

**NAZARETH AREA
SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

(Boroughs of Nazareth, Stockertown, Tatamy; Townships of Upper Nazareth, Lower Nazareth, Bushkill)

REGION I

Bushkill Township, Tatamy Borough & portion of Palmer Upper West

Term: 4 years

Vote for not more than two

/Democrat/Republican

Cross-filed

**KENNETH N. BUTZ JR.
JOSEPH D. VASKO**

REGION II

Lower Nazareth Township & Upper Nazareth Eastern District

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Democrat /Republican

Cross-filed

ADAM McGLYNN

REGION III

Nazareth1,2,3, Stockertown Borough, Upper Nazareth Western Division

Term: 4 years; Vote for one

Democrat/Republican

Cross-filed

KATHRYN ROBERTS

No response

GREGORY C. LEH

D.O.B. 1960

EDUCATION: Graduate Nazareth Area High School 1978; BA Moravian College 1982, Business Management, minors Accounting, Religion; MBA DeSales University 1993, concentration Marketing

OCCUPATION: Coordinated Health: Associate V.P. Sports Medicine & Performance (April 2018-present); Senior Directory of Marketing (Nov 2016-April 2018)

QUALIFICATIONS: 36 YEARS Business experience in sales, marketing and Operations; Led Marketing organizations with \$300+ million in sales and service revenue; Member Board of Trustees, Nazareth Blue Eagle Education Foundation 2018-present; ///

RESPONSE: As a long-term resident of Nazareth, graduate of NAHS'78 like my parents, my grandparents, brothers and other family, I am very familiar with the importance of educational quality in a school district. As well as 2 of my children graduated from NAHS and now my two granddaughters are in the district. I have a vested interest to help maintain the education quality here.

My 36 years of business experience has prepared me to make decisions and deal with a wide array of issues involving taxes, labor administration and education policy.///

REGION III

Term: 2 years

Democrat

KATHRYN ROBERTS

No response

MICHAEL PITTARO

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D.O.B. 1966

EDUCATION: Ph.D – Capella University, 2016; M.P.A – Kutztown University, 2000; B.S. - Kutztown University, 1989

OCCUPATION: Associate Professor, American Military University (Full-time)

Adjunct Professor, East Stroudsburg University

Adjunct Professor, Northampton Community College

QUALIFICATIONS: 8 years teaching experience; 30 years of proven leadership in education and government; Father of two children in the NASD.

RESPONSE: Narrowing it down to a simple issue is challenging. There are so many issues that warrant our attention – classroom size; impoverished students; pros / cons of technology; bullying; students' physical / mental health; fiscal responsibility. Regarding the above, student readiness to enter college or the workforce must be addressed, which would require evaluating the aforementioned to ensure our children's future success.

Republican

KATHRYN ROBERTS

NORTHAMPTON AREA SCHOOL DIRECTORS

REGION I

Allen and Lehigh Townships

Term: 4 years

Vote for not more than two

Democrat/ Republican

Cross-filed

JOHN E. BECKER

EDUCATION: Graduate – Northampton High School 1971, Graduate – East Stroudsburg University -1975

OCCUPATION: Retired teacher

QUALIFICATIONS: Teacher – 37 years, School board member – 3 yrs

RESPONSE: The major issue facing education is funding the increasing demands placed on public education. These would include Special Education, PSERS and charter schools. Our local board must continue to work with our state representatives to help meet the increase in funding these areas demand. Along with these demands we must find ways to make efficient use of our tax dollars without placing an undue burden on our taxpayers.

ROBERT MENTZELL

D.O.B: 1952

EDUCATION: William Allen High School, 1970; Ursinus College, 1974, B.A. History; Lehigh University, 1978, M.A. History

OCCUPATION: Retired teacher

QUALIFICATIONS: 38 years as a secondary Social Studies classroom teacher in NASD. Currently, an NASD School Board.

RESPONSE: I feel the major issue facing any school board today is to provide a quality education to all students while keeping a rein on expenditures. My 38 years as a secondary teacher in the NASD have given me a classroom experience that provides me with a unique perspective to enable this district in a positive educational direction. These are many goals which I hope are worthy of your support.

BARBARA J. KNOLL

No response

REGION II

Borough of Northampton and East Allen Township

Term: 4 years; Vote for one

Democrat/Republican

Cross-filed

MICHAEL BAIRD

REGION III

Boroughs of Chapman and Bath and Moore Township

Term: 4 years; Vote for not more than two

Democrat/Republican

Cross-filed

DAVID GOGEL

JIM CHUSS