
Township of Union Public Schools

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NEWS RELEASE: Candidacy Information Available

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TOWNSHIP OF UNION SCHOOL BOARD
ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY INFORMATION

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The Township of Union Board of Education has announced it has information available for citizens interested in running for a vacant seat on the board of education.

The Township of Union Board of Education will have three (3) vacancies in the April 20th Annual School Election, James J. Damato, Board Secretary announced today. A full term on the school board runs for three (3) years.

Candidates must file a nominating petition with the local school board in order to get their name on the ballot for the Annual School Election. The current deadline to submit the nominating petition is 4 p.m., Monday, March 1st, 2010. The election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2010. A change in the Annual School Election date and candidacy deadline has been proposed in the Legislature. The New Jersey School Board Association will notify local school districts of such a change, if enacted.

Prospective school board candidates can obtain a "School Board Candidate Kit" online at www.njsba.org, or they can pick up a packet at the Union Board of Education Administration Building, 2369 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey during regular business hours. Published by the New Jersey School Boards Association, the School Board Candidate Kit includes a nominating petition, information about legal qualifications for school board candidacy and the role of the school board member. Information about the New Jersey School Ethics Act and important dates in the school election process are also included in the kit.

"One of the most meaningful contributions that a citizen can make to their community is serving on their local board of education," said Harry J. Delgado, NJSBA president. "I encourage all interested citizens to consider school board membership. It doesn't require a degree in education, or a background in politics. However, it does require a sincere interest in the community, its children and their education.