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Age: 57

Family:

Husband - Thomas F. Cunningham
Daughter - Abby, IHS grad 2017; Listwood, Iroquois, Dake
Daughter - Lily, IHS Sophomore; Listwood, Iroquois, Dake

Occupation:

Director, Oasis Rochester Center for Lifelong Learning and Wellness

Education:

Irondequoit High School Class of 1981
BS, Speech/Language Pathology, Ithaca College
MS, Audiology, Syracuse University

Community Involvement:

- West Irondequoit Central School District Board of Education 2011-present (Vice President 2014-15, 2018-19, 2019-2020); Superintendent Search Committee, Audit Committee, Board of Education liaison to WICPTSA, Helmer Nature Center, WI Foundation, Health and Safety Committee, Seneca and Brookview Elementary Schools, Rogers and Iroquois Middle Schools, Dake Junior High, Legislative and Information Exchange Committees (Monroe County School Boards Association)
- Co-President, Oakgrove Neighborhood Association 2016-present
- Vice President, School Affairs for WICPTSA 2009-2011
- WICPTSA Building Representative for Iroquois 2008-2009
- Sunset House Advisory Board 2006-2012
- Room Parent, Listwood Elementary School 2004-2006, 2009-2011
- Registrar and Room Parent, Summerville Nursery School 2002- 2004, 2006-2009
- Race Founder and Director, Sunset House 5K Run/Fitness Walk 2001-2011
- Member, Founder and President, Irondequoit Chapter of MOM's Club, 2000-2005
- Lifelong member of the Irondequoit United Church of Christ

Candidate Statement:

"It has been a privilege to serve on West Irondequoit's Board of Education for three terms. As the daughter of a public school teacher, a parent, an IHS graduate and a 50-year Irondequoit resident, I bring a broad perspective as a board member: a belief that cooperation between staff, parents and the community is essential for high student achievement; a proven ability to work respectfully with a team; a strong knowledge of West Irondequoit's policies, guidelines, challenges and strengths; and the ability to anticipate, plan, act strategically and advocate strongly for the educational and fiscal needs of our district and community. Above all, I believe in public education, where we serve the educational, emotional and social needs of every student and celebrate their varied abilities and backgrounds. As we navigate the challenges due to COVID-19, our students and district need leaders with experience, commitment and creativity to help build our new normal. I am ready for the challenges ahead and welcome your support for another term on West Irondequoit's Board of Education."

Larry MacDonald

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Age: 65+

Family:

Wife – Angela MacDonald

Occupation:

Retired; career experience: Electrician and Electrical Designer;
Previous owner, Spencerport Airport 10 years; First Responder Ambulance Driver
8 years; Veteran, United States Air Force – Air Weapons Mechanic

Education:

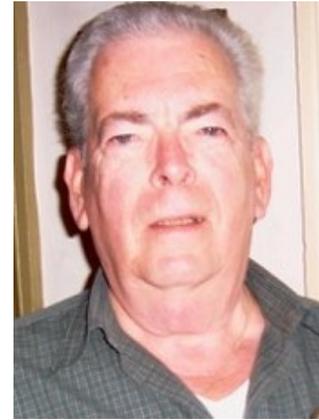
High School graduate
RIT 6 years, electrical/mechanical technology

Community Involvement:

- 46 years West Irondequoit resident
- Irondequoit Area Neighborhood Association 40 years; 20 years as its President
- Irondequoit Town Partnership- town-wide Improvement Program 5 years
- Citizens Police Academy Program for increasing the communications between police and the town residents

Candidate Statement:

"I would be honored to be a member of the West Irondequoit School Board serving students, parents and residents. My volunteer efforts to our community points to the fact that I love our community and will work to benefit it. I believe my volunteer record shows I can work with others in various settings towards improvements for the residents. Recent events dictate that intelligent choices and decisions be made by the school board. We will need new and innovative approaches to budgeting and controlling expenses. Previous policies and approaches that are effective should continue for the benefit of students, parents and taxpayers. Some of the previous budgets had surpluses above what is needed, in my opinion. Budgets must have some cushion but anything above that places an undue burden on the taxpayers. Given that proviso, I support funding the budget to the best extent to give students the education they need. I would welcome input, suggestions, proposals from all with an open mind towards providing the best education without forcing citizens out of their homes."



Michael J. Valente

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Age: 62

Family:

Wife – Carla Valente
Son – Michael J. Valente, West Irondequoit High School Graduate
Daughter – Elizabeth Valente Taylor, West Irondequoit High School Graduate
Son – Christian Valente, West Irondequoit High School Graduate

Occupation:

Owner General Construction Company, both residential and commercial; 40 years Business Manager for over 100 apartment units including 40 years experience in million dollar Budgets, Maintenance and Supervision of employees

Education:

High School Graduate 1977; Monroe Community College: Various Business Management Courses

Community Involvement:

- 17 years Volunteer Fireman, St. Paul Fire District for West Irondequoit
- Safety Officer certified for St. Paul Fire Dept
- Patriot Guard assisting in funerals for Veterans, 4 years
- 12 years volunteer Special Police Officer for Irondequoit Police Dept.
- 20 years Veterans Outreach Flag Fundraising Center

Candidate Statement:

“Having my 3 children attending and then graduating from West Irondequoit Schools has shown me the importance of having these programs in the schools to benefit all students. One of my goals as a school board member would be to work to have the excellent programs continue for all the children of our district residents. Also, with the pressing financial factors facing our school budget, it is even more important that the school budget be scrutinized for the greatest efficiency possible. Previous reports by the NY State Comptroller's Office have shown there are budget areas that need closer attention. The many years of experience I have had in working with budgets involving millions of dollars will allow me to contribute to the development of the school budget that will benefit the students but also be reasonable in how those budgets affect the taxes on school district residents. In conclusion, if elected, I will bring the same dedication I have made to improvements in the town, to the school district. I view being a school board member as representing students, parents and all taxpayers.”

John T. Vay

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Age: 52

Family:

Spouse – Colleen Vay, Rogers Middle School teacher for 23 years
Son – T.J., 2016 IHS graduate
Daughter – Maggie, 2019 IHS graduate
Daughter – Becca, IHS Class of 2020



Occupation:

Clinical Engineering Imaging Engineering Team Leader, University of Rochester Medical Center
Rochester Cart Rentals, LLC – owner/operator

Education:

Degree from Simmons School of Mortuary Science
NYS Licensed Funeral Director
Apprenticeship from Kodak in Electrical Instrumentation

Community Involvement:

- West Irondequoit Central School District Board of Education President past two years
- WICSD Board of Education member since 2007
- IHS Lacrosse Booster club member
- Helmer Nature Center member
- St. Kateri Parish member
- Son of American Legion Member Post 468

Candidate Statement:

“I am a dedicated, knowledgeable individual who brings experience to our school board. I will continue to be protective of the educational opportunities for our students and staff. I will also be fiscally responsible to our taxpayers. With the unprecedented times that we are facing, we need candidates that are knowledgeable, thoughtful, reflective, and responsive. I am that candidate. I am concerned with all parts of our educational system. I have proudly served as a board member to help our community since 2007. I believe being a member of the West Irondequoit school board is a serious commitment. I am thoughtful about every decision I make regarding the financial and educational vision for West Irondequoit. I am a proud graduate of IHS, class of 1986. My wife, Colleen, a teacher at Rogers, and I have raised three children in West Irondequoit. They attended Brookview, Rogers, Dake and IHS. My youngest daughter, Becca, is a graduating senior this year. We are a family committed to the West Irondequoit Community.”