

Elmira City School District
Board of Education Candidates
May 21, 2019

*Candidates are listed in the order they must appear on the
ballot as determined by drawing of lots:*

Joshua Palmer
Rose Drake
Ruth Bruning
Sara Lattin
Victor M. Long, Jr.

Joshua Palmer

Education Summary:

Graduate of Elmira Southside High School

Graduate of Mansfield University (Magnum Cum Laude)

Career Summary:

Social Studies Teacher (Elmira City School District)-2002-2005

Financial Advisor/Partner (Swan Morss Insurance)

President/Managing Partner (Swan Morss Insurance/Part of The Dunn Group) -Current

Why I want to serve on the Board of Education:

The purpose behind my running for a second term is that I would like to continue the work that we have started in the district prior to my arrival on the board and since my first term began in 2016. This includes our continued improvement of our state of the art school facilities, our new formation of an Athletic Facilities Committee, and the continued close management of the districts financial health which is paramount to the success of our students, faculty and tax payers within the district. Finally, I look forward to seeing the continued expansion of educational opportunities for students at all levels of learning within the district.



ROSE DRAKE

Education Summary:

B.S. Education-Elementary/Sp. Ed Buffalo State College

Master's Special Education-Mansfield University

Certificate of Advanced Study-School Admin. & Supervision-SUNY Cortland

Career Summary:

Special Education Teacher Buffalo City Schools

Special Education Teacher ECSD

Asst. Principal BMS

Principal, BMS

General Education/Special Ed. Teacher Elmira Alternative School

Sp. Ed. Co Teacher Ernie Davis Middle School

Dean of Students/Acting Asst. Principal Ernie Davis Academy

Why I want to serve on the Board of Education:

I am running for the board of education because I believe every child in our district will be successful if there is a balanced partnership between parents, the community, and the school district. I believe my experience as a parent, community member and former district employee will allow me to nurture that partnership.



RUTH BRUNING

Education Summary:

B.A. Principia College, Illinois (Music; Elementary Education)

M.A. New York University (Elementary Music Education)

Additional Graduate work St. Thomas University, Hamline University, Westminster Choir College, SUNY Potsdam

Career Summary:

Vocal Music Teacher, K-6, Elmira City School District, retired (41 years)

Served at various times on building and district committees including Building Planning; Professional Development; Technology; Report Cards; Building Renovation

Treasurer for Fassett Parent Faculty Organization (PFO)

Currently an Executive Board Member with The Cantata Singers, The Friends of Woodlawn Cemetery and Corning Painted Post Civic Music

Why I want to serve on the Board of Education:

I retired in June, 2018 after a rewarding career in Elmira teaching music and serving in many capacities. I would bring this experience plus my attention to details and organization to use as a Board Member to continue to serve the students, staff and community. I value listening and collaboration to explore ways to enrich the educational experience of the students and staff and to encourage them to aspire to and reach high goals.



Sara Lattin

Education Summary:

Southside High School (1979-1982)

Corning Community College

Empire State College

Career Summary:

Legal Secretary - Keyser Maloney & Winner (1992 -2005)

Executive Secretary - Senator George H. Winner, Jr., NYS Senate (2005-2010)

District Office Director - Senator Tom O'Mara, NYS Senate (2010 – Present)

Why I want to serve on the Board of Education:

I'm seeking re-election to the school board to continue the work of serving the Elmira community. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all stakeholder groups including staff, students, parents, community members and fellow board members. Together we are focused on providing our students with excellent opportunities to graduate from the district both career and college ready, while balancing this with our fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers of Elmira.



Victor M. Long, Jr

Education Summary:

Bachelor of Science in Materials Engineering
BSMTE from University of Alabama @ Birmingham

Career Summary:

Father of 3 girls

Former engineer supervisor from Corning

Currently founder of AVS Inc

President of Fathers Helping Fathers

Why I want to serve on the Board of Education:

To make serving others great again

An advocate for the board is an advocate for our community



Elmira City School District

Four (4) seats on the Board of Education are to be filled at the Annual Budget Vote and School Board Election to be held on May 21, 2019. The three (3) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to three-year terms commencing July 1, 2019 and expiring June 30, 2022, to fill vacancies created by the expiration on June 30, 2019 of the terms of current Board members Lynn Grottenthaler, Sara Lattin, and Joshua Palmer. The candidate receiving the fourth highest number of votes will be elected to fill the remainder of an existing term expiring June 30, 2020

The Chemung County League of Women Voters will sponsor a Candidate Forum on Monday, May 13 at 6:30 pm in the Washington School Gym, 430 W. Washington Avenue, Elmira, NY.

More information on the upcoming Annual Budget Vote and School Board Election can be found on our website:

<http://elmiracityschools.com/budget19-20.cfm>

or by contacting the Elmira City School District at (607) 735-3010.