



Lewiston-Porter Central School District

Aiming Higher

Board Candidate Jodee Riordan

Education: University at Buffalo, BA, English

Employment: Accounting/Credit Administrator



Please identify previous and/or real life experiences, which you believe, qualify you to serve on the Board of Education.

It has been a privilege to serve on the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education for the past nine years, and an honor to serve seven terms as your Board President. I work very hard to provide consistent, strong leadership to our Board and to well represent our community.

Nine years on the Board of Education has provided me with vast experience in providing proper and effective school governance. In addition to serving as Board President, I serve on the Finance, Health & Wellness, and Safety Committees, work with our Policy Committee, and am a member of the Key Communicators, Fine Arts Council, and our districtwide PTSA. I continue to take every opportunity to expand my governance capacity and that of our board, and to advocate for our district. I am active in the Niagara-Orleans School Boards Association, ECASB, and the New York State School Boards Association, where I have been appointed to the NYSSBA Resolutions Committee for 2019.

As well, I am dedicated to strengthening the connection of school and community through open, transparent communication with our community: I write a weekly column in the Lewiston-Porter Sentinel, and I also host the monthly *Your Public Schools* on LCTV.

I am the mother of four, which provides its own skill set and real life experience: My husband, Chris, and I have two Lew-Port grads (Sarah, '16 and Christopher, '17), and our third child, Nick, will walk across the stage at Artpark next month. Our youngest, Michael, will begin the 2019-20 year as a High School freshman. Seeing our children through the district, Pre-K to graduation has provided perspective, connection and pride in the opportunities and outstanding education provided at Lewiston-Porter.

Why do you want to be/become a member of the Board of Education?

Service on the Board of Education is very important work: It is important to our community, vital to the proper education of our students, and fundamental to our future. Public education is the foundation of American society, and it begins at the local level with our investment in the education of each child, every day.

I am committed to the good work we do and the excellent team we have at Lewiston-Porter. Every year brings new challenges, and I look forward to being an integral part of the progress and success of the Lewiston-Porter School District.



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Board Candidate Betty VanDenBosch-Warrick

Education: ACT Travel School – Pompano Beach, Fl 1987,
Certificate in Travel Management

Employment: General Manager for US operations,
Yorkville Sound, Inc. 2005-Present



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With my background in finance and budgeting as the General Manager of Yorkville Sound, I'm able to bring an understanding of these areas to the board table. It's been my role, as chair of the BOE Finance Committee to provide a deep understanding of the district's finances, and help to educate my fellow board members on the details.

As an employer, I have a firm grasp on employee issues. It's my belief that we're not just required to educate our community's children, but to develop and empower our staff to be the best teams of administrators, teachers and support staff they can be. Our renewed dedication to staff development has been integral to strengthening our ability to educate today's child.

Being a part of the development of the District's five-year strategic plan has been a transformative learning experience for me as a board member. Working alongside a group of educators coming together in a collaborative manner to plan and develop our future has given me the experience necessary to help move the plan into the next phase.

It's been with great privilege that I was allowed to take part in several educational opportunities as a board member, including attendance at three annual NYSSBA conferences, where we're given the information and resources required to be a board that's ready to move our district forward in a bold and innovative manner. Capacity building, becoming an effective and informed board, improved our ability to oversee District operations, to set policy that is within NY State education law and in the best interest of our students, staff and community and plan for the future.



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I believe that continuity of leadership is integral to the development of a great school system

I have been an active volunteer in the Lew-Port School District since my eldest child started Pre-K. I have evolved as a volunteer in public education, first as a parent volunteer, then a PTA leader, including 2 years as treasurer, 2 years as president and 2 years as vice-president followed by one three year term and two partial terms as a Board of Education member, from someone interested in the education of my child, to a community member dedicated to improve education for all children.

My work on the Board of Education has been personally rewarding, even when challenging.

I've particularly enjoyed my work on the Strategic Plan. This year we put together a Strategic Plan Steering committee, of which I'm the Board's representative. I'm looking forward to seeing that work through over the next two years, during which we will be assessing our progress and planning for Phase II of the Plan.

I was once motivated by the fact that I had three children, all receiving an excellent education at Lew-Port. Now, with my youngest entering his senior year, (Go Class of 2020!) I look forward to viewing my work on the board through a new lens. In our Strategic Planning Steering Committee meeting, Dr. Heather Lyon spoke of how everyone sees things differently depending on how close they are to the picture. I'm looking forward to being able to step back and see Lew-Port as it relates to the whole community, not just to a parent. I'm looking forward to working with my fellow board members, and our Administration to boldly lead our District in new and exciting directions.



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Board Candidate Anne H. Orr

Education: Lewiston-Porter '75; Bachelor of Arts, Smith College '79;
Interior Architecture and Design, UC Berkeley '04-'09

Employment: Semi-Retired after 40 years in Communication and
Change Management



Please identify previous and/or real life experiences, which you believe, qualify you to serve on the Board of Education.

My varied professional and civic background includes:

- 35 years as team manager, group leader, and small business owner experienced with financial management, fiscal accountability, people engagement, community involvement
- Managed Mergers & Acquisitions for Fortune 50 companies: corporate culture merging, employee retention and engagement, conflict resolution and change management
- Small business owner in both marketing communication and interior architecture and design
- Niagara Area Foundation: governing Council member; Currently Secretary
- Lower Haight Merchant and Neighbor Association, San Francisco; President

As policies from the state and federal level impact our local schools, I will bring to the Board of Education my analytical and strategic planning experience to assess the impacts and work through the issues that stem from mandated policies. I also value listening to uncover issues as early as possible in order to address those that are important to our community. My decades in conflict resolution and change management can help the Board work cooperatively with the administration, faculty, students, and community to prioritize goals and reach outcomes that benefit many, and are valued by all.

Being a valuable member of the Board requires:

1. listening to people,
2. uncovering what drives certain groups/person's ideas and issues,
3. evaluating options, and
4. bringing these inputs to the decision-making of the Board.

In all of my professional roles, I have been, first and foremost a diplomat. I believe that diplomacy is a valuable asset of a member of the Board of Education.



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The surest path to a strong future for our community is by educating Lewiston-Porter students, while ensuring those teaching them are supported as well. We do this while balancing the real challenges of need and tax payer capacity. This isn't easy work, but it is important work, and I look forward to the opportunity of collaborating with the current Board of Education for a bright future.

As graduate of Lewiston-Porter in 1975, I received an outstanding education. I went on to considerable professional success with careers in advertising and marketing, then in corporate consulting on mergers and acquisitions, and now in interior architecture and design. The foundation for it all was the education I received at the Youngstown Red Brick School and then at the Lewiston-Porter Junior and Senior High Schools. I feel strongly about giving back to the school district that has given so much to me and to generations of my family.

In our Porter and Lewiston community, I hear complaints from citizens about our high property taxes. At the same time, I see pride about our excellent schools, focusing on students' achievements both in and after Lewiston-Porter. The pages of accolades and achievement in academics, the arts, sports, and community in the LINK newsletter helps maintain awareness and pride in much of the community. The Lewiston-Porter schools are highly valued, even by those who do not have children attending, or about to attend, school here. As a result, a primary attraction for families to move into this area is the quality education their children receive at Lewiston-Porter. Frankly, selfishly, I want to maintain my property value by ensuring this trend continues for decades to come!

I would like to see that ALL of our community continues to value what we have in the Lewiston-Porter schools. In addition, to ensure those who send their children to Lewiston-Porter will experience the same excellent public education, as did I and my siblings, nieces and nephews. Once a Lancer, always a Lancer!