

Board of Education Candidates

Three of the nine seats on the Board of Education are up for election May 18. The three seats each carry a three-year term, which will begin June 30.

Steven Doss is running for his first full term on the Board after holding a one-year seat.

The 1986 Port Jervis High School graduate currently serves on the Audit and Buildings & Grounds Committees.

A self-employed Web site consultant, Doss and his wife are the parents of two Port Jervis students.



Platform: "I wish to continue service to my community by ensuring a quality education for our children in the most cost-effective manner possible."

Roger McGibney is running for his first term on the Board.

McGibney is employed by Quality Bus Service. He worked previously for the Port Jervis School District as a bus driver and owned a trucking company.



Platform: "There is an important need to lower taxes in these hard economic times.

"This can be accomplished by reducing spending and implementing better cost controls. We definitely need more teachers, not less. We should be focusing on our students' needs to learn, instead of cosmetic upgrades."

Cathy Sadaghiani is seeking her fourth full term on the Board.

The former pediatric nurse currently serves as Board Vice President and chairs the Policy Committee. Her two children are both graduates of the Port Jervis school system.



Platform: "I'm running again because I believe in this District and fully support the direction in which the current Board and Administration are taking it.

"I think we've made academic strides, our buildings are safer and cleaner, and with the hard decision to privatize transportation, we're saving over \$750,000 next year. I'd like to be given the opportunity to continue working with this group to move the District forward."

Patrick Witherow is running for his second term on the Board.

Witherow currently chairs the Audit Committee. He served previously as chairman of the Finance Committee and as a member of the Buildings & Grounds Committee.



The 1989 graduate of Port Jervis High School is the production manager at Summit Research Labs.

Platform: "I have learned a lot in the past three years and would like the opportunity to continue to serve the District's students, taxpayers, residents, and employees.

"My experience and education in business provide me with the tools necessary to promote the efficient and productive operation of the District through Board oversight."