



PLATTSBURGH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

On Tuesday, May 16, 2023, voters head to the polls to vote for a school budget, student ex-officio and elect three school board members.

Below are short biographies on the candidates, giving us some background information about themselves and what their motivation/vision is to serve on the School Board of Education.

<p><u>John T. Palmer</u></p> <p>I am a life-long resident of Plattsburgh and as a parent to a child currently enrolled in the school system, I have a vested interest in striving for educational excellence and equity for all students.</p> <p>I have been the proud owner and operator of a local small business, Tech Cellar, for the last nine years. I am a motivated professional with a special interest in data recovery and micro soldering. I strive to provide exemplary technological support</p>	<p><u>Robert “Bobby” Hall, Jr.</u></p> <p>I have been a lifetime resident of the City of Plattsburgh. I attended Plattsburgh City School District and graduated from PHS in 1984. I was an officer with the Plattsburgh City Police Department and retired in 2016 after 30 years of service to the city. My wife, Jamie, and I chose to live in the city to raise our two children. Our daughter and son graduated from Plattsburgh in 2012 and 2014 respectively. I was an active member of the Family School Association/Organization at Glasgow and Oak</p>	<p><u>Dr. Nathaniel Meuser-Herr</u></p> <p>I am a pediatrician and parent with two young children at Glasgow Elementary. I'm a former north country farm kid and graduate of a small high school 3-hours west across the Adirondack park. Almost 20 years later, I've chosen to return to the region with my young family for many reasons, schools included! I now work for UVM and CVPH as a faculty physician teaching students and medical residents, and providing hospital care for newborns and children. Prior to</p>	<p><u>Rod Sherman</u></p> <p>I have been connected with the PCSD since 1967 as a teacher, parent, and grandparent. I taught mathematics and computer science at Stafford and PHS for 45 years. Meeting former students at events, on the streets, and stores of Plattsburgh is a very heartwarming experience. From 1973 thru 2012 I was the Plattsburgh Teachers Association President. During that time, with others, I worked on many broad-based issues including, curriculum, school funding,</p>	<p><u>Ben Arts</u></p> <p>I graduated from SUNY Plattsburgh and started working for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals. Shortly after, I met my wife and knew I was destined to be rooted in Plattsburgh. We started our family and have 2 boys that attend PHS and SMS. They have kept us busy with school activities and sporting events. I work for Medisca as the Quality Manager and oversee teams in Plattsburgh and Texas. I have 15+ years' experience working with regulatory agencies maintaining compliance, budgets</p>	<p><u>Shauna LaDue</u></p> <p>I have been a resident of the City of Plattsburgh for 25 years. I have two daughters, Morgan (class of 2025) and Clare (class of 2037) who will both be graduating from PHS. I work for the United States Postal Service as a city mail carrier.</p> <p>If I am elected to serve on the PCSD School Board, I will push for transparency for the tax payers of the community. I will advocate for the children of the district in all aspects of their education and</p>	<p><u>Clayton “Clay” Morris</u></p> <p>Educating a child allows each the opportunity to conquer the world. I have been on the board for over 20 years. It is a privilege right behind marrying my wife Gail, a teacher of 37 years, and raising my two daughters, Gretchen and Sabrina, both teachers. As a small business owner, it is with pride that I am a part of a family of educators. We are all proud graduates of PHS. Our school district has many positive attributes: a wide range of class electives, after</p>
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<p>and services to the community. Additionally, I have many years of professional experience managing staffing, scheduling, maintaining and organizing stock, and interacting directly with the general public.</p> <p>My experiences as a student, community member, parent, and local business owner has allowed me to gain a unique perspective to help guide the district towards fostering success in considering the interests of all students and families.</p>	<p>Street Elementary. I served as a parent representative of the Stafford Middle School SIP Committee and as President of the FSO.</p> <p>I was first elected to the school board in 2013. My motivation for running for a board seat was to serve the community of Plattsburgh. I hope to continue to advocate for the education of the district's children. I will continue to support the staff and programs that are offered throughout the district. I believe in working with fellow board members to provide school policies and district budgets that produce the best students possible.</p>	<p>Plattsburgh, my family has lived in Minneapolis and Syracuse.</p> <p>Living in Plattsburgh has connected us with a welcoming and engaged community. We appreciate our neighborhood schools and their vital role in bringing people together, especially post-pandemic. This motivated me to serve on the school board to further promote the well being of our youth and families.</p> <p>My vision as a school board member is to bring a professional and community informed perspective on child and teen health to board discussion and school policies.</p>	<p>legislation, and staffing/personnel.</p> <p>One of the major accomplishments was co-authoring contract language that created the building SIP (School Improvement Planning) Committees and the DWEIC (District-Wide). These committees give all stakeholder groups a voice in decisions that improve our student's education experience.</p> <p>My experience and history have been very helpful in my current role as Board of Education member from 2013 thru today.</p> <p>Currently, I serve on the district facilities, and budget committees and am our representative to the New York State School Boards Association.</p> <p>If re-elected to the Board of Education, I will work with my contacts in support of public education, its funding, staffing, and curriculum to maintain</p>	<p>and balancing the needs of employees with business needs.</p> <p>I want to be a member of the Board of Education to help shape the policies and programs that develop, protect and encourage our children and staff. Programs need to be welcoming to all kids and not discourage students from joining. Support for these programs need to be balanced and fair so that all groups feel seen and heard. As a parent of a child with special needs, I've seen where the school programs helped him thrive, but I've also seen programs that lack inclusion. I want to be an advocate for change to make programs inclusive for all and give the teachers and staff the tools needed to help our children succeed.</p>	<p>extra curricular activities. And I believe that all of the faculty and staff in our schools should be treated with the same level of respect, regardless of the position that they hold.</p>	<p>school programs and intramurals across all grade levels, a successful district wide music program, sports offerings that exceed most districts and extensive summer programs. We work to maintain free breakfast and lunch for all students. Plattsburgh also has a history of hiring amazing teachers to educate our children.</p> <p>I am proud to have actively participated and continued that process during my tenure on the board. With all that our school does, there is still room for improvement. Our children need to feel safe in our schools, yet prepared. Their mental health needs to be a priority. We need to continue to grow with the changing technology across all levels in the district. Parent involvement and communication are necessary. Over the last 20 years, the community has trusted my skills of business, listening to</p>

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