

PRESS RELEASE – Lake Placid Central School District

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TOPIC: Member needed for Lake Placid Board of Education

The school district is seeking residents interested in filling an unexpected vacancy on the Board of Education for the next year. Linda O’Leary has announced that she will resign from her board position immediately. The Board plans to appoint a replacement for Mrs. O’Leary to serve until the 2018 Board of Education election next May.

Candidates are asked to submit a letter of interest by February 16, 2018 to Karen Angelopoulos at lpdistrictclerk@lpcsd.org.

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.

Cc: District Website, media, principals, Board of Education