

There are two terms of office available for the Board of Education. One term begins following the close of the polls on May 19, 2009; the other term begins July 1, 2009. Both terms end June 30, 2012. There are three candidates seeking election to the board. They are:



John Seagren

I am seeking election to the Hyde Park School Board to support the youth in our community. My long-term experience in the district will help to move our district forward. We need to create an educational environment for all students where they may be able to develop to their fullest capacity.

We must give full and fair consideration to all the many parts of our schools that enhance the educational experience in Hyde Park. The challenge of incorporating the arts, athletics, and music is vital to the depth of our district.

The preservation of our buildings is yet another avenue to which we must apply our energies. This will require a deep sense of commitment, as well as a vast array of long-term experience. It will also require us to always remember the taxpayer in our school community who is charged with supporting the district financially.

While I have served our schools in the past for over twenty years, I have been a taxpayer in Hyde Park for over forty years. I believe my years of commitment to our district, combined with my years as a taxpayer, will help us with the balanced approach which we will need going forward.



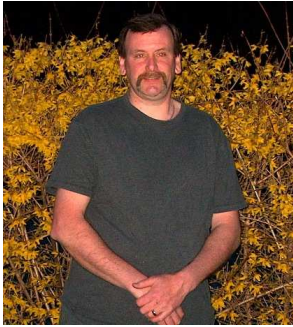
Steven Mittermaier

I was appointed to the Board of Education last August. As such, I was able to contribute to decisions that resulted in a very low tax levy increase for next year, while still maintaining all educational programs and extra-curricular activities. I am committed to providing a solid education to our students while keeping taxes low. While I do believe that the majority of the problem with school funding is at the state government level, there are still high-impact decisions at the local level. In those decisions, I think my opinion will reflect that of the community.

Goals:

- Keep future tax levies as low as possible.
- Improve the education provided by the district.
- Maintain facilities, and improve as needed to support education goals.
- Treat employees fairly, with honesty and integrity.

I grew up in a farming community in Ohio, and hold an associate degree from the University of Toledo and a bachelor's degree from SUNY New Paltz, both in electrical engineering. I married into a Hyde Park family in 1993, and have lived here since 1997. We now have two school aged children, one in Haviland Middle School and one at Hyde Park Elementary, where I volunteer for chess club and National Engineer's Week. I am employed in a design group at IBM Poughkeepsie.



Andrew Bradford

For too long, I have watched as other people ran the district, seemingly with no concern to the everyday taxpayer. My conclusion is the way to get my voice heard is to be part of the solution. My belief, given the current economy, the overall demographics of Hyde Park, and the school system as a whole, is we need to work together for a common goal – the education of our children. We need to decide what is important, what we want, and what we **NEED** to have, and work towards that end. I am a proponent of not raising taxes to meet projected expenditures, but rather have our expenditures meet the existing tax level. I will push for the district to stand on its own and perform the work necessary to keep our schools functioning, working with the administration to cut waste and spending, to look at spending our money wisely and receive the greatest payback on our tax dollars.

I have been a manager for over 20 years, working as a department manager, an assistant manager, and am currently a site manager.