

Meet the NY Mills Public School Board Candidates

Five candidates are vying for the three open seats on the New York Mills Public School Board, with only one being an incumbent. In an effort to help voters get to know all the prospective school board candidates, we reached out via email to each candidate with several questions for information posters. Election Day is Tuesday, November 8.

Brian Schermerhorn



Why are you running for the Board of Education? If elected, what will be your priorities? I am running for school board to bring fresh ideas and opinions to the board as well as help make common sense decisions to keep our district moving forward. We need to remember our town and school were supported highly by rural and farm families for years and now that there is less. I want to make sure they are heard from too.

Is there a particular issue that motivates you to serve on the board of education? Not one

thing, in particular, made my decision to run, just want to help keep our small-town school headed in the right direction

What do you see as the major issue(s) facing the NYM School District? Public education? I am not going to state any issues, cause we all have different issues on a normal day and we tackle them as best we can. If elected that is what I will do with a common sense approach.

What should your school district do to better prepare students as citizens? I think School Dist #553 has done very well for many years in preparing kids for the real world, but it is different now and we need to try to do the best we can. I may be a lil' old school, but basic things like balancing checking/savings accounts, changing a tire, counting change, etc. are things I have seen kids struggle with, not just in our district.

In what school district or community activities/organizations have you been involved?

Myself, my wife Tina, and 3 sons have all attended NYM. FFA is something that is big for our family and I encourage students to check it out. I am a big supporter of high school sports and attend whenever I can.

Another thing I am involved in is judging livestock shows around the country, open and youth shows. Youth shows allow you to see the highs and lows in kids but like I say it's my honest opinion on that day.

What is your vision for education in this community? As far as education in our community, we need to offer up whatever kids need. We are not all the same and we have to remember that.