



## **Candidates for the Board of Education 2020 School Budget Vote/Board of Education Election**

*There are four candidates running for the Board of Education in 2020. Voting this year will be held by absentee ballot only, per the governor's Executive Order during the global COVID-19 pandemic. Voters will elect four members. The top three vote-getters will earn three-year terms, and the fourth will fill a one-year unexpired term, open due to the recent resignation of Tyler Pribulick. The governor's Executive Order states that candidates will be listed on the ballot in alphabetical order.*

### ***Tom Casey***

Tom Casey is employed at Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Management from Elmira College. He and his wife, Jessica (a Horseheads graduate), have two children: son Ryan (Horseheads graduate, currently junior and pre-pharmacy major at Binghamton University) and daughter Jillian (Horseheads senior, attending Quinnipiac University on full basketball scholarship this fall majoring in Health Sciences). He has lived in the district for 20 years.

“While my children’s educational experience is behind them, it is my responsibility to preserve and continuously improve the quality of our school district.

I am interested in what is best for students and for the people we trust to educate the future of our community, our teachers. My aim is to champion student achievement and to help implement policies that will ensure success for all students.”

### ***Warren Conklin***

Warren Conklin has been a member of the Board of Education since 2012. He is a retired Horseheads teacher, having served the district for 34 years as a social studies teacher.

He has lived in the district for 44 years.

Conklin holds a bachelor’s degree in history from Hobart College and a master’s degree in education from Elmira College.

“I believe as a community our greatest responsibility is to provide a quality education for our children. To meet this most important obligation, the district is currently embarking on the Horseheads 2030 initiative. This is a capital improvement project aimed at upgrading our facilities so that our district’s educational vision can become enhanced for our students. As a nine-year member of the school board and a former teacher and coach in this school district, I feel that I am uniquely qualified to serve in this great undertaking and wish to continue to

work for our school district as a member of the Board of Education.”

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## ***Brian Lynch***

Brian Lynch is the president of Winchester Optical Company. He has been a board member since 2005. He is a Horseheads High School graduate and holds a bachelor's degree in operations research and industrial engineering from Cornell University. He also earned his

MBA from the University of Rochester. He has lived in the district for 52 years.

Lynch and his wife, Deb, have three children: Sarah and Katie, graduates of Horseheads High School, and Danica, a graduating senior at the High School.

“My two oldest children have benefitted from the outstanding Horseheads schools as have I. I have a strong desire to maintain the excellence in the district so that our students are prepared to be successful after graduation, while also trying to keep it affordable for the community.

We are facing very challenging times with school financing, and the school board is looking at different ways to keep our district strong and affordable. I feel my business and operations background has provided me the analytical skills needed to fully understand the complex

personnel, financial and statistical information necessary to make good decisions for the District. I have a very thorough understanding of these complexities because of my opportunity to serve on the Horseheads School Board the last 15 years.”

## ***Najeeb U. Rehman, MD***

Najeeb Rehman is a cardiologist at Guthrie Medical. He is also an assistant professor in Clinical Medicine at Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine and the director of non-invasive cardiology at Robert Packer Hospital. His educational background includes a B.Sc., MBBS (Pakistan), MD (NY, USA), Masters of Healthcare Administration (King's College, PA), Fellow of American College of Cardiology, Fellow of American Society of Echocardiography, and Fellow of American Society of Nuclear Cardiology.

He and his wife, Munazza N. Rehman, MD, have three children: son Mahin Rehman, MD; son Ali Rehman, MS; and step-daughter Aayla Sheikh, a ninth-grader at Horseheads. Rehman has lived in the district for 17 years.

“ I want to be involved in our education system both to help improve it and as a public service.”

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