

Three Hinsdale races are uncontested

Meet and learn more about unopposed candidates for D181, village and library boards

In three Hinsdale races, the number of candidates is equal to the number of open seats on the board.

The four candidates for the Hinsdale Village Board, the four candidates for the Hinsdale Public Library Board and the three candidates for the Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 Board face no opposition in the Tuesday, April 4, election.

Here is a brief look at these individuals and the priorities they have identified for their four-year terms.



Byrnes



Hughes



Posthuma



Ripani



Blumberg-Kason



Bock



Glynn



McDaniel



Kleber



Lucht



Patel

Hinsdale Village Board

Who is Neale Byrnes?

Neale Byrnes is a retired chemical industry executive, most recently working for Praxair Inc. He has been a Hinsdale trustee since 2016, previously serving on and chairing the village's plan commission. He was on the Solutions Exploration Group of the village's 2020 plan as well as the task force to plan the Madison School expansion and has been a coach for Little League, HUSA and flag football. He holds a bachelor's in chemical engineering from Purdue University

What are his priorities as village trustee?

He will work to continue the implementation of the master infrastructure plan, to manage village expenditures to ensure its excellent financial condition and to minimize or ideally eliminate the impact of the potential widening of I-294 on the village.

Who is Jerry Hughes?

Jerry Hughes is a management consultant with Blue Ridge Partners. He has been a Hinsdale trustee since 2013, before which he was a member and chair of the village's finance commission. He has served as a youth catechist at St. Isaac Jogues and St. John of the Cross. He holds an A.B. in government from Dartmouth College and a master's in business administration/international business from University of Chicago.

What are his priorities as village trustee?

Hughes will work to protect village revenue streams from threats posed by possible Illinois Assembly actions, to successfully transition from repairing deteriorated village roads and sewers to diligent ongoing maintenance and to maintain the village's strong financial position through formalized policies and processes.

Who is Matt Posthuma?

Matt Posthuma is a partner in the private investment funds group of the law firm Ropes & Gray. He has served

on the village's finance commission and has been a volunteer coach with AYSO and Hinsdale Little League. He holds a bachelor's in math and economics from University of Michigan and a juris doctor from Harvard Law School.

What are his priorities as a village trustee?

Posthuma will work through all avenues to prevent the tollway authority from widening I-294 to the detriment of residents, continue the strong financial position of the village while completing infrastructure improvements, explore opportunities for greater operational efficiency and ensure sufficient resources to support public safety.

Who is Michael Ripani?

Michael Ripani is an attorney with the firm of Handler, Thayer LLP as well as a certified public accountant and certified fraud examiner. He volunteers with Hinsdale Boy Scout Troop 10 and St. Isaac Jogues Men's Group, and has coached AYSO soccer and served on the Hinsdale Central High School Reading Rocks committee. He holds a bachelor's in accountancy from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a juris doctor from IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law.

What are his priorities as a village trustee?

Ripani is guided by a desire to listen to the residents, to promote safety and services for all residents, and

to support the village's unique charm and fiscal responsibility.

Hinsdale Public Library Board

Who is Susan Blumberg-Kason?

Susan Blumberg-Kason is a writer who volunteers with senior citizens at the Chinese American Service League in Chinatown, serves as a Girl Scout troop leader and Cub Scout den leader and co-chairs the book fair at Monroe School. She holds a bachelor's in politics and public policy from Goucher College, and a master's in government and public administration from Chinese University of Hong Kong.

What are her priorities as a library board member?

Blumberg-Kason aims to increase community awareness of all the services the library provides and help it become a cultural center for all members of the community. She also would like to help continue the library's art programs.

Who is Mary Bock?

She is a semi-retired owner of Technically Speaking, an IT support service firm for individuals in their home. She is currently involved in volunteer activities at her church as well as with a hospital and doctor's practice that strives to serve low-income individuals. She holds a bachelor's degree in education from Wayne State University.

What are her priorities as a library



board member?

Bock will strive to involve children and youth in library activities through programs encouraging reading and learning while continuing to match ever-changing technology with library services and promoting participation in the life of the community.

Who is Amy Glynn?

Amy Glynn is a director of human resources who has served as a volunteer for The Lane School, was active in the Vote Yes for HMS campaign and was a member of the Westport Young Women's Club in Westport, Conn. She holds a bachelor's in communications from Loyola University of New Orleans.

What are her priorities as a library board member?

Glynn will pursue fiscal responsibility, promote community and children's programs which leverage technology and digital media and work to maintain the library's relevance to the community.

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Who is Kristin McDaniel?

She is the head of market research and brand management for the Radiological Association of North America. She has served as PTO chair at Madison School and Hinsdale Middle School and been involved with St. Isaac Jogues Seeds of Service. She holds a bachelor's in marketing communication and media studies from DePaul University and a master's in integrated marketing from Northwestern University.

What are her priorities as a library board member?

McDaniel wants to continue to support the library's mission while meeting the needs and wants of the community, operating the library as a fiscally responsible contributor to the community and moving ahead with implementation of the strategic plan.

District 181 Board

Who is Margaret Kleber?

Margaret Kleber is an operations manager at Northwestern Medicine Physician Partners who has sent four children through Hinsdale public schools and who has been involved in a variety of groups — from Hinsdale Junior Women's Club to the Hinsdale Central track and field parent committee. She has a bachelor's in English from Loyola University Chicago.

What are her priorities as a school board member?

She will work to maintain academic excellence through enhanced curriculum for students at all ability levels. She plans to ensure HMS construction proceeds as quickly as possible while staying within the budget and scope taxpayers approved. She would like to see the district budget funds routinely for aging and obsolete equipment and assets.

Who is Nathan Lucht?

Nathan Lucht is the executive vice president of corporate strategy and development at Information Resources Inc. He is a Hinsdale Humane Society Board member and a former AYSO coach. He holds an MBA from Northwestern

University's Kellogg School of Management and a bachelor's in finance from the University of Minnesota.

What are his priorities as a school board member?

Lucht would like to see HMS built on time and on budget. He believes the board should ensure the new curriculum is implemented effectively with appropriate teacher training. He also wants to prudently balance

district needs with tax dollars.

Who is Meeta Patel?

Dr. Meeta Patel is in her physical medicine and rehabilitation residency at Northwestern University/Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. At Elm School she is a member of the PTO executive board, the Destination Imagination chairman and a room parent. She is a member of the

Hinsdale Historical Society and of the Hinsdale Junior Women's Club. She earned her medical degree at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine.

What are her priorities as a school board member?

Patel believes the board should work collaboratively with administrators to attain an efficient and balanced budget to drive the tax levy process. She will

work to improve communication, increase transparency and build trust between the board, administrators, teachers and stakeholders. She also will focus on the master facilities plan, including the successful completion of a new HMS along with updates to the other eight district buildings.

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