

Being able to continue providing an excellent education and allocating limited resources toward this end continues to be a top priority.	youth to become responsible and knowledgeable citizens in a complex world. As a parent of a high-schooler who has been a student in the district since Kindergarten, I'm excited to give back to the schools		motivated to do careful, detailed work in service of a mission.
2. What is your vision for education in our community?			
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We are a diverse school district with far-ranging skills and talents. Collaborating with our community's professionals to provide real-life experiences for our students will allow them to make informed decisions about their future in higher education and/or the workplace. I want to see Rhinebeck support programs that promote this type of collaboration.	I envision our schools focused on their core mission and on students finding their passion for learning and collaborating with their peers in the classroom, extracurricular activities, and as engaged junior members of the community. I imagine a school district that works in tandem with the community to serve all students as individuals by meeting them where they are in their learning process. In order to do this well, teachers, administrators, and leaders will need a sustainable model of support and resources so they can maintain their creativity and inspiration to do their best work.	I would like to make sure students are prepared well for the world beyond their primary education, developing critical thinking skills and being well-versed in the technology so pervasive in the world today.	I envision strong connections between our schools and surrounding communities, our children's minds ablaze and hearts secure, staff fulfilled and appreciated, and the future of our schools well stewarded. I support the current mission, vision and core values of the RCSD.
3. In your opinion, what is the biggest challenge facing Rhinebeck Central School District? What should be the top two priorities for the Board of education in 2022-23 School Year and beyond?			
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Ensuring students are on	As we emerge from a	The biggest challenge facing	Despite new families moving to
track academically and	two-year period of	the district is restoring the	the area and COVID-era
socially after 2 years of COVID interruptions is the	disruption and	students back to normal post-	supplemental funding, we still
biggest challenge. Two	uncertainty, long-term planning for a	COVID. The disease, and response to it, have taken a	face a challenge of long-term declining enrollment and
Board priorities are	sustainable future is	massive psychological,	financial sustainability. Most
ensuring the federal/state	essential. Maintaining	emotional, and educational toll	immediately, we must help our
COVID relief funds are	and upgrading the		current students and staff
used wisely to	facilities and always		recover from pandemic stress

supplement and support students and to start analyzing and planning for innovation in student programs going forward. improving the level of education even as enrollment continues to decline (despite the uptick in the last 2 years) will be a challenge. Providing support for the well-being for students and teachers is also key for the success of our schools.

on everyone, and we need to get everyone back on track.

and educational setbacks.
Long-term, the Board must continue to steward an inclusive strategic planning process towards achievable innovation and continued excellence.

Juliet Gorman

## 4. What experience do you have that will make you an effective leader as a member of the school board?

## **Steve Jenkins** My experience working with the Rhinebeck Science Foundation, Village and Town Boards has provided multiple opportunities to listen to and collaborate with diverse opinions in our community. I am committed to public education and specifically to continuing to support the tradition of innovative programming at Rhinebeck while being attuned to the needs of our district. My financial background makes me an excellent steward of the district's funds especially during budget cycles. We have passed school budgets under the allowable tax cap 2 years in a row which I am very proud

of.

**Mary-Kay Lombino** I am an effective communicator with a passion for teamwork and fostering a thriving, empathetic, and cohesive community. I have experience in strategic planning, managing budgets, and allocating funds for a mission driven, educational organization. I enjoy working with others and listening and learning from those around me.

I've been working on and with teams my entire professional life, starting before graduation from high school, and have years of experience in technology, which I would like to bring to bear in the district, especially as the board's representative to the District Technology Committee

The role will be about building trust and that happens through thoughtful, clear communication and transparency. Professionally, I help organizations build teamwork, strategy, policies and processes to accomplish their goals. Before moving into this area of Human Resources (organizational development), I worked in Communications helping companies develop strong relationships with all their stakeholders, from employees to customers to government officials and the public at large. I have managed departmental budgets. I served as a union shop steward during contract negotiations when I was a journalist, and on the board of a cooperative non-profit as a student.