

Dear Prospective Board of Education Candidate:

Congratulations!!

Your interest in becoming a member of the Meridian CUSD 223 Board of Education is to be commended. If elected to the position, you will join over 6,000 colleagues from across the state who donate hundreds of hours throughout the year in pursuit of providing a great education for the children of their community. I thank you for your willingness to serve our students and our community.

Nominating petitions for four (4) Board of Education positions in the Meridian CUSD 223 will be available for prospective candidates to circulate beginning on September 23rd. Three (3) of the open positions will be four-year terms and one (1) position will be a two-year term. The positions opening are currently being held by John Smith, Dr. Tim Flynn, Kristine Youman, and Bruce Larson. Remaining members of the Board of Education are Kevin Glendenning (Monroe), Tim Devries (Marion North), and Marsha Welden.

In addition to meeting the signature requirement on the petition, other acts must be completed which are explained in the candidate packet. The candidate packet, which can begin to be circulated on September 23rd, are available at the Ogle County Clerk's Office or online. To access online, please follow these steps:

- Visit www.oglecounty.org
- Click on 'County Clerk' (located under Departments)
- Click on 'Elections'
- Select 'School Candidate Packet'

If you have any questions regarding specific election regulations please contact Rebecca Huntley at the County Clerk's office (815) 732-1110.

Meridian administration would also like potential candidates to view the Roles and Responsibilities of a Board Member which is available on their website under the 'Information' tab and also available for pick-up in the District Office. For those considering running for the Board of Education please feel free to contact Superintendent P.J. Caposey (pcaposey@mail.meridian223.org) for additional information on all that being a Board of Education member entails.

To be eligible to serve, a school board member must be, on the date of election, a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, a registered voter, and a resident of the State of Illinois and the Meridian #223 School District for at least one year immediately preceding the election. The school board election is non-partisan, and board candidates do not run under political party affiliation.

Thank you and good luck,

PJ Caposey