

Bruce Casler

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Age: 62

Family:

Wife – Patricia; WI Grad
Son – Aaron; former WI student and WI Victim
Daughters – Elizabeth Stankus and Margaret Casler; WI Graduates
Adoptive Son – Destin Casler; former WI student and WI victim

Occupation:

Computer Systems Engineer

Education:

Tully Central School (go Black Knights)
Brockport State, multiple computer engineer certifications

Community Involvement:

- Coached girls soccer, Coached boys CYU basketball
- Marched with citizens action to protest School to Jail Pipeline
- Advocated with NY State PTA for school justice system reforms

Candidate Statement:

“For the past 28 years, I have worked as a Senior Systems Engineer in a highly technical trade. This has required me to undergo continual learning and testing to maintain relevant knowledge. I work with the highest levels of management in my company on current and proposed projects as well as budgeting. In my personal life, I strive to assist those around me whenever I can. Whether it is going out of my way to help move a disabled car out of traffic, or reaching out to a stranger in need, I consistently find myself trying to reach out and help my neighbors as well as those I don’t know. That need to help is why I am running. In my work and in my personal life, I am a problem solver, I see some major deficiencies in the district’s practices that violate students’ and parents’ rights and create a barrier to effective partnership between district workers, the school employees and the public. I have a plan to address those issues, raise standards and strive for fair taxation.”

Rosa Vargas-Cronin

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Age: 41

Family:

Husband – Ken Cronin; Occupational Therapist serving patients in Irondequoit
Son – Gael, 7th grade, Dake Jr. High School
Daughter – Raquel, 4th grade, Rogers Middle School

Occupation:

Bilingual Speech and Language Pathologist

Education:

Masters of Science in Speech and Language Pathology
Teacher of Students with Speech and Language Disorders (TSSLD)
Bilingual Education Assessment (BEA) Certification

Community Involvement:

- West Irondequoit Central PTSA, member
- Irondequoit Public Library Board of Trustee, member (Term 2018-2023)
- Irondequoit Commission Advancing Racial Equity (ICARE), work group member
- Winona Woods Neighborhood Association, member
- Irondequoit Facebook Group, member
- Eliminating Racism and Seeking Equity (ERASE) in Irondequoit, member (Term 2020-2/2021)
- Helmer Nature Center, member

Candidate Statement:

“Running for West Irondequoit School Board is fueled by my passion for education and commitment as a parent and resident. Growing up an English Language Learner, my kindergarten teacher made me feel welcomed and ignited my love for learning. In my first job as an elementary school counselor, I was a positive role model for those students but they inspired me more than they could ever know. Today, I have over 20 years’ experience as a special educator and bilingual speech and language pathologist. As a board member, I will be a representative of and advocate for the increasingly diverse student body. I am committed to moving our schools to pre-pandemic effectiveness and continue improving technology. My top priorities are the social emotional state of our students and school communities; ensuring students with special needs and their caregivers are heard; and that communication between the board and town is open and consistent. I will do this all with fiscal responsibility and focus on our budget. Together, we can build on the foundation of our district.”

Matthew Metras

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Age: 40

Family:

Spouse – Jessica
Son – Jack, 3rd grade, Listwood School

Occupation:

Owner/Enrolled Agent, MDM Financial Services

Education:

Bishop Kearney High School
RIT School of Film and Animation

Community Involvement:

- Vice-President, West Irondequoit Board of Education
- Co-Chair, Monroe County School Boards Association Legislative Committee
- Committee Member: WI Social Emotional Learning Committee, West Irondequoit Foundation, MCSBA Steering Committee, MCSBA Nominating Committee, WI Teacher Learning Center Steering, WI PTSA, WI Health and Safety, WI Audit Committee, School Re-Opening Sub-Committee, Listwood School Penny Carnival Planning Committee
- Current or Former Building Liaison: Brookview, Seneca, IHS, Briarwood, Colebrook

Candidate Statement:

“As a current board member, I have worked to maintain our district as a top-notch learning environment. This year has been one of the most challenging a school district has ever encountered, between a global pandemic, a funding crisis, and the opportunity to do better in areas of diversity, equity, and inclusion. There are no right answers in the pandemic, but through careful, deliberate planning, our district has become a hybrid learning model others want to emulate. Supporting our students and staff is critical. Facing budget cuts, I worked extensively to build and develop relationships with our state elected officials and successfully advocated for additional funding, resulting in the full implementation of the Foundation Aid Formula. When it comes to diversity, equity, and inclusion, our work has started and will continue forward in this necessary endeavor. Looking ahead, I am excited to be part of the current Strategic Planning process. I have been proud to serve our community these past three years and would be honored to serve you again for the next three.”

Diane White

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Age: 58

Family:

Husband – Adam Bonacci
Daughter – Sophia Bonacci, attends IHS

Occupation:

Sr. Account Executive for Ring Central – Education Vertical

Education:

BS, RIT, Criminal Justice
JD Pace Law School
Graduate of Irondequoit High School

Community Involvement:

- President of Summerville, White City, Windsor & Beitry Beach Residence Association, Inc.
- Member of Holy Cross Church
- Girl Scout Leader – West Irondequoit since 2014

Candidate Statement:

“As a former graduate of West Irondequoit School District, and parent of a current student in the District, I want to use my knowledge and skills I’ve obtained in technology and communications for Education, to help the District to become one of the premier school districts of New York State. Having one of the highest school taxes in NYS, our District should be ranked similarly to the following districts in our area: Pittsford (16th), Brighton (13th), Penfield (34th). However, according to Niche.com, we are **ranked 75th**! This is simply **not acceptable**, and we need to do better. Indeed, with the rising costs of college, and college being more competitive than ever, the rankings of our schools, ex. Irondequoit High School (185th) in NYS, with an overall score of 88.7, according to US News, demonstrates that we are not properly preparing our students to succeed. I promise to make the District more accountable in raising the academic standards of what is acceptable, provide more academic opportunities, proper counseling and support for students, improve technology tools available to faculty and students, increase sports opportunities for girls to equal the boys, and provide advocacy for students and parents to hold the District accountable in meeting their expectations.”

Justin Connor

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Age: 48

Family:

Wife – Jeanine; married nearly 27 years; St. Kateri School counselor and has own private practice (marriage, family, individual therapy)

Son – Justin Riley Connor, 11th grade, Irondequoit HS

Son – Bailey Benjamin Connor, 8th grade, Dake Jr. HS

Occupation:

Physical Therapist, Clinical Manager, RRHS; PT/OT/ST in Irondequoit

Education:

Irondequoit High School Class of 1990

BS, Physical Therapy, University at Buffalo (1994)

Community Involvement:

- Travel Soccer Coach for the last 8 years, Irondequoit Soccer Club
- Irondequoit Soccer Club President for the last 5 years
- St. Kateri Tekakwitha Pre-Cana Team for 10 years

Candidate Statement:

“I am proud to call myself a product of the West Irondequoit Central School District. My wife and I both graduated from IHS in 1990. After college, we moved to California, where I worked as a Physical Therapist and my wife attended graduate school and started her career in Counseling. After my oldest son was born, we returned to Irondequoit because we could think of no other place we wanted to raise our family. The welcoming community of Irondequoit and the high quality education provided here was what we wanted for our children. I have spent 8 years coaching for the Irondequoit Soccer Club and 5 years as the President of the Irondequoit Soccer Club. I have worked for Rochester Regional Health as a Physical Therapist in Irondequoit since 2005, providing care and improving the health of the Irondequoit community. I would love to have the opportunity to contribute to the ongoing efforts of the district to provide the exceptional educational experience to the youth of West Irondequoit.”