

**WILLIAMSON CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
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SCHOOL DISTRICT
WILLIAMSON, NY**

**PROSPECTIVE BOARD
MEMBER**



IMPERATIVE

Doing what's right for
children

MISSION

Our mission is to provide a
learning community
that inspires character,
service, knowledge
and wisdom.

VISION

Active learning in a
supportive, respectful
environment



Thank you for your interest in the Williamson Central School District's Board of Education. This brochure has been assembled to provide you with general information regarding a position on the school board.

In order for you to become more familiar with the expectations for school board membership, the New York State School Boards Association compiled the following:

Board of Education Member Qualifications

Board of Education members of the Williamson Central School District must meet the following qualifications:

- a) A citizen of the United States;
- b) Eighteen (18) years of age;
- c) Able to read and write;
- d) A legal resident one (1) year prior to the election;
- e) Cannot be an employee of the Williamson Central School District.

What Makes a Good School Board Member?

The legal requirements for school board membership are few, but qualifications for effective service are many.

- A school board member should have a broad background of experience and knowledge or be ready, willing and able to learn quickly. Intelligence, awareness and sensitivity will see him or her through the intricacies of such issues as school finance, student-employee-community relationships and curriculum. A board member must understand simplistic approaches will not meet the complex challenges imposed by the demands of contemporary education.
- A school board member must be motivated by a sincere desire to serve the community rather than to achieve personal glory or carry out a personal vendetta. Board members must invest many hours in discharging their duties.
- A school board member must be able to provide today's kind of education for today's children. He or she must understand the forces of change in society and foresee their potential effects on the district.
- Tolerant and free of prejudice, a school board member must be responsive to the human needs of individuals and groups. He or she must bear in mind that, as a state official, his or her responsibility is to all the state's children.
- A school board member should be able to defend his or her board's philosophy and goals and withstand the criticism that will inevitably come from people with opposing views. He or she will not confuse a few noisy voices in the community with consensus.

Preparing Your Candidacy

There are several items that you need to be aware of as you prepare your candidacy.

Petition

In order to run for the school board, you will need to complete a petition. This petition must include 25 signatures or the number of signatures that is equal to 2% of last election's voters, whichever is greater.

Calendar/Timeline

The Board of Education Budget Calendar reflects dates that will be important to you as you move through the election process. Dates to be aware of include:

- Date that petitions become available to potential candidates
- Due date for nominating petitions
- Date for drawing of lots for the ballot
- Budget hearing date
- Vote date

A calendar is attached to this brochure.

Resume and Position Statement

Prior to the election you will want to develop a resume and position statement. You may share these with the local newspapers. You will also have an opportunity to provide information for the District's "What's Happening" publication. The goal is to communicate your position to the public so that they can best understand your desire to become a member of the Board of Education.

Budget Hearing

At the budget hearing, you will be introduced to the public. You will have the opportunity to make a comment and the audience will be able to ask questions of you.