



## Meet the Candidates for the Rhinebeck Central School District Board Election

	
<p><b>Rose Ann Serpico</b></p>	<p><b>Amanda N. Miller-McGrath</b></p>
<p>40 W. Garden Street Rhinebeck, NY 12572</p>	<p>329 Wurtemberg Road Rhinebeck, NY 12572</p>
<p>Years in District: 2020 - Current</p>	<p>Years in District: 7.5 years</p>
<p>Education:  Wilkes University English Degree</p>	<p>Education:  B.A. Duke University, 2006; J.D. New York Law School, 2009</p>
<p>Employment:  Personal Trainer/Movement Teacher</p>	<p>Employment:  Amanda N. Miller, PLLC</p>
<p>Family Information:  Husband: Frank Powers Children: Guy Powers, 11 years old</p>	<p>Family Information:  Husband: Chris McGrath Children: 4 year old, 2.5 year old</p>
<p>Community Service/Community Committees Served:  Transportation and Mobility Subcommittee Participant, Village of Rhinebeck Comprehensive Plan 2022-2023, Park Pavilion Condo Board Member and Secretary 2007- 2015</p>	<p>Community Service/Community Committees Served:  Recently joined the Town of Rhinebeck Board of Assessment Review and am currently engaging with the Town on behalf of families with young children on projects such as a new playground at the Thompson-Mazzarella Park and early morning swim for children under 5.</p>

<b>What motivates you to want to become a school board member?</b>	
<b>Rose Ann Serpico</b>	<b>Amanda N. Miller-McGrath</b>
<p>I'm motivated to become a school board member to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support our Superintendent, Albert Cousins, who exemplifies intelligent and considerate leadership by listening and developing the needs of this community and the academic development of our children,</li> <li>- Contribute to one of our communities biggest assets, our public school district,</li> <li>- Act as a conduit for the values of the administration and the parents of our community,</li> <li>- Help to strategically develop school/community partnerships to prepare students with skills for career and life,</li> <li>- Help to foster programs in which our children can support our community.</li> </ul>	<p>To provide more academic and athletic opportunities for the district's children.</p>
<b>What is your vision for education in our community?</b>	
<b>Rose Ann Serpico</b>	<b>Amanda N. Miller-McGrath</b>
<p>My vision for education in our community is a school system that has measurable outcomes, which reflect the implementation of a clear curriculum with the child's academic and social excellence as priority. I am committed to maintaining the educational equity of our system by supporting our diverse teachers in their creative efforts to educate in ways that mitigate differences in learning abilities.</p>	<p>My vision for education in our community is that it is fairer in that students are able to access courses, advanced instruction, and extra help within the school system.</p>
<b>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 2023-24 School Year and beyond?</b>	
<b>Rose Ann Serpico</b>	<b>Amanda N. Miller-McGrath</b>
<p>One of the biggest challenges facing Rhinebeck Central School District is to maintain its strong core educational values while listening, growing and adapting to our rapidly changing community and world. I fully support the current priorities of our Board of</p>	<p>The district's size and the desires of a new crop of parents that have moved to the area since the pandemic. I think the two top priorities for the BOE should be access and safety.</p>

<p>Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Developing Equity in the Classroom - Work to mitigate systemic injustices, including but not limited to providing teachers with the resources needed to maintain an environment rich with opportunities for students to develop critical thinking skills.</li> <li>- Fostering Social-Emotional Wellness - Giving students agency in their learning and a readiness to be a productive member of society.</li> </ul>	
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**What experience do you have that will make you an effective leader as a member of the school board?**

<b>Rose Ann Serpico</b>	<b>Amanda N. Miller-McGrath</b>
<p>Eight years as Secretary on our Condominium Board in Brooklyn, NY, Park Pavilion, 30 units. My value to the Condominium board was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Prioritizing the needs of the community and setting policies to protect the rights of the owners,</li> <li>-Managing the budget,</li> <li>-Maintaining the value of the owner's real estate investment,</li> <li>-Hiring and overseeing engineers and contractors for major capital gain projects, including roof replacement and security system replacement.</li> <li>-Respectfully listening to the values, wishes, and needs of the owners,</li> </ul> <p>Teaching children in private (tutoring ages 8 - 20) and public (9th and 10th grade public school student teaching) situation</p> <p>Raising a child!</p>	<p>As an attorney, I am trained to advocate on behalf of clients, not myself, and think about all sides of an argument before responding or making a decision. I was a partner at a law firm focused on complex class action litigation alleging futures manipulation and antitrust violations. After having kids, I worked locally doing employment litigation at a firm representing employees and union members. I am currently self-employed focusing on real estate transactions and a limited amount of litigation.</p>