



# Lewiston-Porter Central School District

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## Board Candidate Danielle M. Mullen

### Education:

B.S. Industrial Engineering, Rensselaer  
Polytechnic Institute

### Employment:

IBCLC (International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant) at a  
local pediatric practice



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

I am fortunate to have been actively involved in our school community for over a decade. I began my school volunteering career with the PTSA. Being a part of the PTSA for many years was helpful in understanding the priorities of our families, schools, and community. I held many positions throughout my time with the PTSA including Vice President and President.

I have been on the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education for four years, serving one year as Vice President and the past two years as President. I have attended multiple conferences to further my knowledge base in board of education work, including educational law conferences and NYSSBA (New York State School Board Association) Annual Conventions. I currently serve as the NOSBA (Niagara Orleans School Board Association) representative for Lewiston Porter and will also be representing our district for the next 3 years on the Niagara Orleans BOCES Board. I have gained insight and direct knowledge of varying aspects of the school district's operations by actively serving on multiple district committees. I am currently involved in the following committees; policy, special education, finance, district wide safety, and strategic planning. This experience coupled with my formal education has helped strengthen my analytical skills in evaluating school business decisions.

Finally, I have four children, spanning a wide range of ages, interests and abilities; three currently attending Lewiston-Porter schools, and one recent 2022 graduate. Having a parent's perspective has been invaluable in serving on the board. Through my children's involvement in programs and services, I have had the opportunity to see first hand a wide variety of experiences offered here.

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

Our schools are the heart of this unique and special community. Our children are the future and deserve the very best we can offer them. The success of our students is related to the time, effort, love, and resources we put into them. I am dedicated to helping ensure each child in this district can reach their full potential by utilizing resources thoughtfully. I enjoy listening to and working with our community while being involved in the process of making responsible and pragmatic fiscal decisions for all of our tax payers.



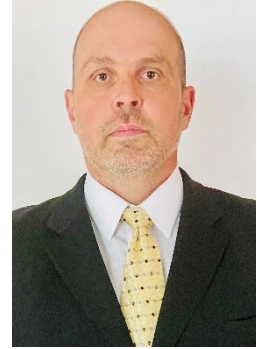
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## Board Candidate Jack G. Waugaman III

**Education:** Bachelor of Science, Criminology and Criminal Justice  
Niagara University  
Master of Science, Criminal Justice Administration  
Niagara University

**Employment:** Retired, Supervisory Special Agent  
Homeland Security Investigations



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

Based upon my life experience, military service, education, and federal law enforcement career, I believe my leadership traits, skills, and qualifications are well matched with the role and responsibilities of the Board of Education. I am independently motivated while striving to empower a team through the collective team effort and effective leadership. I will, with an open mind, civilly and productively communicate and work with fellow board members to fulfill the responsibilities of the Board of Education for the students at Lewiston-Porter Central School District, their families, district employees and the community. I dutifully invite dialogue with student representatives, student families, community members, collective bargaining unit representation, and other district employees on campus.

My training and experience as a Gulf war era infantry Marine instilled leadership traits as my foundation for critical thinking to make legal and ethical decisions. The 14 leadership traits I employ are: justice, judgement, decisive, integrity, dependable, tact, initiative, endurance, bearing, unselfishness, courage, knowledge, loyalty, and enthusiasm. Decisions I make as a member of the Board of Education will be Constitutional, within federal and state laws and regulations. I will consider feedback from the student body, community, and district employees while deliberating prospective policy and budget line items.

The education I received at Niagara University provided me with the foundational knowledge for my law enforcement career.

I supervised a co-located international law enforcement investigative task force comprised of local, state, federal, tribal, and foreign law enforcement utilizing the collective statutory authorities of participating agencies to combat transnational criminal organizations (TCOs) and other criminal organizations. Effective team building, work ethic, organization, communication, collaboration, fiscal responsibility, identifying and utilizing all available resources to support team members, and problem-solving strategies led to achieving our objectives and team success.

The referenced education, traits, experience, and skills are why I believe I qualify to serve on the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education.

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

I have a vested interest in the continuing success of the Lewiston-Porter CSD. An adversarial relationship between the Board of Education, the community, and district employees is counterproductive to the shared goal to inspire our students with an innovative pathway to success.

My family has resided in Lewiston for 25 years. My wife, a teacher in a neighboring district, and three grown children attended and graduated from Lewiston-Porter; and my youngest daughter is currently attending the Primary Education Center.

I am a participating community member attending Lewiston-Porter District Safety Committee meetings.



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I am a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Downriver Post 7487 (Lewiston) where I serve as the chairperson of the scholarship committee and participate in the various scholarship fundraising events in Lewiston. Thanks to our very generous community, Post 7487 offers an annual \$1500 scholarship award to a Lewiston-Porter graduating senior who will attend college. I was also the proposing member for the newly instituted second scholarship award of \$1500 for a Lewiston-Porter graduating senior who will attend a trade or vocational school/program. I continue to strongly encourage our graduating seniors to apply for the scholarship awards.

I have served our nation in the military, as a civilian, and now I am seeking the honor of serving our wonderful community as an elected member to the Board of Education.



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## Board Candidate Joseph J. Palermo

**Education:** 1989-1991 Niagara County Community College, Criminal Justice  
1991-1993 Buffalo State College, Sociology

**Employment:** Youngstown Police Department  
Detective with Niagara Falls Police Department – Retired June 2021



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

I have been part of the Lewiston Porter community for 17 years. I have two daughters currently attending Lew-Port and a son who graduated in 2021. I have a vested interest in this school district because of my children and for the betterment of the community in which I live.

As a law enforcement officer, I have worked with multiple police agencies on city, county, state and federal levels. For three years before my retirement, I worked with the Department of Justice as a task force member for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. I have coordinated long-term and short-term investigations with these agencies. I also have represented the Niagara Falls Police Union as a negotiator which included meeting with city officials to negotiate contracts. I believe my law enforcement experience is a valuable asset to offer the Lewiston Porter community. Being in law enforcement requires you to be a critical thinker. I am able to listen to all sides of an issue and make an effective decision that would be in the best interest of the school board, administration, faculty, staff, students and parents. I also possess communication, social and problem-solving skills that I believe would be very useful as a Board of Education member.

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

As I mentioned earlier, I have two daughters attending Lew-Port. Their education and experiences in the school district are important to me. I have had the pleasure of being part of the Lew-Port softball program for the last few years. Coaching for the school has given me a bit of experience working with the district in order to better the program. I would like to see positive work continue in the area of athletics. I would also like to work with the Board of Education in all areas of the education program to ensure we are providing our students with the best tools to succeed.