

*The enclosed information was submitted by the candidates electronically and is presented below as submitted with the exception of the contact information, which has been standardized to appear in the same location for each candidate.

Robert E. Barnes

Born in Ellis Hospital in 1962.

1985 Graduate of Norwich University with BS in Business Management

Former Army Officer with 12 years service

Employed W/ State of NY- Auditor/Contract Management Specialist

3.5 Years W/ Education Dept. and 3.5 Years - Currently W/OSC

Married 15 years to Carlita; Father of Michael, Riley and Connor

I am running for school board to serve all the voters of Schenectady, not just those from special interest groups. As a City taxpayer, I too feel the burden of school taxes. I vow to scrutinize any proposed tax increase. There has to be another way and I intend on finding it! The school board must come up with a long term fiscal plan to be competitive again, through tight budget controls.

I believe our schools have a bright future ahead, but progress depends on the School Board and its responsibility to work with the people. The current School Board members have not been accessible and have not served your best interest.”

Open communication has been an ongoing problem between the School Board, Administrators, Teachers, Staff and Students. I truly believe in open communication with everyone. With ALL the tools we have to Communicate, there is NO excuse not to!

“I would like a chance to restore accessibility, honesty, and integrity to the Schenectady City School Board.”

Robert can be reached at 1131 Earl Ave. (12309), at (518) 372-0011, or by email: barbobli@aol.com.

Maxine Brisport

I have a distinct combination of experiences, which makes me uniquely qualified to continue as a board member for the Schenectady City School District. I have held a visible presence within the Schenectady School District for almost two decades. I am also a School Psychologist in the Troy School district. During this school year, I have been instrumental in making several necessary changes and have created more communication and transparency within the district. I created the new Budget

Advisory Committee to ensure community involvement in the budget process. I am also the chairperson of the Academic Achievement Committee. Overall, I am an active community member and a constant presence at meetings and events throughout our city. I currently serve on the board of

Maxine Brisport Cont.

the Schenectady County Youth Bureau and serves as the Vice President of the board of Schenectady Community Action Program (SCAP). I am a trained Girls Scout Leader and a trained mentor with the Schenectady Boys and Girls Club.

As a School Board Member I always keep the “public” in public education and understands that student achievement is the first priority. This emphasis means that policies and resources of our schools are targeted to promote achievement for all students. I know that not all students walk through the school doors with the same needs. I am very attentive to the community’s need for change. Therefore, it is my goal to create a renewed sense of optimism within the school district and in the community. Overall, the community expects measurable results from their tax dollars.

I earned a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from Baruch College in 1985 and a Masters in Education with and Advanced Certification in School Psychology from Brooklyn College in 1987. I live in the Woodlawn neighborhood with my husband and two children.

Maxine can be reached at 150 Manchester Road (12304), at (518) 330-3763 or by e-mail: mbrisport@aol.com. You will find me on the ballot at position #9.

Matthew Brockbank

All my life I have been a member of this community; I grew up here, went to school here, made friends here and finally graduated from Schenectady High in 2005. I went on to obtain a bachelors degree in Sociology from Rutgers University while at the same time found a passion for the culinary arts. This passion has subsequently brought me back to the place I grew up and I have since made it my mission to give back the same amount of love and compassion I received all these years.

I was raised with a golden rule, “do unto others as you would have them do unto you”. It is my intention to live by that rule every day of my life and to carry that philosophy over to the Board of Education. I treat people with respect because they deserve it, not because they demand it. While in college I was a community leader as the President of my scholastic fraternity and learned to hold people accountable for their actions. It was also my responsibility to help create a fiscally sound budget and organize many philanthropic events to benefit the community. If elected I will continue to bring these novel ideas to the Board as a way of bringing pride back into our great district.

I have always been an optimist of sorts, I don’t like to put people down or act in a negative fashion. It is because of this idea that I will always highlight the positive aspects of our district while pursuing solutions to existing problems. Anyone who really knows me understands that I have the district’s best interests at heart, meaning that I will put the students first and politics last. I had a tremendous education as a student that made me the person I am today and I want the many generations after me to have the same opportunities.

Matthew can be reached at 1494 Wendell Ave. (12308) at (518) 470-6568 or by email: mattbrockbank@gmail.com.

Andy Chestnut

Andy Chestnut was born at Bellevue Maternity Hospital in 1953. He attended Howe, and graduated from Zoller, Oneida, and Linton. He spent a year studying abroad in Geneva, Switzerland. He received his BS in Humanities and Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1976, returned to Schenectady and was hired by GE. He graduated from GE's Financial Management Program in 1979, and worked three years as a GE Corporate Auditor. He was transferred to Pittsburgh, to Cleveland, and back to Schenectady by GE Apparatus Service, then on to Paris as part of GE Medical Systems. In 1991 he joined Sanofi in New York City as its Controller for North America, later Chief Financial Officer and VP of Strategic Planning for Sanofi's US cosmetics and fragrance operations. He began MBA studies at Columbia Business School, graduating in 2001, a year after his subsidiary was divested and his job eliminated. He founded a startup company, unsuccessfully. His last corporate job was with a French luxury crystal company's US affiliate as Chief Operating Officer.

In 2003, he survived an emergency appendectomy - and reflected. He was tired of corporate life. After his son graduated from high school the following spring nothing would be holding him in Westchester. He and his wife Heather returned to Schenectady in 2004. He enrolled at UAlbany's School of Social Welfare, receiving his MSW in 2006. Since then, he has worked as a psychotherapist at Samaritan Counseling Center and served on boards at Bethesda House, Hometown Health Foundation, and First Reformed Church. He and Heather (married 28 years) have two children, both residents of New York City. Christina (MIT '06) is 26, married, and works as a tutor to school-age kids. Zachary (Dartmouth '08) is 24 and works as a management consultant.

Andy can be reached at 1286 Wendell Ave. (12308), Web site: www.andychestnut.com, Phone: (646) 258-2628 or by email: atrammellc@me.com.

Catherine A. Lewis

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, I am a graduate of Withrow High School and Ohio Wesleyan University and hold an MBA and Certificate of Finance from Union College's Graduate Program. I am also a graduate of General Electric's Financial Management Program and am qualified to be a CPA. I have worked for General Electric in various financial positions and am currently a senior tax manager.

It has been my pleasure to be involved in Schenectady for a number of years. I served on the City Council from 2002-2005 and currently serve on the Board of Directors for several civic organizations, including the YWCA, Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York, Carver Community Center, Project SAFE, Hometown Health Center and Habitat for Humanity of Schenectady County, among others. I have served on the school district's audit committee since 2006. I have been active in my church as a deacon, elder, Stephen Minister, and chair of the finance committee.

I am seeking a position on the School Board with certain concerns but also guarded optimism. Those concerns involve the leadership, the transparency of Board decisions, the district's financial situation and problems with low graduation rates. I am guardedly optimistic because I know of the excellent programs and good stories in the schools. We need an effective, efficient school system that educates all children so they can pursue their goals as tomorrow's workers, entrepreneurs, parents, citizens and leaders.

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Ronald C. Lindsay

I was born and raised in Niagara Falls, New York. After graduating from LaSalle Senior High School, I attended Roberts Wesleyan College and earned a Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in psychology. Prior to matriculating at the University of Illinois, I worked as caseworker for the Niagara County Department of Services. In 1969 I earned a Master of Social Work and moved to Schenectady to begin a 36-year tenure with Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth. As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, I spent many of those years in management, administration and program development for youth and their families.

I'm married and we have four children who graduated from schools in the Schenectady City School District (SCSD). When they were attending Van Corlaer Elementary School, I was very active in the PTO. Between 1984 and 1991, I served on the School Board for SCSD, including three years as President. My career in social work and volunteering has been characterized by: integrity, accountability, visibility, openness, financial soundness and strong decision making.

As a retiree, I'm an active member of Union Presbyterian Church and volunteer at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, SICM's Summer Lunch Program and the Vale Cemetery Association. I also serve on SCSD's Budget Advisory Group, Audit and Policy Committee. In addition, I attend the District's Board Meetings and study sessions as well as visit the schools.

Ronald can be reached at 1550 Kingston Avenue (12309), at (518) 374-8502 or by email: rlindsay@nycap.rr.com.

Barbara Metcalfe

My name is Barbara Metcalfe and I live at 152 Ray Avenue with my husband Michael and our two children, Alexandra and Curtis. My daughter Alexandra is in 10th grade at Schenectady High School and my son Curtis is in 7th grade at Central Park International Magnet School.

I am a graduate of the South Colonie School District with a Regents diploma. After graduation I attended Hudson Valley Community College and then went on to SUNY at Albany majoring in Political Science with a minor in Accounting. I have spent my entire professional career as an accountant for many small family owned and non-for-profit companies throughout the Tri-cities.

Since my daughter started kindergarten at Howe Magnet School, 11 years ago, I have been an active member of the school's PTO and the school community as a whole. As my children grew and became more active so did I. I have been a chairperson for many of the activities sponsored by the PTO which directly benefited the students. I have chaired School Banking, the Scholastic Book Fair, International Dinner, and the June Fun Fair. I have also served on the PTO Executive Board as a PTO officer for the past 6 years. I have been an active participant with many different groups that promote youth activities including the Schenectady Soccer Club and the Schenectady Youth Hockey Association. I am also a mentor for the non-for-profit organization "To Life" which supports Breast Cancer Education and was a Girl Scout leader for 13 years.

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Ann Reilly

Ann Reilly is a lifelong Schenectady resident. She and her husband, Dr. Donald Liebers, are both graduates of Schenectady schools. They and their four children, all of whom attend Schenectady City Schools, live at 4 Morris Avenue.

After earning a BSW from SUNY Albany, Ann worked as a family worker with families whose children were mandated to be in day care due to abuse or neglect. She subsequently worked with adolescent girls in a locked facility, and in adult mental health before staying home with her children.

She has served on the Boards of The Friends of The Schenectady Museum, the Montessori School of Schenectady and the Schenectady City School District Educational Foundation. Ann is a leader of two Girl Scout Troops and has held several other volunteer and paid positions within Girl Scouts, including Trainer and Service Unit Manager. She is Vice President of SGS Rowing Association, a youth rowing organization serving students from Schenectady, Scotia-Glenville and Guilderland schools, and is a US Rowing certified coach. Ann also serves on the City of Schenectady Industrial Development Agency Board, and the Schenectady City School District Fine Arts Committee.

Ann can be reached at 4 Morris Ave. (12308), at (518) 374-6808, or by email: annmreilly.liebers@gmail.com.

Kennard Singh

Kennard Singh of 1321 Santa Fe Street, is seeking his first term on the Board of Education.

"I have a vested interest in the Schenectady City School District, since I have two kids of my own in the school system. I want to play an active role in improving the education standard, safety and the graduation rate of all students in high school. I decided to run for the School Board because I want to give back to the City of Schenectady, which is my home for more than eight years now. If elected I know I can help to improve the quality of education and reduce the tax payers burden. I have no hidden agenda and will be prepared to listen to both sides of the conversation and work with board members to achieve real solution."

*The information about Mr. Singh was obtained from the Schenectady City Schools website.

Kennard can be reached at 1321 Santa Fe Street (12303), at (518) 393-0910 or by email: c6180ks@verizon.net.

Budget Vote: Tuesday, May 18

Polling Places are open: Noon - 9 p.m.

If you are not sure where to go to vote, please call 370-8100 X 40116

Four seats are up for election and there are nine representatives running for these seats.

The top two vote-getters will enter in to three year terms (2010-2013) and will be sworn in on July 1, 2010.

The candidates with the third highest number of votes will serve the remainder of Joyce Wachala's term, which runs through 2012.

The fourth highest vote-getter will fill the remainder of Jim Casino's term, which ends 2011.

Both the third and fourth place vote-getters will take office on May 19, 2010.

Voter Registration

All voters must be registered with the Schenectady County Board of Elections before 5 pm on the day of the vote.

Voter Eligibility

You are eligible to vote if you are a U.S. citizen, 18 years or older and a resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to the vote.

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Schenectady County residents will be able to watch 'Meet the Candidates' on Open Stage Media Channel 16 and also streamed on the web at www.openstagemedia.org

Air dates for both the Channel 16 and streamed forum viewings are:

Weds. - May 12th at 7pm

Thurs. - May 13th at 9:30pm

Sat. - May 15th at 7:30pm

Mon. - May 17th at 1pm

If your question was not answered this evening, you are encouraged to contact the candidates directly, prior to the election, so that you may make an informed decision at the polls on Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

**The League of Women Voters
of Schenectady County presents**

Meet the Candidates Night

**Schenectady City School District
Board of Education**



Date: May 11, 2010

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Black Box Theatre,

Moderated By: Roberta Steiner

www.schenectadylwv.org

Polling Places Election Districts

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District 1

City Hall
Jay Street
Districts 1, 2, 3, 4

District 2

Yates Magnet School
Salina Street
Districts 5, 6, 7, 12

District 3

Zoller Elementary School
Lancaster Street
Districts 8, 9, 10

District 4

Schenectady High School
Entrance at Student
Parking Lot Near Gym
Districts 11, 17, 18

District 5

Elmer Avenue Elementary School
Eastern Avenue Entrance
Districts 13, 15, 16, 28

District 6

Price Chopper Community Room
1639 Parkway
Districts 19, 27

District 7

Central Park Middle School
421 Elm street
Districts 22, 23, 24, 25

District 8

Paige Elementary School
Elliot Avenue
District 20, 46

District 9

Woodlawn Elementary School
Wells Avenue
Districts 14, 21, 47, 48

District 10

ML King Magnet School
Stanley Street Entrance
Districts 26, 29, 30, 31, 32

District 11

Mont Pleasant Middle School
Forest Road
Districts 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38,
39, 40
Rotterdam District #10

District 12

Fulton Early Childhood Center
Eleanor Street
Districts 41, 42, 43, 44, 45