volunteer with student Pride organizations at Ellicott Middle School; volunteer with middle school academic awards ceremonies; nonmember volunteer with elementary school PTA fundraiser; volunteer with high school academic award ceremonies, 2009.

Do/did your children attend public schools? Daughter and son graduated from Ellicott schools.

Military service: Private First Class, Army

Priorities: Foster a renewed sense of pride in the district, work towards improving overall student assessments, and bring more curriculum options to the district. The expanding local population presents challenges that the community, district and school board need a unified approach to overcome.

How to reach you: 683-3321 or dean_bea_twiss@elpasotel.net

No questionnaires or were received from candidates Gary Lake and Katrina Sutton, and their backgrounds were not checked.

* Did not receive release form to check candidate's educational and military claims.

MANITOU SCHOOL DISTRICT 14

Voters will get ballots with three names for two four-year terms, but only two candidates remain in the race, and they'll fill the seats. Marsha Weimer withdrew, but the ballots already had gone to the printer. Votes for her won't be counted, according to election officials. The two who will fill the board seats are Molly Stevens and Gino Mendoza. Stevens returned the questionnaire and her background was checked; Mendoza did not.

HANOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT 28 RACE 1: THREE CANDIDATES VYING FOR TWO FOUR-YEAR TERMS

MARK "MAC" MCPHERSON



Age: 52
Education: B.S., biology, University of Central Oklahoma, 1982; Master of public administration, Syracuse University, 1993; Master of education, Regis University, 2003; Principal licensure program, University of Phoenix, 2005.

Occupation: Executive Director of Human Resources, Falcon School District 49

Civic involvement: Served as president of Hanover Community Parks and Projects Inc.; coached junior and senior high athletics (wrestling); PTO member and school volunteer throughout children's school years.

Do/did your children attend public school? Two daughters graduated from Hanover Junior/Senior High School, and two daughters graduated from Fountain Fort Carson High School.

Military service: Army, 1975-1999, O4/Major

Priorities: To do what is best for kids. We must ensure that through wise policy governance and sound fiscal management, we hire the most highly qualified teachers and provide them with the most updated curriculum, educational tools and technology required to ensure the success of our students.

How to reach you: 649-4944; mcpherson@elpasotel.net

DAVID L. SLOAN (write-in candidate)

Age: 49
Education: Lewis Palmer High School
Occupation: Owner/operator APCO Computer Services.

Civic involvement: N/A

Do/did your children attend public schools? Son attends Prairie Heights Elementary School.

Military service: None

Priorities: Make sure Prairie Heights Elementary School has what it needs to operate and restore grades four and five. Do what I can to help Hanover School

District succeed at providing the best education possible for all grades.

How to reach you: 510-8390; apcoii@aol.com

HANOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT 28 RACE 2: TWO CANDIDATES VYING FOR ONE TWO-YEAR TERM

The third candidate, incumbent Thomas Humiston, did not return his questionnaire

RIK NORING JR.



Age: 38
Education: bachelor's degree in history, Brigham Young University, 1996.
Occupation: Manager, Corvette Center of Colorado Springs.

Civic involvement: N/A

Do/did your children attend public school? Three children who attend Hanover schools.

Military service: None

Priorities: Encourage more parent and community involvement in our children's education while assisting in making smart financial decisions maximizing existing resources within the district.

How to reach you: 314-9743; rik@corvettecenterusa.com

JIM TYLER (incumbent)



Age: 45
Education: N/A.
Occupation: General manager, Paul Davis Restoration

Civic involvement: Trainer for ACOVA

Do/did your children attend public school? Daughter graduated from Hanover; youngest daughter is at Hanover.

Military service: None.

Priorities: My priorities remain to make sure our district is providing the best/safe educational experience we can for our children. To make sure the district remains accountable to the taxpayers of the district; and to get more of a parent and community involvement in our great district.

How to reach you: 719-252-0568; jdtyler28@aol.com

FOUNTAIN FORT-CARSON DISTRICT 8 THREE CANDIDATES FOR TWO FOUR-YEAR TERMS



DAWN M. BENTLEY (incumbent)

Age: 42.
Education: Fountain-Fort Carson High School, 1985.
Occupation: Records supervisor, Fountain Police Department.
Civic involvement: Vice president, Fountain Fire Department Auxiliary; Treasurer, Fountain Police Activities League.

Do/did your children attend public schools? Oldest son graduated from Fountain-Fort Carson High School, another son and daughter attend Fountain-Fort Carson High School; youngest son attends Aragon Elementary School.

Military service: N/A

Priorities: Aside from focusing on and implementing the board's vision, my priorities will be centered round our student growth population, budgetary constraints, and higher student achievement scores statewide and nationally.

How to reach: 238-0701; firefighterswife24@msn.com

Web site: www.dawnbentleyschoolboard.webs.com



SUZANNE FOSTER (incumbent)

Age: 42.
Education: AAS degree, dental assisting, Pikes Peak Community College, 1987; AAS degree, dental hygiene, Pueblo Community College, 1990.

Occupation: Dental hygienist.

Civic involvement: District 8 School Board member; vice chairperson for the Heritage Special Improvement Maintenance District; volunteer for National Dental Hygiene Month by doing presentations to the local schools in Fountain.

Do/did your children attend public schools? My son attends EagleSide Elementary School.

Military service: N/A.

Priorities: Students first, not only a philosophy of teachers, but as a board member. Investing in our children's future. We need to provide a well-rounded education to include advanced math, science, technology and life skills as well as the arts and athletic programs. We are facing growth in all of our schools and need to be able to provide safe facilities for our students with class sizes at less than 25 students per class. We need to watch our budgets closely.

How to reach you: s.foster@ffc8.org

DALE M. ROUGH III

Age: 36
Education: Associate of Arts, general studies, University of Phoenix, 2006; B.A., education theory, Colorado Christian University, 2008.

Occupation: Medical retirement from Army.

Civic involvement: Volunteer firefighter, Taos, N.M.; reserve police officer, Taos Pueblo, N.M.; assistant coach for MWR Youth Football, Fort Carson.

Do/did your children attend public school? Son attends Fountain Fort Carson High School. One daughter attends Fountain Middle School and the other attends Mesa Elementary School.

Military service: Army, 1996-2005, staff sergeant.

Priorities: It is important that we examine our use of tools such as APEX, CSAP and teacher recommendations. These are great tools when the district interprets their data for the best interest of the students. I support a congruent curriculum and want to open the doors to charter schools which will provide options for our community and students. I am a firm believer in planning and accountability. When a student fails, we fail.

How to reach: 314-8286; dale_rough@hotmail.com



School board elections

DAY 4 OF 4 FALCON DISTRICT 49, MIAMI-YODER DISTRICT JT60, WIDFIELD DISTRICT 3, CRIPPLE CREEK-VICTOR DISTRICT RE-1, PEYTON DISTRICT 23JT, CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT 12, EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT 54JT

WHO'S WHO IN SCHOOL BOARD RACES

Dozens of people from the Pikes Peak region are running for school board seats this year, and we're profiling them, beginning in Saturday's paper and continuing through Tuesday. The main purpose of this guide is to introduce voters to the candidates in the 10 districts with contested races, but we'll also note those who are

running unopposed. All the candidates were sent a questionnaire seeking biographical information and a statement on their priorities. If they didn't return their questionnaires by our deadline, we called to ask whether they received one and offered to resend it. With the candidates' permission, we verified their educational and military

information, and also checked the Colorado Courts database for infractions that would merit further investigation (little turned up, other than traffic violations and debts). We've noted which candidates did not acknowledge questionnaires or give permission to verify their claims.

FALCON SCHOOL DISTRICT 49 SEVEN CANDIDATES FOR THREE FOUR-YEAR TERMS



TAMMY HAROLD

Age: 42
Education: B.S. in human resources, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, 1989.
Occupation: Owner of a bookkeeping business

Civic involvement: PTA member for nine years — president for three years and treasurer for two years at Stetson Elementary; member of the Building Accountability Advisory Committee (BAAC) at Stetson Elementary, Skyview Middle School and Vista Ridge High School, and member of the District Accountability Advisory Committee for D-49; member of the District's School of Choice, Media Policy, Character Education, Charter School Review, Finance, Stetson Wellness and Vista Ridge Planning committees; Junior Achievement instructor at elementary school level.

Do/did your children attend public schools? Oldest daughter attends Skyview Middle School; youngest daughter attends Stetson Elementary.

Military service: None

Priorities: My single belief is that all kids deserve the best education our schools can provide. To this end, we need to support our talented staff to increase student success, develop a long-range strategic plan, improve parents' opportunities to be involved, prepare for growth and communicate with the entire community.

How to reach: 591-6237; tammy4d49@comcast.net

Web site: www.tammyharold.org



JOHN KOSTER

Age: 44
Education: Bachelor of Science, University of Maryland University College, 2006*
Occupation: Systems engineer, L3 Communications

Civic involvement: Organized team to work with Habitat for Humanity; volunteered with Hope International to immunize children in low-income housing around Washington, D.C. and Baltimore; organized Royal Ranger (youth group) Earth Day cleanup at Garden of the Gods; donated services as a cake decorator to the Children Fighting Cancer Christmas Party for kids from Andrews Air Force Base Regional Hospital.

Do/did your children attend public schools? Daughter attends Patriot Learning Center; son attends Skyview Middle School.

Military service: Air Force 1987-2007; master sergeant.

Priorities: D-49 has an overcrowding problem. I will look for ways to reduce overcrowding without wasteful spending. I will build upon programs designed to meet children where they are, when they don't fit into a general education model. Through communication, I will mend the rift many have felt with their board.

How to reach: 649-0994; johnkoster@q.com

Web site: www.electjohnkoster.org

PEYTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 23JT

Three candidates, all incumbents, for three four-year terms: Peter Bates, J.R. Bond and William Nevills. None returned questionnaires.

One candidate for a two-year term: Nicholas Gomes, who did not return a questionnaire.

CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT 12

No election; the district has two candidates for two four-year terms. The seats will be filled by incumbent Phil DeVries and Steve Parker. Both returned Gazette questionnaires and their backgrounds were checked.

EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT 54JT

No election; there are three candidates for three four-year terms: incumbent Jim Burke, Dana Choate and Cheryl McComb. Only McComb responded to The Gazette's questionnaire, and her background was checked.



DANIELLE LINDORF

Age: 31
Education: B.A., communication studies, Brigham Young University.
Occupation: Owns Danielle Decor, creating vinyl lettering designs for homes and offices.

Civic involvement: D-49 Long-Range Planning Committee; D-49 Boundary Sub-Committee (LRPC); board vice president, Banning Lewis Ranch Academy; church youth program for ages 8-11.

Did/do your children attend public school? Two daughters attend Banning Lewis Ranch Academy.

Military service: N/A.

Priorities: Implement a strategic plan for measurably improved student achievement and effectively managed growth. Engage our children more rigorously in the learning process to increase the number of successful and prepared high school graduates. Create better accountability, communication, transparency and community cooperation districtwide. Evaluate individual schools' needs and provide resources for improvement.

How to reach: 597-2682; campaign@votedanielle.org

Web site: www.votedanielle.org



DONAHUE QUASHIE

Age: 46
Education: B.S., business administration, Colorado Technical University, 2007; Executive MBA, Colorado Technical University Online, 2008.
Occupation: Letter carrier, U.S. Postal Service

Civic involvement: Stand-in soccer coach, church volunteer at nursing home, fundraiser for Combined Federal Campaign.

Do/did your children attend public school? A son attended Stetson Elementary School, Skyview Middle School, Sand Creek High School and Colorado Springs Early Colleges. A second son attended Stetson Elementary School, Ridgeview Elementary School, Skyview Middle School and Colorado Springs Early Colleges.

Military service: Army, 1985-97, staff sergeant.

Priorities: Prepare students to be college ready and globally competitive by focusing on academic achievement. This can be achieved by providing a more challenging and engaging curriculum. Also, provide incentives for high-performing teachers, and encourage parental involvement.

How to reach: donquashie@comcast.net

Web site: www.quashieford4.org

MIAMI-YODER SCHOOL DISTRICT JT60

Only two candidates came forward for three four-year terms: incumbent Jim Day and Eric Pfeifer. The board will seek applicants to appoint someone to the third vacancy. Pfeifer returned his questionnaire and his background was checked. Day did not return his.

WIDFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 3

No election; three candidates will fill three four-year terms: Andre Gutierrez, Theresa Watson and Charron Schoeberger. Gutierrez and Watson returned their questionnaires and their backgrounds were checked. Schoeberger did not return his.

CRIPPLE CREEK-VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1

No election; district has three candidates to fill three four-year terms. Those who will take the seats are: incumbent James "Brent" Kennedy in District D, incumbent Karen Casey-Svetich in District E and Claudia Alonzo in District B.

All three responded to The Gazette questionnaire, and their backgrounds were checked.



JON ROWLEY

Age: 50
Education: B.A., elementary education, Adams State College, 1980; M.A., elementary education/counseling, Adams State College, 1986; Educational Specialist, University of New Mexico, 1991.

Occupation: Admissions representative, Johnson and Wales University.

Civic involvement: N/A

Do/did your children attend public school? N/A

Military service: USMC Officer Candidate School, June-July 1978.

Priorities: I would like to see District 49 realize the potential possessed by the educators and staff. I would also like to see that the board of education acts as a cooperative partner in the educational process in the district, acknowledging the professionalism and dedication of the educators.

How to reach: 660-4063; jonr58@yahoo.com



JACKIE VIALPANDO

Age: 40
Education: B.S., nursing, Minot State University, 1999; M.A. in education, University of Phoenix, 2004.

Occupation: School nurse, Colorado Springs School District II

Civic involvement: Volunteer for production of the 2009 Quality of Life Indicators Report; Clinic nurse volunteer, SET; School Advisory Committee, District Accountability Advisory Committee; Mill Levy Override Task Force Oversight chairperson.

Do/did your children attend public school? Daughter attends Sand Creek High School and has attended Horizon Middle School and Remington Elementary.

Military service: Air Force, 1987-93, E4.

Priorities: Increasing student achievement across all grade levels/abilities. District 49's achievement scores have been stagnant for 10 years. D-49's staff has the ability, but needs our help to move forward. I will ensure the board's focus is placed back on achievement and will welcome community involvement.

How to reach: 510-7019; jackievialpando@yahoo.com

Web site: www.jackievialpando.com



CHRISTOPHER WRIGHT

Age: 39
Education: B.S. liberal studies, Regents College, Albany, N.Y., 1997.

Occupation: business owner (contractor FedEx, truck and auto repair)

Civic involvement: PTA president; training officer, U.S. Army.

Do/did your children attend public school? One son attends Falcon High School, one daughter attends Falcon Middle School, five children are home-schooled.

Military service: Army, 1991-2004, Captain

Priorities: Increase transparency within the district, unify and synchronize the administration, school board and community, and build loyalty within the community by trusting and listening to the concerns and desires of the community, administration and fellow board members.

How to reach: 495-2372

Web site: www.wrightforD49.org