



James Svendsen

Candidate for North Shore Board of Education Trustee

Professional Background:

I have dedicated 37 years of my career to the field of education. I began my journey as a teacher in the New York City School System, where I taught for five years before transitioning to the Lawrence School District. There, I taught 4th and 5th grade for 4½ years and also coached the Junior Varsity Boys' Soccer Team for four years. During my time in NYC, I was also the JV Soccer Coach at Xavier High School for two years and founded and coached the Girls Varsity Soccer Program at Bishop Kearney High School for two years.

After my teaching career, I moved into school administration, starting as Assistant Principal at Munsey Park School in the Manhasset School District. I was then honored to serve as Principal of Garden City Park School for 15 years within the New Hyde Park-Garden City Park School District. Following this, I took on the role of Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology for seven years, overseeing significant budgets and all federal and state grants, including ARP-ESSER. I retired in June 2023, bringing with me extensive experience in educational leadership and school budgeting.

Currently, I am the founder of Svenducate Consulting, where I work with various school districts, mentoring administrators and leading curriculum-related initiatives, such as Curriculum Pacing, Standardized Report Cards, and District Strategic Planning.

Board Experience & Qualifications:

Having served on the Board of Education for one year, I believe my extensive background in education has uniquely equipped me to continue serving as a trustee. My experience in school budgets, the district's inner workings, and working with state and federal grants provides a strong foundation for supporting the needs of our community. I am deeply familiar with the challenges districts face, especially when operating with limited financial flexibility, and I have honed my ability to work within those constraints.

In addition to my professional career, I have been actively involved in the North Shore School District in various volunteer roles. I have served on the district's Teaching and Learning Committee, the Homework Policy Task Force, the Middle School Principal Search Committee, and as the Treasurer of the Middle School PTSO. Furthermore, I have been a member of the North Shore's Legislative Action Committee for three years. In my professional experience, I have participated in numerous committees related to curriculum, staff development, school safety, and technology.

Community Involvement:

My commitment to youth development extends beyond education. I have been involved in soccer since 1973, playing and coaching at all levels. I have held numerous

leadership roles within the Sporting Club Gjoa and the Cosmopolitan Junior Soccer League, including serving as President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. I am also a Life Member and Hall of Fame inductee at both organizations. Additionally, I have been a Trustee and Treasurer of the Eastern NY Youth Soccer Association, where I was inducted into the Hall of Fame for my contributions to the sport.

Personal Background:

My wife and I have called the North Shore home since 2016, and we currently reside in Glenwood Landing. We have twins who are in high school and we've witnessed firsthand the benefits of the educational opportunities provided by this district. As a family, we are actively involved in various extracurricular activities, supporting our children's diverse interests.

Statement of Candidacy:

I am honored to announce my candidacy for re-election to the North Shore Board of Education. As our district continues to navigate fiscal challenges, I am committed to balancing the needs and voices of our community while ensuring our schools not only remain sustainable but thrive. My approach to leadership is rooted in collaboration, transparency, and thoughtful problem-solving.

I did not seek a position on the Board with any specific agenda other than my genuine desire to help. I am a listener and a communicator, dedicated to finding solutions that benefit our entire community. Whether addressing budget concerns, academics, athletics, facilities, or any other issues that arise, I will always work diligently and transparently. I am committed to being a trustee for everyone in our district, and I encourage you to reach out with any questions or concerns. You can contact me at jimsven12@gmail.com.

While this election is uncontested, I urge you to vote on May 20th. Your vote matters, and I promise to continue working hard to serve you and the entire North Shore community as a dedicated trustee.

Thank you for your support.

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