

Quick Biographies on Election Candidates

Western Washington: Position 5 Candidates

Warren T. Smith (Spanaway)

Warren, a current Board member, has served as both president and vice chair of the State Board, in addition to working for the Bethel school district, WSSDA, and NAGB. Warren is committed to the principle that that Board be “aware of the real life impact of our [policy] decisions on local control, budgets, students, staff at all levels, [and] parents/guardians. . .”

Melvin T. Cardon (Camas)

Melvin has 34 years of experience on the Camas School Board. During that time, he has served as president, vice president, and legislative representative. He has been an active member of WSSDA, in addition to his 40 years of service to the Georgia Pacific Corporation.

John Stokes (Bellevue)

John Stokes has been active in education for the last seventeen years, serving on both the Bellevue PTSA and the WSPTSA. He was recently appointed to the Parks and Community Services Board by the Bellevue City Council, and has experience working with several state agencies in the context of his career as counsel.

Eastern Washington: Position 2 Candidates

Phyllis Bunker Frank (Yakima)

Phyllis (Bunker), a current Board member, has over 25 years experience in educational leadership, including stints with the Yakima School Board, WSSDA leadership, the Governor’s Council on Education Reform and Funding, and the WA Goals 2000 Education Improvement Council. Her experiences as both an educational leader and as a parent have reinforced her goal of ensuring policy be “ground in reality and supportive of local control.”

Richard Reuther (Richland)

Richard is an experienced classroom teacher who believes that “excellence in the classroom comes from committed educators who are supported in their efforts by systems that recognize their abilities and encourage them to grow professionally.” Richard believes that the state must direct greater resources to early education, quality teaching, world language immersion, and fostering parent/community involvement.

Eugene L Johnson (Kennewick)

Eugene has 25 years of private sector experience in human resource management, including 10 years of experience in labor relations. He has worked on several

boards, including the Kelso School Board, the Benton County Commission, the Private Industry Council, and more.

Dale Clark (Pasco)

Dale's career in education began as a classroom teacher, followed by administrative roles in six school districts, where he has worked in a variety of roles, including vice principal, principal, curriculum director, and superintendent. He has served on several boards, including the Bailie Youth Ranch Board, the Adams County Development Council, and Kiwanis.