

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

EASTON AREA

(City of Easton, Borough of Riegelsville, Townships of Forks, Palmer, Lower Mt. Bethel)

REGION I

Palmer Township, 8th West Ward in the city of Easton

Term: 4 years

Vote for not more than two

Democrat/Republican

Cross filed

BILL WHITMAN

<http://www.facebook.com/bill-whitman-forSchoolBoard>

D.O.B. 1953

EDUCATION: Easton High School, 1971 Diploma; Kutztown State College, 1976 B.S; East Stroudsburg University 2000 M.ED

OCCUPATION: Retired

QUALIFICATIONS: EASD Teacher, 10 years; EAHS Grade Level Principal, 13 years; Parent of 2 graduates of EAHS; Grandparent of 2 current students attending EASD

RESPONSE: My challenge is to insure our students receive a world-class education using the latest technology in modern, safe surroundings, and at the same time hold the line on spending and avoid tax increases. Can both scenarios be realized? I promise you, the taxpayer, that I will not vote to approve any new spending unless I have personally scrutinized the proposal and I find a compelling reason to do so.

ROBERT FEHNEL

D.O.B. 1955

EDUCATION: 1973 Easton H.S. grad; Computer Science Assoc NNC

OCCUPATION: Director Print & Mail Operations

QUALIFICATIONS: My work experiences have provided me with much knowledge that is beneficial when looking at School District business operations. I have served over 32 years on local School Boards, the Northampton Community College and other college boards. During my years on these boards I have held various leadership positions.

RESPONSE: Major **issues** are providing a quality education at an affordable cost. As you look deeper it is about strategic planning which includes what students will need in the future, maintaining facilities, and the ability to hire and maintain a qualified staff. We must also consider the community's expectations, and ability to afford the plans. I also have a concern about our retired citizens and their ability to afford tax increases.

JODI HESS

No response

KERRY MEYERS

D.O.B. 1954

EDUCATION: EAHS graduate class of 1972

OCCUPATION: Asst. supervisor Lafayette College

QUALIFICATIONS: Past member of board 2005 and 2007, 2011

RESPONSE: To make everything the board of education does is transparent and looking out for the taxpayers. Make sure our children get the best possible education. Make sure the staff gets what they need to make that happen, to support the superintendent in his quest to get the best quality education for the children of Easton Area School District.

REGION II

Riegelsville, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Wards of the city of Easton

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Democrat

MICHELLE B. PRICE

Republican

No candidates

REGION III

Lower Mt. Bethel Township; Independent District, Forks Township, 3rd, 6th, 7th, and 8th Ward Eastern District in the city of Easton

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Democrat/Republican

Cross filed

EDWARD KEEGAN

D.O.B.: 1957

EDUCATION: 1980 B.S. Iowa State University; 2001 M.A. Rutgers; 2009 Ed.D. Rutgers

OCCUPATION: Instructor IET Task Force Lehigh-Carbon Community College

QUALIFICATIONS: 35+ years in K-12 Public Education; served as teacher, supervisor, assistant principal, principal, and superintendent; 2014: Child Assault Prevention Administrator of the Year

RESPONSE: I believe the biggest issue our school district faces is school violence. Besides the obvious safety concerns for both staff and students, school violence takes time away from educational endeavors. We need policies and programs that empower students so that they will help create a safe and nurturing (SP) environment where our administrators can focus on educational issues and our teachers can efficiently deliver curricula. Eliminating violence in our schools will absolutely improve educational outcomes.

THOMAS M. FLEMING

No response

