

NDSBA CANDIDATES

ELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE 7:30 -10:00 a.m.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2012

CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT



GREG ALLEN

Greg Allen...Jamestown

Greg has lived in Jamestown for over 30 years. He graduated from Valley City State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration and is Administration Manager at Cavendish Farms.

Greg has served on the Jamestown School Board since 1994. He was elected to NDSBA's Board of Directors in 2009. Governor Hoeven appointed Greg to the Education Standards and Practices Board (current chairman), the North Dakota Workforce Development Council, and the North Dakota State Commission on National and Community Service.

Greg has been active on additional state and local boards including the North Dakota Roundtable on Higher Education (private sector), Jamestown United Way (board chairman), North Dakota Safety Council Board of Directors (Safety Professional of the Year), and Jamestown Mayor's Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities. He has made presentations to many organizations such as Jamestown Character Counts, North Dakota Business Challenge, and Marketplace for Kids.

Greg is married with four children and seven grandchildren with one on the way. His wife Mary is a Special Education Strategist and currently teaches the "Read 180" program at Jamestown Middle School.

CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT



JIM ROSTAD

Jim Rostad...Minot

As a current resident of rural Minot, Jim brings a unique blend of experiences to NDSBA. Rostad graduated from Carpio High School and attended Minot State University. He recently retired from a 40-year career in the auto collision repair industry. Founder of Minot's Finest Collision Center, Jim was active in state and national auto body industry organizations and was a columnist for "*Body Shop Business*," the most highly recognized industry journal in the nation. Jim served as a board member and president of the North Dakota Auto Body Association and as chairman of the state convention. His contributions to the auto body industry in the state were recognized when he was inducted into the ND Auto Body Association's Hall of Fame in 2012. His 40 years of management experience helped him develop valuable decision-making skills.

Jim's school board experience includes serving as a member of the Minot Public School Board from 1988-1992, and as president from 1990-1992. He returned to the board in 2004, served as vice president from 2011-2012 and was elected president again in 2012. Rostad has attended several NSBA conferences. As the board's liaison to the Minot Air Force Base School Board, he has attended several National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) conferences in Washington, D.C., where he has met with our congressional delegation. Jim has served on NDSBA's Governmental Affairs Committee for the last seven years and was elected to the NDSBA board as Northwest Director in 2010.

Jim is a past board member and chairman of the Minot Housing Authority and a former member and chairman of the Board of Trustees of his church, where he and his wife, Verla are active members. They have two grown children and three grandchildren.

CANDIDATES FOR NORTHWEST DIRECTOR



DENNIS ERICKSON

Dennis Erickson...Max

Dennis graduated from Granville Public School. A lifelong North Dakotan, he lives on a farm near Ruso and works in Minot.

Dennis was first elected to the Max School Board in 1989 and has served on the board for 23 years. He has served on many of the various committees during that time. He is currently board president and has held that position on and off for 15 years.

He is a big advocate for children with special needs. He is a director on the board for Minot's 2nd Story, a social club for youth and adults with developmental challenges.

Dennis has served as president of the Max Civic Club and has held various offices on his church board. He is currently chairman of Andrews Township. He has been a 4-H leader in McLean County for many years and also serves on the McLean County Fair board.

Dennis and his family have owned and operated Rocky Top Ranch Petting Zoo for 21 years.

Dennis and his wife, Karla, have three sons. Dallas, a lineman in the Parshall area, is married to Marissa, an elementary teacher, and they have one child, Ryder. Sons Kyle and Travis are both students at NDSU in Fargo.



MIKE LAUTENSCHLAGER

Mike Lautenschlager...Lewis and Clark, Berthold

Mike is a graduate of Berthold Public School. He spent five years in Leeds, North Dakota, as herdsman for Kenner Simmentals and then returned to Berthold where he is involved in the family farm and employed at Delta Energy.

Mike has been on the school board for 16 years and has served on several committees. He has presented on reorganizations at NDSBA Conventions and on labor/management issues at Negotiations Seminars. Mike currently serves on NDSBA's Governmental Affairs Committee and is a member of NSBA's Federal Relations Network.

Mike is a 4-H leader, serves on the County Ambulance Board of Directors, and is a member of the Berthold volunteer ambulance service. He and his wife Ginger have three sons, ages 14 to 22.

CANDIDATES FOR SOUTHWEST DIRECTOR



EVELYN ALT

Evelyn Alt...New Leipzig

Evelyn is a graduate of Elgin Public School. She has a CNA license and recently received her Paraprofessional Certificate. Evelyn has worked in a nursing home for 10 years and 12 years as an IHC for Grant County. Evelyn has just started working as a Special Ed Para for Roosevelt School in Carson. She also helps her husband farm.

Evelyn has been on the Elgin-New Leipzig School Board since July 2005 and has served on the negotiating team for her board every year since 2005. She has also served on the MREC Board since 2005 as vice president and president. She has served on various committees at the NDSBA Annual Convention.

Evelyn serves on the Grant County Farmers Union Board and is the Youth Director for the Grant County Farmers Union.

Evelyn and her husband Alan have two children: Alex 18 and Abigail 14.



BEN AUCH

Ben Auch...Mott-Regent

Ben graduated from Mott High School in 1993. He attended NDSCS and graduated in 1996 with an Associate's Degree in Diesel Technology. Since 2007 he has been partnered with his brother-in-law in a custom manure spreading business.

Ben was elected to the Mott-Regent School Board in 2004. Ben has been on several board committees, including six years on the negotiations committee, serving as chief negotiator during the last negotiations session. He is a member of the armory board committee and playground fundraising committee. He joined the Mott Ambulance Service in 2007 as an EMT. Ben was appointed to the NDHSAA board of directors in 2010. He also served on the Head Start Policy Council and referees for Junior High and Junior Varsity football. Ben is very active in his community, working with the county fair board and 4-H, and in his church, serving on many committees and as a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Ben has been married to his high school sweetheart Nadra for 15 years and has two children: Kaden 9 and Kendra 6.



WILLIAM GION

William Gion...Mott-Regent

Bill is a fourth generation North Dakota native and a graduate of Regent High School. He received an Associate Degree from Dickinson State University and a Bachelor of Science Degree from North Dakota State University.

Bill has been a member of the former Regent and present Mott-Regent School Board since 2000. He was very involved in the School Consolidation Plan for Mott and Regent and is presently serving his third consecutive year as board chairman of the Mott-Regent School District.

Bill was appointed as a Charter Member Delegate for Mott-Regent to the Roughrider Education Services Program in 2002. He has served on this Regional Educational Association for 10 years, 7 years as vice chairman, and is presently serving his third year as RESP board chairman. The RESP was recently awarded the "Succeed 2020" Hess Grant and continues collaborated services for the 19 school districts it serves in southwest North Dakota.

Bill is presently employed as the Director of Human Resources for SVC Oilfield Services in Dickinson. For the past 15 years, Bill has resided with his wife and children on the homestead ranch northeast of Regent. His prior work experience included a career in appraisal/finance for 25 years. He has a solid understanding of the challenges for the schools and communities due to the recent Bakken Oil Boom in western North Dakota.

As a parent of four and a fifth-term school board member, Bill's educational goal is to challenge our children to accomplish much more than a time and space degree—we want them to achieve their potential!



LAWRENCE KING

Lawrence King...Bismarck

Lawrence King is the proud father of three. Samantha (Century High School 2009), Erik (Century High School 2011), and Isaac (5th grader). He has been married to his wife, Tammy, for 24 years. Lawrence graduated with a political science degree with a minor in criminal justice in 1989 from UND. He then attended UND Law School and graduated in 1992. He has been a partner with Zuger Kirmis & Smith for over 20 years.

Lawrence was elected to the Bismarck School Board in 2008. He served as vice president one year and president of the board for two years. Lawrence has also attended every NDSBA meeting since he was elected to the board and almost every National School Boards Association meeting as well. He serves on the Governmental Affairs Committee of NDSBA; served one year on the NDSBA Nominating Committee; and has served one year on the Credentials Committee. Lawrence also served two years on the Missouri River Education Cooperative and two years on the Bismarck Public School Foundation.

Lawrence is active in his community, including past chairman of the finance committee at his Methodist Church; past president of Bridging the Dental Gap, a local nonprofit entity; past president of the Big Muddy Bar Association; past president of the Young Lawyers Section; and past president of the State Bar Association of North Dakota. Lawrence also serves on the Morton Burleigh Bismarck Mandan Opportunity Development Subcommittee.

CANDIDATES FOR SOUTHEAST DIRECTOR



JIM JOHNSON

Jim Johnson...Fargo

Jim is currently serving his fifth term as president of the Fargo School Board. He has been on the board since 2001 and has served on all of the board's standing committees at one time or another during his years on the board.

On a state level, Jim has also been a strong advocate for k-12 education. He currently serves as a member of the NDSBA Governmental Affairs Committee. He has presented at past state conventions, testified several times before the education committees of the legislature, and has traveled to Washington, D.C., to discuss the impacts of federal legislation with our congressional delegates.

Jim also serves on the Executive Committee and is vice president of the South East Education Cooperative (SEEC) Board of Directors. His work on the SEEC board has given him a unique perspective of the differing needs that districts face based on their size and location. He has been a strong voice in Bismarck for the continued support and development of the Regional Education Associations (REAs) throughout the state.

Jim grew up in Fargo where he eventually graduated from Fargo South High School and was lucky enough to go on to college. Jim and his wife Kay (West Fargo graduate) have two pretty darn good daughters, Robin and Emma. And thanks to the cost of their college education, he is still working as vice president of Hallett Financial Group, a Minneapolis-based financial services firm.



JEFF SHIRLEY

Jeff Shirley...West Fargo

A 30-year resident of Cass County, Jeff was appointed to the West Fargo School Board in 1997 and served for 6 1/2 years. He served on nearly all of the committees, acted in several liaison roles, and served as an NDSBA nonrenewal field rep. He was acting board president at the time of his departure.

Jeff regularly attended the NDSBA Annual Convention and the NSBA Annual Conferences. He was also involved with Odyssey of the Mind/Destination Imagination as a coach and Southeast Director prior to his service on the school board.

After resigning from the board and relocating outside of the district, Jeff served several years in municipal government as council vice president and mayor in Mapleton, North Dakota. He was reelected to the West Fargo School Board in 2012.

Jeff and his wife Kristy have three daughters. Together they have provided foster care in their home and been hosts for NDSU's International Friendship Program. They reside in rural Harwood with their youngest daughter Ella.