

LWV VOTERS GUIDE

HOUGHTON COUNTY CANDIDATES

Candidates were asked to summarize their backgrounds in 50 words and were allotted 100 words to answer Question 1, 100 words for Question 2 and 100 words for Question 3.

If the candidate did not respond by the required date for publication (September 23rd), only the name will appear. Candidate names appear in alphabetical order.

The following questions were asked of State, County, City and Village candidates:

Question 1

What issues facing your community are of most concern to you?

Question 2

What would you like to accomplish in this position?

Question 3

What local fiscal resources can we tap and how would you use them?

CLERK/REGISTER - TWO YEAR TERM, 1 POSITION

Name: Jennifer Kelly Lorenz
Party: Democrat

No Response

No Response

No Response

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – TWO YEAR TERM, 1 POSITION

Name: Rick Kasprzak
Party: Democrat

Occupation: Chef
Education: Apprenticed under Chef Pete Jacobs in Apache Junction, AZ from 2001-2004

Background Information: I've been a manager in various areas of the service industry for 15 years. I wrote sports for the Daily Mining Gazette in 1997-1998. I'm a regular volunteer for highway cleanup and for such entities as the Copper Country Humane Society and the Keweenaw Land Trust.

1. The most common issue I've heard from voters is a concern about a possible move towards privatization of the Houghton County Medical Care Facility. Many people have friends or family there and they are worried losing the millage would result in reduced levels of care or rate increases or both. There is a consensus regarding making sure that renewal is placed on the ballot so the voters of Houghton County can choose to restore it when it expires in 2016. Voters feel it is important the board elected this November is committed to placing that renewal on the ballot.

2. I will represent the residents of Calumet and Hancock Townships honestly and effectively to the best of my ability. I will reflect their thoughts and ideals while being responsive to their needs and issues. I will explore avenues to increase tourism and encourage job growth, and I look forward to working closely with the local business community to continue to make progress on that issue.

3. Houghton County runs a land bank for distressed properties which have been foreclosed on due to non-payment of taxes. I would like to find out if some of those properties could be part of a "small business starter kit." I think if we could come to a reasonable agreement between a prospective business owner and the county which would offer the property at low cost while putting the property back on the active tax roles it might be a way of encouraging investment in Houghton County.

Name: Eugene Londo
Party: Republican

No Response

No Response

No Response

DISTRICT 2

Name: Albert Koskela
Party: Republican

No Response

No Response

No Response

DISTRICT 3

Name: Mark Kemppainen
Party: Republican

Occupation: Builder/Developer/Property Management

Education: K-12 Jeffers High School

Background Information: Lived in Houghton County and District 3 for over 35 years and have served local citizens in District 3 as a small business owner for 25 years. Regularly attend County, Township, and City meetings. Happily married with 3 children. Interests include family, outdoors, horses and other pets, fishing, and golf.

1. The most concerning issue facing me in our community is the rising cost of living; while our local economy remains somewhat stagnant. Specific issues I'd like to focus on include high property taxes; rapidly increasing energy and heating costs which are some of the highest in the nation; underfunded County employee retirement accounts; and unneeded regulations hindering the growth of our local economy.

2. I believe the residents of the County own the local government. I would like to WORK FOR the owners/residents of the County to provide the best possible services at the lowest possible price to our taxpayers, while focusing on boosting our local economy by creating opportunity for local jobs and making the County a great place to live for our residents. Welcoming development through eliminating unneeded regulations will increase the growth of our local businesses, creating local jobs, and providing a stronger more diverse tax base. Work with other communities to provide the best outcome for all.

3. The residents of the County are our most important fiscal resource as all of our funding ultimately comes from them in the form of local, state, and federal taxes. Supporting job creation by utilizing the skills of our residents and allowing environmentally safe business practices to utilize our timber and potential mineral resources we can grow the tax base to create much needed revenue for the County. Therefore, as our most important resource, I encourage our residents to take ownership in our government and exercise their right to vote this November 4.

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Name: Anton J Pinter
Party: Democrat

Occupation: Retired/County Commissioner
Education: Jeffers HS 1958, BS Chem Eng MTU 1962, PhD Chem Eng IIT 1968
Background Information: Native of Painesdale; Married, five children, seven grandchildren. Taught 36 years at MTU; Received Teaching Awards from MTU and ASEE (2 awards).
Involved with Painesdale Mine & Shaft, Copper Range Historical Society, South Range 4th of July Committee, Range Lions Club.

1. Over the past four years there have been behind the scenes comments to privatize the Houghton County Medical Care Facility and to reduce or eliminate the HCMCF millage. I support keeping the HCMCF as a public institution that accepts all applicants regardless of ability to pay or medical condition. I will vote to put the HCMCF millage renewal on the ballot and will support a "Yes" vote by the voters.
I will continue to monitor the status of our MERS pension fund to make sure we are progressing to full funding. I oppose changing the pension plans of current employees.

2. Keep the Houghton County Budget balanced. Work through the Michigan Association of Counties to develop a legal court cost system that covers the operating costs of our courts. Continue to serve on the WUP Michigan Works! Administrative Board which provides training programs that help to develop the high-skilled workforce that will attract high-tech companies to Houghton County. Support the H-K Recreation Authority in improving our trail systems in order to maintain our quality of life environment that attracts these companies. Continue to cooperate with the local governments in District 3.

3. Our only local resource is the Property Tax. Our Equity Fund has grown to approximately \$2.3 million dollars and is very close to meeting the auditor's recommendation of three month's operating revenue. Any future increase in the Equity Fund should be set aside for one-time projects such as Court-house and jail maintenance and to eventually help cover some of the costs of building a new jail.

DISTRICT 4

Name: Scott K Ala
Party: Democrat

No Response

DISTRICT 5

Name: Timothy Palosari
Party: Republican

No Response

CITIES

HANCOCK CITY COUNCIL AT LARGE PRECINCT 1 & 2 & 3 - FOUR YEAR TERM, 4 POSITIONS

Name: Ted Belej

No Response

Name: Lisa McKenzie

No Response

Name: Mary J Tuisku

Occupation: Retired

Education: 2 ½ yrs college - NMU

Background Information: began involvement in city government in 1980; 20 yrs on city council, 5 as mayor. Hancock resident since 1970. Married, 3 Adult children, 3 grandsons, 1 great granddaughter.

1. The downtown and the empty storefronts along with the condition of some empty buildings 2. The need for the city to update and FOLLOW the master plan. 3. The decaying of some city neighborhoods. 4. The lack of a rental ordinance and code enforcement officer. 5. Need for a cohesive beautification plan and following it. 6. The of \$ and staff to maintain the streets and beach. 7. The disrespect that some riders of dirt bikes, ATV's and snowmobiles demonstrate by speeding through neighborhoods causing noise, dust and more importantly danger to walkers and bicycle riders.

1. Utilize the talent that is available at MTU and Finlandia to assist in city projects. 2. Aggressively work to get businesses to move into Hancock. 3. Aggressively pursue every type of grant available 4. Inform residents of all the information available at www.city-ofhancock.com. 5. Reinvigorate the Adopt-a-Park program 6. Begin to add new lighting on Quincy Street 7. Investigate the possibility of hiring a part-time downtown business recruiter and coordinator. 8. Make the boardwalk more boater-friendly. 9. Work to get more Bridgefest activities in Hancock, possibly including a children's carnival on the waterfront.

1. Collaborate with WUPPDR to tap into funding sources and planning expertise. 2. Work more closely with the Keweenaw National Historic Park to utilize their connections to funding sources and expertise. 3. Utilize the MTEC Smartzone to assist local businesses and recruit new ones. 4. Work closely with the Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance (KEDA) 5. Use a portion of the tax revenue generated from Portage Health to fund a downtown recruiter and coordinator. 6. Pass a resolution setting aside the franchise fees from Charter Communications for city wide beautification.
7. Utilize resources available through the Portage Health Foundation and Keweenaw Community Foundation.

PRECINCT 1

Name: Ron Blau

No Response

PRECINCT 2

Name: Kevin W. Hodur

No Response

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HOUGHTON CITY COUNCIL - FOUR YEAR TERM – 4 POSITIONS

Name: Philip Foltz

No Response

Name: Gernot A. Joachim

No Response

Name: Robert X. Megowen

Occupation: GM Douglass House Apartments, Houghton Housing Associates
Education: Michigan Tech University ME
Background Information: Lives in West Houghton with my Wife Paula and our 10 year old Daughter Bailey. 25 years with the Houghton Volunteer Fire Department and 25 years with the Downtown Houghton Business Association. Houghton City Council Member for the past 12 years, with 4 of those years as Mayor Pro-tem.

1. Helping to keep the Houghton County Airport moving in a forward direction. We can not have a 4 day shut down, as happened in September. The City and the Downtown must be kept safe for our children and senior citizens.

2. Keep the City as a whole going forward. Not just West or East or Downtown. Continue to create jobs and educational opportunities for our youth.

3. Continue to tap into State and Federal programs, grants. This is our money. We pay in, therefore, we should receive something back.

Name: Mike Needham

Occupation: Employee Development, Calumet Electronics
Education: BS Electrical Engineering, Michigan Tech, 1991.
Background Information: Resident of Houghton for 17 years. I have served on the City of Houghton Planning Commission for 7 years, and on the Houghton City Council for 4 years.

1. Maintaining and improving the infrastructure of the city (parks, streets, facilities) with limited resources. We must be creative and diligent with the resources that we have.
* Increasing vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic requires that we make traffic safety a priority in any street or walkway projects.
* Continuing to promote planned business and residential growth.

2. I plan to continue working on the priorities listed above, as well as other projects and initiatives that will make Houghton an even more desirable place to live and work.

3. The City Council and city staff must be diligent, and look for any fiscal resources wherever available. The city has many facilities that provide financial returns, and we must continue to promote and improve them.

Name: Dan Salo

Occupation: Retired... Member of Houghton City Council
3 plus years
Education: Houghton High School, Northern Michigan University
Background Information: resident of Houghton For 30 years...Blue collar worker (Carpenter/Construction)...Purchasing And Receiving MTU (20 plus years) 23 years of Military Service. U.S. Navy Seabees (Construction Battalion) deployed to Iraq 2006 and Cuba 2009 .Now Retired

1..Houghton's Infrastructure-- Roads, Water, Sewer , Parks , Recreation, Zoning , Jobs , Education and Law Enforcement.

2. Keep the City of Houghton a leader in the U.P. Always Moving Forward. Keeping up the Infrastructure with the limited and reduced funding . Stay on top of Zoning Issues. Bringing in Business and Jobs. Try to keep the City of Houghton a Beautiful Community to Visit and which to Live.

3. The City Manager, along with City Personnel and the Council are always looking for state and Federal Funds. And manage a tight budget very well and will continue to use these funds wisely.

VILLAGES

CALUMET VILLAGE PRESIDENT - FOUR YEAR TERM, 1 POSITION

Name: David Geisler

Occupation: Retired
Education: Bachelor of Business Administration, Loyola University of Chicago Master of Business Administration, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
Background Information: 30 plus years of experience in finance and accounting with Navistar International Corporation. 3 years of experience on the Calumet Village Council, 2 years as Village President

1. Prudent management of Village finances with revenues remaining stable but expenses rising. Attracting retail, service and other businesses to the Village. Preservation of the Village's historic but threatened buildings. Repair/replacement of Village infrastructure.

2. The Village should take advantage of funding available from Federal and State sources to leverage available Village funds to replace aging equipment and repair and/or replace damaged or aging infrastructure including streets, sidewalks and water lines. Also, to work with property owners to encourage the preservation and restoration of their commercial and residential properties.

3. In the coming years, the Village will have to remain careful in managing locally raised tax revenues to maintain a healthy financial condition. In addition, the Village has been very successful in the past and will continue in the future to make use of Federal and State funding programs. Funding is currently being received or will be received from such agencies and programs as Michigan Economic Development Corp., the State Housing Development Authority, the State Historic Preservation Office, Private Foundations, Community Development Block Grants as well as from other sources.

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CLERK - Two Year Term, 1 Position

Name: Sue Bies No Response

TREASURER - Two Year Term, 1 Position

Name: Debra J Aubin No Response

TRUSTEE - Four Year Term, 3 Positions

Name: Thomas Bowles No Response

Name: Meghan Fiala No Response

Name: James Flood No Response

Name: Peggy Germain

Background Information: My eclectic passions and appreciation for people are evidenced in my varied credentials and life experiences.

I've earned a Bachelor's degree, a Master's degree, and a broker's license in real estate. I have taught at both the high school and college levels, listed and sold real estate, and written several local history publications, including Tinsel & Tears, False Alarm, Copper Country Trivia, Lest We Forget, and Thanks a Million.

I've lived in Calumet most of....

1. Travel around the Village last winter was hazardous, so equipment for the Street Department to keep the roads open so that the shopkeepers can conduct business and the residents can move around the Village freely is a primary concern. Another concern is the general deterioration of the buildings and unkempt properties that are not safe. The garbage system needs to be re-evaluated. Of lesser importance, the parking meters should be removed. What they destroy in good will is hardly worth the monies the meters generate. Having to back your vehicle into a parking space near the Theatre is very dangerous....

2. What I would like to accomplish as a trustee is tackle each problem, study the possible solutions, and fix one at a time. Immediately I would do a block by block inventory to pinpoint the problems and then start working to turn Calumet back into the jewel it once was.

Growing up on Oak Street and moving to Pine Street as a fourth-generation member of my family makes me want to make Calumet a great place to live for future generations of Calumetians. We need jobs! We need to stop exporting our children! We need to maintain our homes, clean....

3. My mother, Florence Halley, once told me that the helping hand you need is at the end of your own arm, so I would start by cleaning up the blight and painting the buildings. If the monies in the Village coffer can be used wisely, I would work with every and any agency who allocates monies to municipalities to insure that we get a piece of the financial pie. With ready access to local and state agencies as well as federal agencies, I'm sure that other failing communities who turned their towns back into viable, vibrant communities would offer ...

TRUSTEE - Two Year Term, 1 Positions

Name: Vacant No Response

COPPER CITY VILLAGE - No PARTY AFFILIATION

TRUSTEE - Four Year Term, 3 Positions

Name: Vacant No Response

Name: Vacant No Response

Name: Vacant No Response

LAKE LINDEN VILLAGE - No PARTY AFFILIATION

TRUSTEE - Four Year Term, 3 Positions

Name: William Heide No Response

Name: James M Aittama No Response

Name: Vacant No Response

PRESIDENT - Two Year Term, 1 Position

Name: Vacant No Response

LAURIUM VILLAGE - No PARTY AFFILIATION

TRUSTEE - Four Year Term, 3 Position

Name: Chuck Junot No Response

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TRUSTEE - Four Year Term, 3 Position... continued

Name: Steven Lanctot **No Response**

Name: Vacant **No Response**

SOUTH RANGE VILLAGE - No PARTY AFFILIATION

TRUSTEE - Four Year Term, 3 Positions

Name: Don Beck **No Response**

Name: George D Eakin **No Response**

Name: Vacant **No Response**

SCHOOL BOARDS

Question 1

What issues facing your school are of most concern to you? (100 word maximum)

Question 2

How are budget issues affecting your local school system? (100 word maximum)

Question 3

What would you like to accomplish in this position? (100 word maximum)

SCHOOL DISTRICT - ADAMS - No Party Affiliation - Six Year Term, 3 Positions

Name: Justin Marier **No Response**

Name: Steven Nicholas

Occupation: Insurance
Education: College – MTU.
Background Information: 4 children in district. 2nd term

1. Of most concern to me is the consistency of State Funding and the ongoing 'red tape' that the State and Federal Government keep adding. We should be allowed to run our district in a manner that works best for us, but more and more we are being told what curriculum to offer, what food to serve for our hot lunch program, etc. Gov't needs to realize that every student is unique and has unique gifts and needs.

2. Budget issues are squeezing all local school systems. We need to get consistent funding that we can more or less count on each year. It has improved the last couple of years but still has a long way to go. Technology can be expensive but we have to offer that to our students in order to prepare them for the future.

3. I want to continue to make the Adams Township Schools the best district in our area, which I honestly believe we are at this time. We have been leaders in many ways and we continue to prove that a small school can prepare students for their future very effectively. We have some big plans on the horizon that I am extremely excited about. We want to be the leaders in offering vocational skills training. We want to continue to get chromebook computers into our student's hands. We want to continue to offer fresh, local foods for our hot lunch program.....

Name: John Pastore

Occupation: Retired USPS
Education: BSBA - MTU
Background Information: US Army 1st Cav Div, RVN, 1967-68

1. Once you pull the pin on Mr. Grenade, it is no longer your friend. Think of the funding that our education system receives (pre-K, K-12 and secondary) and think of the entire lot of our State Government which is full of Mr. Grenades. Money does not solve all of your problems, but it does help solve, and at a minimum it will address, some of those concerns in a serious manner to benefit our kids. The residents of Michigan must become aware of and solve this roadblock to effective education.

2. Continuing the struggle to maintain our budget while operating on the edge of the envelope is not good for education, the students, the educators, the residents of this district or for our country.

3. (a) To stop being an accomplice to the State as they implement their right-to-work mandate; it is not fair. (b) To try to live within our budget and to see our fund balance increase to get us away from operating on the edge of the envelope. (c) To see that the pin is put back on Mr. Grenade or that Mr. Grenade is removed from the education algorithm. (d) On a personal level, to see that "The History of the Pledge of Allegiance" is taught and discussed (although I also think that this will not happen).

Name: Chad Snell **No Response**

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SCHOOL DISTRICT - CALUMET/LARIUM/KEWEENAW - No Party Affiliation - Six Year Term, 3 Positions

Name: Michael W Luoma No Response

Name: Jason Wickstrom No Response

Name: Daniel J Zubiena No Response

SCHOOL DISTRICT - CALUMET LAURIUM KEWEEMAW - Partial Term Ending 12/31/16

Name: Vacant No Response

SCHOOL DISTRICT - CHASELL - No Party Affiliation - Four Year Term, 3 Positions

Name: Carl Olson No Response

Name: Roger Tervo No Response

Name: Vacant No Response

SCHOOL DISTRICT - CHASELL - No Party Affiliation - Two Year Term, 1 Position

Name: Adrienne Hilman

Occupation: Massage Therapist
Education: Institute of Natural Therapies
Background Information: Life long learner with a deep appreciation for the education system and child development.

1. I am most concerned with the following issues our school is facing: a.)helping to create a fiscal system within the district that is self sustaining and ripe with growth potential, b.)anticipating the needs and preparing our students to head into an age of rapid technological and social advancements c.) maintaining the highest quality, well rounded education possible for students of all ages, d.)aiding in the facilitation of growth and development for all community members, e.) maximizing our opportunities for growth in all areas (i.e. fiscally, scholastically, as well as the arts, etc.)

2. Budget issues have exposed opportunities to redirect our creative efforts to maximize our resources. They have caused us to assess our system operations and streamline our endeavors. The budget issues forced the awareness of long term projection and planning, and brought Chassell Township Schools into deeper devotion to sustain and support the rich learning environment we have grown to love. In many ways they brought to light the many assets of our team members, brought us closer as a community, and revealed deep loyalty within our staff and community.

3. I would like to be a part of the process of making the most of our obvious (and less obvious) resources. I would help generate sustainable goals for bringing Chassell schools the development of the further integration of technology, arts, music and core classes, with a new level of fiscal sustainability with investment in the community as well. I would like to work with our excellent staff and administrators in the development of curriculum that generates cutting edge critical thinking and life skills while meeting the ever pressing state requirements.

Name: Suzanna Tuomi

Occupation: Sales Person/Kirkish Furniture
Education: High School Diploma
Background Information: Married 36 yrs., proud mother of ten children (three currently enrolled at Chassell Twp Sch., seven graduates of CHS), My husband, Bob and I have always been strong supporters of Chassell School and its students.

1. Chassell has a great reputation for offering its students a high quality education within a close-knit and family-oriented atmosphere. We have an excellent team of teachers, faculty and staff that provide our students with a solid background in core subjects, as well as opportunities to pursue their interests through electives and extracurricular activities. The issue is maintaining these strong qualities and ensuring our students have diverse opportunities while staying within the school's budget.

2. The school has needed to adapt to an increasingly tight budget due to the continuing rise in costs without adequate funding increases. As a result, the school has combined administration, Superintendent/Principal and switched to privatized busing services. Additionally, Chassell now shares Kitchen Staff with Hancock High School. Despite the funding challenges the school faces, the educational, health and safety needs of all our students will always remain the priority when making budget decisions.

3. It is important to me to maintain the quality education provided to all of our students. Thus, it is my goal to ensure that Chassell students continue to have access to the best teachers, technology and other resources to meet their learning needs. I also want to encourage parents and families to connect with our dedicated teachers and staff for any of their children's needs and promote the benefits provided by the Chassell Township School experience.



Remember to vote on November 4.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT - DOLLAR BAY-TAMARACK CITY - No Party Affiliation - Six Year Term, 3 Positions

Name: Hugh Hosafros

Occupation: Retired Postmaster
 Education: BS from MTU
 Background Information: Reside in Dollar Bay, married, 2 kids both grads of Dollar Bay - Tamarack City Area Schools. Served in U S Air Force as a medic. Family, hunting, fishing, woodworking and Dollar Bay Fire Dept. Students have the greatest opportunity to learn at Dollar Bay - Tamarack City, where you will find the best in curriculum, technology, faculty, staff, alumni and supporters. "Education is the investment we make in our future".

1. The inconsistencies and uncertainty of state school aid funding are of concern. Dollar Bay - Tamarack City Area Schools have a top notch team of Administrators, Faculty & Staff who are kind, caring, personal and they bring out the best in our students preparing them for success.

2. In spite of the reductions in state school aid funding, everyone at Dollar Bay - Tamarack City Area Schools is committed to providing an outstanding award winning education for our kids.

3. Our school's goals are to ensure the continued success of our great school and exceeding the needs of all of our students so that they have a quality education to prepare them for their futures. DB-TC is on the cutting edge of education offering the best in technology, curriculum and instruction. Dollar Bay - Tamarack City Area Schools are consistently recognized as medalist winners by U S News and Report, Academic State Champion winners, Nationally recognized Hartzog Award Winner, a Reward Recipient Top 5% School in the State of Michigan.

Name: Vacant

No Response

Name: Vacant

No Response

SCHOOL DISTRICT - ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP - No Party Affiliation - Four Year Term, 3 Positions

Name: Vacant

No Response

Name: Vacant

No Response

Name: Vacant

No Response

SCHOOL DISTRICT - HANCOCK - No Party Affiliation - Vote for 2 Six Year Term, 4 Positions

Name: Kevin Kalinec

No Response

Name: Charles Paoli

No Response

SCHOOL DISTRICT - HANCOCK - No Party Affiliation - Four Year Term, 2 Positions ends 2018

Name: Steven Lancour

Occupation: Middle School Teacher
 Education: Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education, Master's Degree in Special Education (Learning Disabilities)
 Background information: 1993 graduate of Hancock High School, happily married for 17 years to my wife Emilie, proud father of 3 children who all attend the Hancock School System

1. I am most concerned with continuing the effort to get the school system out of financial distress while still providing for an exceptional educational experience for our children.

2. Hancock's financial situation has been improving over the past few years, but it has come at a cost of losing employees and privatization of many components of the district. Although fiscal responsibility needs to be a focus, extensive privatization of the school also means we are at the mercy of the private businesses and what they charge in the future.

3. I don't have an agenda in becoming a member of the school board. My only hope is to make sure decisions are made after taking all aspects into consideration and to make sure the Hancock Schools remain a desirable school system.

Name: Vacant

No Response

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SCHOOL DISTRICT - HOUGHTON/PORTAGE - No Party Affiliation - Six Year Term, 3 Positions

Name: Philip Foltz

No Response

Name: Amy Schrank

Occupation: Research Assistant Professor in the School of Forest Resources and Environmental Sciences at Michigan Tech and Summer Faculty at the University of Michigan Biological Station

Education: BS and MS from University of Michigan, PhD from University of Wyoming

Background Information: We have lived in Houghton for 11 years. We have family roots in Michigan both downstate and in the Upper Peninsula (Menominee) and have two sons in Houghton- Portage Township schools (second and sixth grades).

1. I am pleased with our district and impressed by the quality of teachers and staff. Our sons have had positive experiences at school and are thriving. Our achievement gap, resulting in our status as "Focus" schools, is a challenge we face in the coming years. However, the district has been recently rewarded for increasing student access to AP classes while maintaining or increasing AP exam scores and this is a step in the right direction. Balancing the needs of both high achieving students and those in need of extra help will be a challenge as the student population grows.

2. Like many parents I think about school funding and wish there were more funds for field trips and increased learning opportunities for all students. I do think we make the most of what we have and, as a district, we seem to be adept at stretching the dollar to make it go as far as possible. We are fortunate to have motivated teachers and staff who spend extra time writing grants and forming partnerships in order to add programs for our students and enrich their education. We should continue to support and reward these efforts.

3. I look forward to working with the school district at this new level and helping to meet the challenges we face in the coming years. I am eager to listen to teachers, staff, and community members as we work together to generate creative solutions to close the achievement gap and provide all students with what they need to succeed. The link between our community and the school district is a critical connection that must be strengthened to ensure that students are gaining the knowledge and learning the skills they need to thrive and contribute as local and global citizens.

Name: Crystal Verran

No Response

SCHOOL DISTRICT - LAKE LINDEN/HUBBELL - No Party Affiliation - Six Year Term, 2 Positions

Name: Kim Codere

No Response

Name: Denise Lepisto

No Response

SCHOOL DISTRICT - LAKE LINDEN/HUBBELL - No Party Affiliation - Four Year Term, 2 Positions

Name: Kevin Codere

No Response

Name: Thomas M McConnon

No Response

SCHOOL DISTRICT - STANTON - No Party Affiliation - Four Year Term, 3 Positions

Name: Sarah Anderson

No Response

Name: Christina Hatman

Occupation: Homemaker
Education: 12th grade
Background information: Alumni of E.B. Holman School. Current Treasurer of the E.B. Holman PTO

1. What issues facing your school are of most concern to you? (100 word maximum)
The need for new technology for the teachers and students and updating the schools building.

2. How are budget issues affecting your local school system? (100 word maximum)
The budget is limiting the ability to make much need repairs on many old appliances. It also limits the teachers access to new technology which would be very useful for students and teachers in the daily lectures and their studies.

3. What would you like to accomplish in this position? (100 word maximum)
I would like to see the students learning and succeeding with the use of new technology in a warm and friendly environment.

Name: Paul Marttila

Occupation: Electrical Engineer, U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc.
Education: Houghton schools & MTU
Background Information: Board member past 10+ years. Married to Brenda 25 years. Six children.

1. Schools of choice is an issue for our district and others; we loose more than \$200,000 possible funding each year due to residents choicing out.

2. Budget issues are ongoing challenge; our staff has done an excellent job with finances. Stanton is one of very few UP schools with zero debt - have some of the lowest property taxes as a result.

3. Continue to be a part of our great school - we have excellent administration, staff & students. Get community support for small bond issue for building improvements.