



League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Tulsa
**Tulsa County School Board Election
 Voters Guide for February, 2010**

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**Declarations of Candidacy
 (Individuals filing for Election)**

Annual School Election to be held February 9, 2010
 Filing Dates: December 7-9, 2009

(Note: All who filed are listed; some candidates withdrew by the deadline)

ISD #1 TULSA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Election District No. Four (Post No. 4) - Four year term

Bobbie Gray
 2465 South 141st E Ave
 Tulsa, OK 74134

Anna America
 1648 S. 94th East Ave.
 Tulsa, OK 74112

Election District No. Seven (Post No. 7) - Four year term

Matthew Livingood
6211 S. Jamestown Avenue
Tulsa, OK 74136

Lois Jacobs
5874 South Kingston Avenue
Tulsa, OK 74135

Patrick K. Haworth
6717 S 78th E. Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74133
Withdrawal 12/11/09

ISD # 2 SAND SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office Number 5 - Five year term

Jadine T. Nollan
1220 N. Renaissance Dr.
Sand Springs, OK 74063

ISD #3 BROKEN ARROW SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office Number 5 - Five year term

Jerry Denton
9407 S. 236th E. Ave.
Broken Arrow, Ok 74014

ISD #4 BIXBY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office Number 5 - Five year term

Lisa Kramer
1721 E. 140th Place South
Bixby, OK 74008

ISD #5 JENKS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Election District No. 5 - Five year term

Charles N. Forbes
7037 South Richmond Ave
Tulsa, OK 74136

Brian Brumble
2925 E. 77th Place
Tulsa, OK 74136

ISD #6 COLLINSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office Number 5 - Five year term

Memory Ostrander
8716 E 156 N
Collinsville, OK 74021

Ron Evans
1630 W. Oak St.
Collinsville, OK 74021

Joel Mace
2110 W. Walnut St
Collinsville, OK 74021

ISD #7 SKIATOOK SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office Number 5 - Five year term

Galen Driskill
317 E. Ash
Skiatook, OK 74070

Jeremy Holloway
132 E. 136th St. N.
Skiatook, OK 74070
Withdrawal 12/11/09

ISD #8 SPERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office Number 5 - Five year term

Brian P. Wedlake Sr.
14089 N. 68th W. Ave.
Sperry, OK 74073

Gary D. Juby
3296 E. 96th St N
Sperry, OK 74073

ISD #9 UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Election District No. 5 - Five year term

Ed. L. Payton
8716 S. Erie Ave
Tulsa, OK 74137

ISD #10 BERRYHILL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office Number 5 - Five year term

Patricia A. Lawson
7111 W. 35
Tulsa, OK 74107

ISD #11 OWASSO SCHOOL DISTRICT
Election Office Number 5 - Five year term

Frosty Turpen
9510 N. 134th E. Ave.
Owasso, OK 74055

ISD #13 GLENPOOL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office Number 5 - Five year term

Clifford J. Goins
515 W. 148th St.
Glenpool, Oklahoma 74033

ISD #14 LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office Number 5 - Five year term

Laura Hahne
11090 Ferguson Rd
Beggs, OK 74421

KEYSTONE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. C-15
Office Number 2 - Three year term

Johnnie A. Williams
24909 W. 41st St.
Sand Springs, OK 74063

TULSA TECHNOLOGY CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 18
Board District No. 1 (Zone 1) - Seven year term

Lena Bennett
754 E. 33rd St. No.
Tulsa, OK 74106

Candidates' Biographies and Responses

The following voter information was compiled by volunteers with the League of Women Voters. Packets with questionnaires were distributed to all individuals who filed for school board elections.

Note: All individuals who filed were offered the opportunity to provide a brief biography and respond to three questions.

- 1. What do you see as the top priorities for the Board of Education?**
- 2. Why should voters elect you?**
- 3. What will you contribute to office if elected?**

The League does not edit or change candidates' responses. Candidates were given a 100 word limit for each response. Printed responses end at that limit (indicated by ellipses . . .)

Bobbie Gray



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Education: Henry Ford College, Dearborn, Michigan 1971
 Extensive classroom hours in: School Law and Legislation, IDEA, Special Education Reform, Urban Education, Technology, School Safety, School Readiness, 21st Century Schools, Schools that Work, Malcolm Baldrige Research, High School and Middle School Reform, Early Childhood Education, etc.

Experience: For over 25 years, I have been an active partner and advocate in the Tulsa community and TPS. I am a recognized team player, make tough decisions, and am a trusted colleague in and outside of my schools. I always put the student's needs first.

1. What do you see as the top priorities for the Board of Education?

Priorities are set by community input and surveys. Different quadrants in the district will differ on some, but student and classroom safety always is number one, as it is across the country. As significant milestones have been made in our district to address these problems there is even a larger priority that is paramount to all. With the devastating state funding cutbacks, we must find every way possible to protect the integrity of the classroom environments. Even with significant restructuring, furloughs, and hiring freezes, lack of fiscal appropriations from the state could cause years of damage to programs.

2. Why should voters elect you?

I have been intertwined in our schools since 1984 with 3 children who graduated from East Central to the 2 grandchildren that I now have in TPS along with one at Dove Science Academy. Everything that I do looks at the future of our district and how we can improve our education processes that help 42,000+ students every day. I have been there, dedicated and committed, sleeves rolled up, laying groundwork with others to set plans into the next decade to bring the best to all students in this district. I have the experience and knowledge to continue our . . .

3. What will you contribute to office if elected?

When elected, as we sketch out the next 5-10 year strategic plan for the district, I will continue to push as we have for 2 years, for the new realm of top down accountability and performance compensation. Also, Middle school and High school reform is in the midst of tremendous undertakings and we have programs in the works to provide innovative incentives to keep students excited about school so that they can graduate either workforce ready or college ready. We must be more community savvy and friendly and find better ways to open our doors and serve.

Anna America



Office Filed for: Tulsa School Board, Seat 4
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Education: Attended High School in Illinois; started college at Roosevelt University in Chicago, moved to Tulsa as a teenager and attended TCC for one year then graduated from University of Tulsa with a bachelor's in Communications in 1985.

Experience: Executive Director of environmental non-profit Up With Trees past three years. Worked for two decades as a journalist, writer, editor and communications consultant – including two-year-stint in Washington D.C. before coming back home to Tulsa – then worked for Mayor Kathy Taylor before taking Up With Trees position. More info at www.America4Schools.com.

1. What do you see as the top priorities for the Board of Education?

Engaging parents in helping schools excel, and getting neighborhoods and rest of community more involved -- every Tulsan has a stake in public education, and every Tulsan has a role in making it better! Encouraging parents, teachers and others to give input – and listening to them. Recognizing and rewarding excellent teachers and administrators. Managing resources wisely and looking for new

partnerships and collaborations. Better using technology, in the classroom and to communicate with parents. Reducing the drop out rate and ensuring graduates are ready for college or post-secondary training. Narrowing achievement gap between our best and worst schools.

2. Why should voters elect you?

We need a school board that is open, creative and willing to listen to ideas and look for fresh solutions and not just protect the status quo, because the status quo isn't good enough. That's going to take people like me – an engaged parent, involved in the community, bringing new leadership and willing to tackle challenges in new ways. The job we ask schools to do gets harder every year, resources are limited, the world is more complicated. Tulsa must have better public schools if we want to retain our young families, attract new businesses and jobs, and reduce ...

3. What will you contribute to office if elected?

I have a strong professional record emphasizing communication, community involvement and management -- skills in great need on the School Board. I have two children currently in TPS and bring the fresh perspective of a customer – I can see first-hand how the Board's decisions affect families. I have a very strong community network – with the media, local and state governments, non-profits, faith-based groups and businesses – and can help forge partnerships with those groups that will help TPS do more with less. I am very active in the community, volunteering as a coach, on the PTA, and for many...

Dr. Lois Jacobs

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Education: Dr. Lois Jacobs complete her B.S. Pharm., D.D.S. at the University of Iowa. She completed her residency in Anesthesiology at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, Iowa. She completed her Pharm.D. at OU.

Experience: Dr. Lois Jacobs served as Director of Dental Anesthesiology and held joint appointments at the College of Dentistry and Medicine at Oral Roberts University. She has lectured at numerous professional seminars. She has written test questions for national boards. She has taught numerous courses approved by the Oklahoma State Board...

1. What do you see as the top priorities for the Board of Education

I look forward to improving test scores in math and reading. Each child will make more dollars/hour with improvements in this area. Parents/students will have greater scholarship awards and choices for those students college bound.

2. Why should voters elect you?

I am the pro charter school candidate on the ballot. According to Oklahoma law, charter schools are allowed in Tulsa County. Charter schools give parents another choice.

I will not vote to sue the state of Oklahoma over charter school constitutionality, use out of state attorneys, and use taxpayer's monies to pay them.

3. What will you contribute to office if elected?

I would implement online transparency, and line item budgets. Once the budget is reached, it should be posted online. The school district check register should be posted online. All invoices should be competitively bid.

Matt Livingood



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EDUCATION: Seneca High School (Louisville KY)(1969); University of Louisville (KY), BA (1973), JD (1980)

EXPERIENCE: Tulsa School Board (8 years); Named OSSBA Outstanding School Board Member in Oklahoma (2009); Middle School, High School and College Instructor (11 years); Retired Attorney and Mediator (28 years); Currently I am a high school social studies teacher at Street School Alternative High School

1. What do you see as the top priorities for the Board of Education?

The top Board priority should be doing everything possible to ensure a quality education for every student, every day without exception. This requires identifying, selecting, supporting, developing, and retaining the highest quality, most effective teachers possible. The Board must ensure that the District has strong, focused, service-oriented leadership to support work in the classrooms. The Board must provide and maintain adequate and safe campus facilities and appropriate resources and educational programs to undertake this work. Finally, the must engage and support parents and the community in this shared commitment to education.

2. Why should voters elect you?

In challenging times, leadership decisions are critical for our District. My experience, combined with my openness to creative ideas in pursuit of our goals and priorities, makes me a good choice for this position. I have established and I maintain good contacts with all stakeholders in this work. I am non-partisan in my decision-making and focused only on the serious work at hand. I will continue to commit the time and energy required for this demanding position.

3. What will you contribute to office if elected?

I bring experience and a strong desire to achieve the goals and priorities discussed above. I will contribute an even-temper and a healthy sense of humor and perspective. My only "agenda" is my

passion for supporting quality public education. I bring the perspective of being a product of public schools as well as the perspective of a parent and grandparent of Tulsa Public School students. I am at ease in public and working with students, parents, teachers, support staff, administrators, community members, community leaders, and elected officials.

Brian Brumble



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Education: Oklahoma State University; Bachelor Degree in Business Administration/Marketing- 1987

Experience: My work experience has been in professional outside sales and sales management for 22 years. I am currently working at Weslock. I have been a volunteer coach in my community at Jenks for youth girls' and boys' team sports for all 3 of my children in multiple sports since 1989.

1. What do you see as the top priorities for the Board of Education?

Continue the Tradition of Excellence at Jenks Public Schools. Provide Jenks students with opportunities, facilities, technology to achieve their academic goals.

2. Why should voters elect you?

I am the best man for the job. My spouse Irma and I have 3 children in the Jenks Public Schools system. Our oldest daughter is a senior and is a National Merit Semifinalist. Our son is a freshman and plays football and baseball and is a 3.0 student. Our youngest daughter is a sixth grader at East Intermediate and is a cheerleader and soccer player and is a good student. I have a direct interest in the quality of education for our kids.

3. What will you contribute to office if elected?

I will provide leadership on the Jenks School Board.

Chuck Forbes

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Education: Attended the University of Tulsa and graduated with a Finance degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1998.

Experience: I have several years of human resource and financial job experience.

1. What do you see as top priorities for the Board of Education?

I see two top priorities for the Jenks BOE. The first priority is maintaining fiscal stability for the District. JPS Administration has performed excellent in maintaining finances without sacrificing jobs or student education. With funding cuts already happening to education, it is vital to maintain these policies for the district. The second priority is continuing our excellence in academics. Construction has started in the Jenks School District to improve and expand building capacity with our growing district needs. With our continued academic policies and new construction, we will maintain the high level of excellence expected from our patrons.

2. Why should voters elect you?

Experience and commitment are the two reasons voters should elect me. Having served on the Jenks School Board, my one year of experience has allowed me to understand the responsibilities of the position. From lobbying for education at the State Capitol with the Parents Legislative Action Committee to serving in multiple functions for the Jenks East Elementary PTA, I am committed to Jenks education and representing our patrons.

3. What will you contribute to office if elected?

If elected, time, experience, and academic understanding will be my main contributions. Working from home allows me flexibility to work on district needs. With two children already in JPS and one starting next year, my investment into the district will ultimately help not just my children, but the children of Jenks Public Schools.
