

1. Why are you running for the WBCSD Board of Trustees?
2. What would be your top three priorities if elected?
3. What do you see as the No. 1 challenge facing the district, and how do you propose to address it?
4. With the controversy surrounding the hiring of Branden Durst as superintendent, as well as the recall of two trustees, West Bonner County has been simultaneously divided and unified — how will you bring the community together to focus on education for the kids?

ZONE 1

Alan Galloway
(DID NOT PARTICIPATE)

Margaret W. Hall
(incumbent)



Age: 67
Birthplace and residence: New Jersey/Bonner County
Years lived in Bonner Co.: more than 40 years
Past/current government service (if applicable): Bonner County Planning and Zoning Commission (2005-2016), West Bonner County School Board (2015-present)
Profession: associate director, Model Forest Policy Program
Education: B.A., French/finance, University of Idaho; M.P.A., community development, University of Washington; paralegal certificate, business, University of Washington; Northwest Community Development Institute certification (Years 1-3 and advanced class); Sustainable Building Advisor Program certification
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1. I am running because I believe that I will continue to bring to the table a level-headed, thoughtful voice that also strongly advocates for public education on behalf of West Bonner County School District students, parents, staff, taxpayers and the community at large. I will work diligently to understand an issue before making a decision and am committed to listening and addressing the different concerns expressed by constituents and individuals throughout the district. Finally, I bring to the table applicable

financial, educational, legal, organizational and development experience.

2. a. Work to regain trust in the full board by being transparent and consistent in our actions.

b. Address any findings of the forensic audit in order to regain financial trust of the community.

c. Work to minimize community polarization through refocusing people's energy on implementation of the five-year Strategic Plan.

3. Restoring trust in both the board and in the district's finances. With regards to board trust, board business needs to be done in open meeting unless the issue clearly falls under an exemption of I.C. 74-206, Executive Session; decisions need to be deliberated so people understand the rationale of a board member's vote, and members need to come prepared for meetings. With regards to financial trust, the board needs to address any findings of the forensic audit; as well as update the district's antiquated accounting software system.

4. Ideally, I would challenge people to turn off their social media devices for a few days. Social media is a positive tool but also incredibly damaging. Recently, it has intensified community polarization. We need to decompress and focus on the education of our children. Practically, I would advocate to hold 3Cs/town hall meetings. Further, as a board member, it is critical to set an example and treat everyone (students, parents, staff, community members) civilly and respectfully. We need to treat each other as we would want to be treated or would like someone to treat our parents or grandparents.

ZONE 3

Elizabeth Glazier



Age: 37
Birthplace and residence: Lincoln, Neb./Priest River
Years lived in Bonner Co.: 14
Past/current government service (if applicable): N/A
Profession: independent financial adviser with LPL Financial at Gateway Financial Partners, Priest River
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1. For many reasons but to name a few, I am a mother to two sons attending Priest River Elementary, and their education is a top priority for me and my husband. I am the president of the American Legion Auxiliary (Post 155, Oldtown) and therefore have experience leading meetings, delegating tasks, and contributing my time and skills to a cause. My background is primarily in inventory management so I'm also extremely comfortable with numbers, budgets and creating plans while using benchmarks to compare current performance against. I would bring a unique and fresh perspective to the WBCSD Board of Trustees.

2. There are many issues that need our attention but my top three would have to be:
 fiscal transparency;
 curriculum selection;
 improving our attendance, test and graduation numbers.

3. Currently our biggest challenge is coming together to resolve issues. There are an obscene amount of incredibly bright and capable adults in

our district — if only we'd spend more time providing opportunities to these students, that would be time better spent. There are many folks with concerns about curriculum and extracurricular activities, I happily encourage their involvement. If you have a specialty (skill or knowledge) that you're willing to share, please step forward and offer it to the district. We could use more helpers, volunteers, mentors, substitute teachers, bus drivers, cafeteria staff, etc. It takes many hands.

4. We need to do a better job of leading by example. There are many ways to show support and the most impactful ways come from doing, not saying. I would love to see more transparency not only from the board but to the board. The board can only react to the information they are given. There are many instances where the board is being questioned about school issues that they haven't even been made privy to. That can't continue. To work cohesively, we must first recognize and call out the problem. Then together we can work on resolutions.

Troy Reinbold
(DID NOT PARTICIPATE)

ZONE 5

Carlyn A. Barton
(incumbent)



Age: 45
Birthplace and residence: Newport, Wash./Oldtown

Years lived in Bonner Co.: 38-plus years
Past/current government service (if applicable): current WBCSB Zone 5 trustee-Bonner County School Board (2015-present)
Profession: certified teacher
Education: I worked in banking while earning my general business degree. In 2008 I returned to college earning my Bachelor of Arts in elementary education with a minor.
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1. I have been watching our school system decline for years. My kids both attend schools in the school district. My oldest is graduating this year and my youngest has six more years in the district. I want to see change and am over the top excited about the community involvement. The system needs to be rebuilt and the culture changed. I feel I have a unique perspective as a teacher, parent and as a graduate myself from PRLHS.

2. It is important that we unify so we can focus on the health of our district. First we need to complete the audit and become financially transparent to all patrons. Second, we need to rectify WBCSD operational deficiencies and comply with the Idaho State Board of Education. Third, we need to bring integrity back to our school board. When we complete these the most significant steps we will be able to start mending the division of our district.

3. The most critical issue we are facing is to reunify the massive division and political agenda that has been the focus for several of the past few months.

4. I will try to reunify the district and support our community by listening to their concerns, advocate for our students and finally support our staff.

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ELECTION DAY IS
NOV. 7

Kathy Nash



Age: (did not answer)

Birthplace and residence: Blanchard

Years lived in Bonner Co.: 9

Past/current government service (if applicable): (did not answer)

Profession: retired accountant

Education: degree in accounting

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1. Because I am the most qualified for this position. I have been actively involved since 2019 and know what policies that haven't been followed. I have identified inconsistencies in the reports, books and budgets,

and will continue to call out when misappropriation of funds are taking place.

2. Make sure the district is more accountable in student safety as well as following policies, fiscal responsibility and to make sure parental rights are respected.

3. First is to get a responsible budget and have the district start living within their means, and to focus on the actual education of the students instead of allowing the indoctrination of social issues and the revisionary history that seems to be infiltrating.

4. One person will not be able to bring together the community, the bullying needs to stop. I will continue to speak truth about what I see occurring. I will also strive to have better educational outcome for the students.

