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The Lake Placid Central School Board of Education will have three open seats for the May 16th, 2017 budget, capital project, and school board election. Jeffrey Brownell, who is completing his 1st term, has declared his intention to run for re-election. Patricia Stanton and Camelia Sheridan announced that they have decided to step down after 3 years on the board. Each seat is for a three year term.

Anyone interested in running for a seat on the school board must submit a nominating petition with the signatures of at least 25 qualified district voters to Karen Angelopoulos, district clerk by April 18th, 2017. These petitions are available in the district office located in the Administrative Building behind the middle/high school or can be downloaded from the District website.

A publication of The New York State School Board Association calls the Board of Education a “uniquely American institution that oversees and manages the community’s public school system.” The publication also states, “ a school board member takes on one of the most important citizen responsibilities: overseeing the education of the community’s youth.” Some of the responsibilities of Board of Education members include: creating a shared vision for the future of the school district; supporting a healthy school district culture for work and learning; hiring and evaluating the superintendent; and developing a budget that aligns district resources to improve achievement.

The most effective board members possess the following characteristics:

- Effective Communicator**—Can describe what he or she want and describe shat others want; a good listener.
- Consensus Builder**—Capable of working toward decisions that all can support and willing to compromise to achieve that goal.
- Community Participant**—Enjoys meeting a variety of people, can identify the community’s key communicators and reaches out to the community.
- Decision Maker**—Is comfortable making decisions and can support group decision-making.
- Information Processor**—Can organize priorities and schedules to handle lots of verbal and written information.
- Leader**—Will to take risks, be supportive of board colleagues, district staff and community.
- Team Player**—Helps promote the board’s vision and goals.

Legal qualifications for election to the board of education include (a) Must be able to read and write, (b) must be a qualified voter of the district, (c) must be and have been a resident (but need not be a taxpayer) of the district for a continuous and uninterrupted period of at least one year immediately before the election, (d) may not have been removed from any school district office within the preceding year, (e) may not reside with another member of the same school board as a member of the same family, (f) may not be a current employee of the school board, (g) may not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office.

In addition, members of the Board of Education must be able to devote a considerable amount of time. The Board meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. There are often additional committee meetings and work sessions. This is especially true during the budget season from January – April.

Interested people are invited to contact Board president Mary Dietrich at 524-3450 or Board Clerk Karen Angelopoulos if they would like more information or have questions.