

Questions for School Committee Candidates

Please state your qualifications for this office. 8 years Tiverton school committee. 1 year nice school 5 year class.

What are the goals and mission of your campaign? To work with the unions to continue towards a contract that is fair to the taxpayers & children. To complete the school projects within the budget & to continue (over)

1. YES/NO

Will you negotiate the teacher contract as the current School Committee has done; that is, offer a total amount for salary and benefits that the Committee thinks the Taxpayers can afford?

2. YES/NO

Please explain. Absolutely. I was my second teacher contracts I have participated in. Is teacher employment "at will" a realistic long term option?

3. YES/NO

Please explain. State law prohibits. I do believe in the concept & will work to change state law. Would you support regionalization of school functions? - It is being done & is a continuous process.

4. YES/NO

Would you require school employees to contribute more to their health care costs? negotiating this with every contract at present.

5. YES/NO

Would your role on the school committee include working to reform state and federal regulations? I have participated in this for 8 years.

6. YES/NO

Would you vote for and/or support a Caruolo Act law suit against the town? I have always been on this school committee. State the reason(s) for your position. position one I very much believe in not to sue the town.

7. YES/NO

Would you allow use of the automated phone system and/or the sending of letters home with the children to "get out the vote" for an FTM? If yes, why? If the people of Tiverton vote not to use the form of communication I would not advocate it. Since I have been able to participate in years.

8. YES/NO

Would you support starting a charter school in Tiverton? maybe I would have to be educated on the charter school system & funding. my understanding opening & supporting a charter school takes from the state funding for that town. I would be open to the concept if I felt it would be fiscally responsible for Tiverton.

Denise DeMedeiros

having a good school system with the fiscal restraints of the taxpayers. This budget increase this year was 2.6% which was the lowest since I have been on the school committee!

1. Goal has always been to negotiate a contract that Twenton can afford. I voted against the first contract I was involved in because I felt it was unfair to the taxpayers. As you know this year I have fought very hard for this contract I believe. Mr. Duple hardships me & my daughter have experienced. One of the reasons I decided I would run for a 3rd term was because the contract issues were not resolved & I wanted to fix what I fought so hard for.

7. Financial meetings I have seen the side who gets the most. People there gets their budget. I believe that ~~the~~ everyone should be informed & educated on the issue. Which is a difficult task. The more people who participate the better so we get a true feeling for ~~the~~ what the citizens of Twenton want. I would not be opposed to a general announcement going out to the whole town encouraging people to come to the TFM. That would really be the fair & right thing to do.

Sally Black

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Please state your qualifications for this office:

Graduate of Salve Regina University – BA Sociology/Psychology
30 additional Graduate Credits in Special Education – URI/RIC/Bridgewater/Salve Regina
Head Teacher at Head Start 1967
Retired Fall River Public School Special Needs Teacher Certified K-5/5-12
Completed 120 Professional Development hours in my field
Graduate of Rhode Island Association of School Committees Leadership Development Academy
Attended Operation Clean Government Candidate School 2004 and 2008
Attended Rhode Island Attorney General Summits on Open Meeting Laws and Ethics Laws
Member of Tiverton Prevention Coalition
School Committee Liaison to the Town Council
Chairperson of Rhode Island Health and Wellness Committee
Elected to a four year term to the Tiverton School Committee

Goals and Mission of my campaign:

- **To provide an equal opportunity for an excellent education to EACH child this gives me 2,009 reasons to run for office.**
- **To remain fiscally responsible through cost containment at every level, economies of scale, this enables me to be the best steward of taxpayers' money.**
- **Continue to attend every public meeting in the Town, Budget Committee, Town Council, Planning Board, and Zoning Board, etc. in order to understand the needs of the entire Town.**

I will negotiate as a member of the School Committee negotiating committee that works very hard to provide a contract that will be fair to both the teachers and the taxpayers without cutting programs or suing the Town.

Teacher employment “at will” cannot be a long term option – it is illegal.

Sally Black

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I do support regionalization of school operations such as Special Education, Governmental Health Trust, purchasing of energy with other cities and towns, as we currently do and constantly track. I recently attended a forum on the State level concerning these matters.

I would require school employees to contribute more to their health care costs.

I would work actively to work with the Federal and State Governments to reform regulations.

I would not support a Caruolo Act against the Town because the citizens of Tiverton have and do contribute more than their fair share of the costs in support of public education.

In terms of using the automated phone system, I would support whatever the citizens of Tiverton vote on this item as a Charter Amendment, however going forward I would like to look into expanding the system to cover the entire town in cooperation with the municipal side.

In terms of supporting a charter school in Tiverton, I'm still "drilling down" to find the true fiscal impact and the "parity" implications of a charter school. My goal will be to continue providing an excellent educational experience for every child and family in our wonderful Town of Tiverton

Questions for Town Council Candidates

Please state your qualifications for this office: _____

I am a lifelong resident of Tiverton and also a homeowner in the town and I am a parent with a child in elementary school

What are the goals and mission of your campaign? _____

To make Tiverton a affordable place to live and raise a family.

YES / NO Would you vote to override the tax cap to pay for 2009 / 2010 school construction bonds?

If yes, why? *Yes, we have to pay the school bond, but we have to find a solution to tighten the budget so we do not tax people*

If no, how will these bonds be paid? *out of tiverton. We need to be more business friendly.*

YES / NO Would you vote to override the tax cap to pay for a 2009/2010 revenue shortfall?

If yes, why? _____

If no, how will you deal with a revenue shortfall? *We need to cut the budget and look for new ways to bring in revenue.*

YES / NO Would you support any new bond indebtedness?

YES / NO Are you willing to reduce the size of Tiverton's town government?

If yes, identify reductions. _____

YES / NO Would you support regionalization of town functions?

If yes, what services would you regionalize and what actions will you take? _____

If no, why? *I think town services are sufficient at this time.*

Christopher Perry



YES / NO Do you support selling the industrial park?

YES / NO Would you require town employees to contribute more to their health care costs?

Every employee of the town should pay their share including Administrators

YES / NO Do you support expansion of the sewer system?

If yes, how would this be funded and paid? The town should be expanding sewerage with help from new developments that put sewerage in their own development such as the Bourse Hill.

If no, why? _____

YES / NO Would you support building a new Library?

If yes, how will this be funded and paid? _____

If no, why? Not at this time due to the finances of the town. We have to tighten our belt.

YES / NO Was the motion to override the budget at the reconvened Financial Town Meeting ethical?

State the reason(s) for your position. Because I do not feel the citizens of Tiverton fully understood what they were voting on. and the second financial meeting was rushed and I do not feel that the tax payers voices were heard.

Christopher Perry for Tiverton Town Council