

What do they have? What do they need?

Voters on April 4 will elect a new Hinsdale village president and four members to the Hinsdale High School District 86 Board. Neither the village president nor the new board members will serve in isolation. They will either lead or be part of a seven-member governing body.



The following information about the individuals currently serving on these boards is provided to give voters additional insight as they evaluate the candidates.

Hinsdale Village Board



Neale Byrnes
Age: 67
Residence: Madison School area
Years in Hinsdale: 18
Education: BS, chemical engineering, Purdue University
Occupation: retired global business manager from Praxair, Inc.
Year appointed: 2016



Chris Elder
Age: 50
Residence: Oak School area
Years in Hinsdale: 50
Education: BS, accountancy, Miami University (Ohio); MBA, DePaul University
Occupation: chief financial officer of Interdom, LLC and CMI Logistics, LLC
Year elected: 2015 (second term)



Jerry Hughes
Age: 50
Residence: Oak School area
Years in Hinsdale: 16
Education: AB, government, Dartmouth College; MBA, University of Chicago
Occupation: senior managing director, Blue Ridge Partners
Year elected: 2013



Matt Posthuma
Age: 47
Years in town: 17
Neighborhood: Madison School area
Education: AB, math and economics, University of Michigan; JD, Harvard Law School
Occupation: partner, private investment funds group, Ropes & Gray, Chicago
Year elected: 2017



Michael Ripani
Age: 55
Years in town: 7
Neighborhood: Oak School area
Education: BS, accountancy, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign; JD, IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law
Occupation: attorney with Handler Thayer LLP
Year elected: 2017



Luke Stifflear
Age: 48
Residence: Monroe School area
Years in Hinsdale: 14
Education: BA, State University of New York-Oswego; MBA, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Occupation: group head private placements, PPM America Inc.
Year elected: 2015

District 86 Board



Bill Carpenter
Age: 45
Years in district: 18
Attendance area: Hinsdale South
Education: University of Chicago-Illinois
Occupation: accountant/business owner
Year elected: 2015



Kathleen Hirsman
Age: 62
Years in district: 32
Attendance area: Hinsdale Central
Education: BA, English literature, Kalamazoo College; MA, linguistics, University of Illinois-Chicago; JD, Loyola University Chicago
School of Law
Occupation: faculty, Loyola University Chicago School of Law
Elected: 2015



Jennifer Planson
Age: 48
Years in district: 16
Attendance area: buffer zone
Education: BS in sociology, Illinois State University
Occupation: accounting associate
Elected: 2015 (second term)