

Board of Education Candidates

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Name: Abigail "Abby" Bristol

Occupation: Elementary Teacher at Churchville-Chili CSD

BCSD Resident: 16 years

Family Information: Husband: Dave; Children: Benjamin ('25), Caleb ('28), Zachary ('34)

School/Community Activities/Memberships: BS - SUNY Brockport; Elementary Education MS - Robert Wesleyan; Special Education; School Improvement Team, Special Education Advisory Committee, District Citizenship Committee; Brockport Soccer Club Registrar (2019-2025).

Why do you want to serve on Brockport's Board of Education?

As an educator, I have the opportunity to experience first-hand how decisions impact students and staff. This insight gives me a unique perspective that would benefit the Board of Education and assist with the continuous vision of the Brockport Central School District.

As a parent of three children within the district, I have a vested interest in student achievement. I also believe being a service

leader for your community sets a good example for all and gives back to something I am dedicated to.

What do you see as the top three issues facing BCSD?

1. Promote mentally healthy students, which will encourage a positive school climate. This directly influences student achievement. Assisting staff, students and families with the tools needed to manage their mental well-being effectively is a growing area of need. When students come to school with appropriate and available resources, they will actively engage in school.
2. Attract and retain highly qualified staff. Lowering staff turnover provides long-lasting relationships for our students. Promoting a collaborative environment is a component of effective teaching within our schools.
3. Continue to establish a diverse, equitable and inclusive school district. Diversity allows for new perspectives. Equity creates a safe, fair environment that helps provide opportunities to all. Inclusion helps strengthen a sense of belonging and understanding throughout the district.



Name: Terry Ann Carbone

Occupation: Education, Teacher, Administrator, and retired School Superintendent Lockport City school district. A member of the Brockport School Board of Education

BCSD Resident: 50+ years

Family Information: Husband: Fred J. Carbone, retired teacher; Children: Heather, Kindergarten teacher in Hilton, and Fred R., civil engineer; Grandchildren: Toby and Jesse, Sophomores at Brockport High School.

School/Community Activities/Memberships: Past President of the BSCD Board of Education, Co-Founder and member of the BEST Education Foundation, Committee of the Summer and Winter Serenades, Honorary member of the Small City Schools Board of Directors, BCSD Approved Volunteer, Honorary Life member of the NYS Council of School Superintendents, Honorary Life Member of the NYS PTA and recipient of the NYS PTA Distinguished Service Award.

Why do you want to serve on Brockport's Board of Education?

My interest in serving on the Brockport Board of Education comes from a deep desire to serve children and youth as they prepare for a successful future by creating conditions for success for every student. I am also dedicated to the preservation and protection of quality public education in our community. I believe that a quality public school that supports

and collaborates with its employees, parents, and students is the backbone of a thriving community. Both of my children and now grandchildren were born and raised in Brockport. They have all benefited from outstanding teachers, coaches and visionary leaders. As we move through continued difficult times, I believe that I can continue to bring to BCSD a commitment of time and a supportive informed perspective. Based on my 50+ years in education as a teacher, administrator, and Board of Education Member, I believe that I have the experience and vision necessary to support students, employees and the community. I believe that I have the ability to make necessary decisions that will lead to a continued desirable high quality school district that provides success for all.

What do you see as the top three issues facing BCSD?

1. The assurance of a safe, healthy, collaborative, and positive learning environment where all members are respected and encouraged to contribute and excel to their fullest potential.
2. The assurance of the necessary vision and support needed to maintain an attractive, high quality, 21st century, comprehensive school district, which ensures academic, social, emotional, and career development success for all students.
3. The assurance of fiscally responsible leadership that incorporates effective, collaborative, and creative problem-solving strategies where all voices are encouraged and respected.

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Name: David Stroup

Occupation: Sr. Manager for Enablement Technology for Amazon Web Services (AWS)

BCSD Resident: 45 years

Family Information: Wife: Bianca ('95); Children: Lilly ('18), Emma ('20), Isaac ('22), Naomi ('25), Levi ('26), Eliza ('30) and Sadie ('40).

School/Community Activities/Memberships: I am a 1992 BHS graduate, who participated in the BHS Band, Blue Notes, and football program. I graduated from SUNY Brockport with a BSW and minor in Sociology.

I am a current BOE member serving a one-year appointed position. I serve on the worship team at the Brockport Free Methodist Church as a drummer and has taught youth at BVM and St Mary's. I love making memories with my family and playing pickleball, cornhole, and euchre.

Why do you want to serve on Brockport's Board of Education?

I bring a unique, fair, and balanced perspective to the BOE, due to my education (social work/sociology), professional experience (educational technology and big tech) and family (three kids graduated and four to go). I understand that even though students are our top priority, there is an important relationship between the student, parent, and teacher that must be fostered to achieve optimal success. I understand that technology opens doors for new opportunities and ways of doing things, but it still requires people and personal interactions to be successful. From my own experience as

well as my children's experiences, everyone's educational journey is different, and college is not always the end goal. I had a wonderful experience growing up within BCSD. I want my children and everyone's children, to have an even better experience at BCSD.

What do you see as the top three issues facing BCSD?

1. Fiscal responsibility of our district - we must continue to raise the bar of educational excellence, while being frugal and innovating on behalf of our students, district, and community. We must continue to be competitive (salary) to ensure we keep our exceptional staff and continue to attract high-quality candidates.
2. Keeping our identity - as increasing regulations and mandates continue to come from Albany, we need to ensure BCSD policies continue to meet government expectations, but also represent the people it serves. BCSD is a beacon of commonsense and unique beauty that draws families in.
3. Student achievement, programs, and offerings – this is our top priority, but listed third as the first two are needed to understand the context in which we must work. We must continue to improve student achievement results. We must also ensure we continue to improve student programming and offerings. Every student needs to be offered something meaningful to them (art, music, clubs, or sports etc.). These are the things that help our students belong and stay engaged with their education, increasing their level of achievement in school.



Name: Kevin Parmele

Occupation: High School Teacher at Gates Chili

BCSD Resident: 45 years

Family information: Wife: Shannon; Children: Jack ('24), Brennan ('27)

School/Community Activities/Memberships: I enjoy spending time with my family traveling. I also enjoy running and biking to raise money for local charities and nonprofits.

Why do you want to serve on Brockport's Board of Education?

I am seeking a position on the Brockport School Board as I want to advocate for the best possible educational opportunities for all students in the district. When my wife and I were looking for a community to raise our family, schools and education were paramount. We felt as though Brockport and its schools would provide our kids with the educational foundation they would need to be successful. I want to ensure that students in this district continue to have these same opportunities my children have.

What do you see as the top three issues facing BCSD?

1. Continuing to evolve the education we provide students. Society and the jobs available are constantly changing and I feel as though we need to continue to examine the programs that are provided to ensure that they are preparing students for the next phase of their life. Looking at programs that are provided and making sure they meet the needs of all learners and stakeholders. Making sure that the district is moving forward in a way that meets the diverse needs of our community.
2. Providing a safe school environment for the students and staff. In this ever-changing world we need to make sure we are providing an environment that is safe for students. I feel that though this not only includes outside threats but also those posed by the use of social media. Social media is a part of our culture; however, we need to make sure that it is being used appropriately and isn't negatively impacting the mental health of our students.
3. Juggling mandates coming from the state regarding more environmentally friendly buses and facilities as these are unfunded mandates that put a fiscal burden and strain on the district.