

Petitions for nominating a Barker Central School Board member are now available through the District Office.

Given no access is allowed in the school to pickup petitions at this time, you may either:

(a.) Print from the website, or

(b.) Please leave a message with the District Office at 716-795-3832 or email at: [meadie@barkerbsd.net](mailto:meadie@barkerbsd.net) with contact information. We can then arrange a date and time for you to pick it up, or arrangements will be made to get one to you.

Completed petitions must be filed with the District Clerk. The deadline this year for filing completed petitions is April 20, 2020.

A School Board Member must be: A resident of the Barker Central School District for at least one year prior to the day of election; 18 years of age or older; a U.S. citizen and able to read and write.

The annual Budget Vote and School Board Election this year will take place on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 in the auditorium at the School from 12:00 – 8:00 p.m.

(Petition attached below)

**BARKER CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BARKER, NY 14012**

TO: CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RE: SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION CAMPAIGN REPORTS

Article 32 of the Education Law of the State of New York requires candidates and other persons to make reports of expenditures and contributions relative to annual school district elections. There are two types of reports - the "short form report" and "long form report." If the total amount of expenditures spent on your campaign does not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), are paid by you alone and are in the nature of personal expenses, you should file the enclosed "short form report" with the District Clerk. In all other cases you must file the long form report. These reports must be filed with the District Clerk of the School District on the 30<sup>th</sup> day preceding the annual election, and on the 20<sup>th</sup> day thereafter. The first report must include all expenditures, and should include all contributions, made by you or others with your approval. If you spend money for items which do not qualify for personal expenses, you should file the long report form. A copy of the long form also is included herewith. In every case, the form as filed, must be sworn to before a notary public, commissioner of deeds, or a public official authorized to administer oaths.

What are expenditures? Expenditures are defined to include monies or items of value, paid, given, expended, or promised to or by the candidate or a supporter, with the approval of the candidate, to aid or influence the election of the candidate or the defeat of another candidate. Telephone calls, postage, stationery purchased or offered to or for the candidate, would be examples of such expenditures.

What are contributions? Anything of value which is loaned or given to or for the benefit of the candidate or the defeat of another candidate should be considered contributions. Some examples of contributions are stamps, and stationery. If a person loans you the use of a telephone, this is an item of value and an estimate of the cost of calls made by or on your behalf, or against another candidate, should be considered as a contribution.

What are personal expenses? They include only "payments for traveling expenses and expenses incidental thereto, for writing, printing and preparing for transmission any letter, circular, or other publication not issued at regular intervals, containing a statement of the position or views of the candidate or person upon public or other questions, for stationery and postage and for telegraph, telephone, and other public messenger service...." You should note that newspaper ads would not be personal expenses. If you purchased such ads, or approved the purchase of such ads, you would have to use the long forms.

In summation, if you have not and do not expect to spend personally more than a total of \$500.00, then you need only file one report (the short form) after the election. If you expect to spend more than \$500.00, or if you approve spending by others, or the funds you expend are not within the definition of "personal expenses" then you must file the long forms both before and after the election.

The filing of a false statement required by Article 32 of the Education Law is a Class A Misdemeanor, and is therefore punishable by imprisonment up to one year (1) and/or a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). The failure to file a report, or the failure to file a report in proper form, can subject a candidate or other person to a civil suit to compel the filing of a legally proper report.

The filing of these reports must occur either by personal delivery mailed directed to School District Clerk, Barker Central School District, 1628 Quaker Road, Barker, New York 14012, and, if necessary, to the Commissioner of Education, State Education Department, Albany, New York 12234. The statute presumes proper delivery if you mail all reports registered mail. For your own protection we urge you to obtain a return receipt, so that you have evidence that the report was not only mailed, but received by the proper parties. Also, please keep a copy of your report in case it is not received, or is lost or misplaced by the receiving agencies. The statute requires you to deliver a copy of the report if it is not received by the proper agency.

These reports are to be kept on file by the School District Clerk for a period of three years. Therefore any time during the three years following your candidacy, you may be called upon to furnish a copy of your report. Again, for your protection, keep copies of your reports.

You should advise your supporters that they are prohibited from making expenditures without your approval of more than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) on behalf of your candidacy. Any such expenditures are not includable within the amounts that you must report or the Five Hundred Dollar (\$500.00) limitation concerning short form reporting. Nevertheless, any such person making a contribution without your approval must file a sworn statement that the expenditures as made were not made with any candidate's approval.

**REPORT OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES - LONG FORM**

TO: School District Clerk  
Barker Central School District  
1628 Quaker Road  
Barker, New York 14012

COUNTY OF NIAGARA/ORLEANS

SS.:

STATE OF NEW YORK)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being duly sworn, depose and say that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_, in the Town of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of New York and am a candidate for member of the Board of Education, Barker Central School District at the school district election held on May 19, 2020. The following is my initial report, pursuant to Article 32 of the Education Law, of contributions and expenditures made either by myself or others with my approval.

1. All monies or other valuable things paid, given, expended, promised by myself to aid my campaign or to aid or influence the defeat of another candidate  
Total amount paid, given, expended or promised \$ \_\_\_\_\_
2. All monies or other valuable things paid, given, expended, promised by others with my approval to aid my campaign or to aid or influence the defeat of another candidate
  - First statement on or before 30<sup>th</sup> day preceding election (4/20/2020) by 5:00 PM
  - Second statement on or before 5<sup>th</sup> day before the election (5/14/2020)
  - Third statement within 20 days after the election (6/8/2020)
  - Any contribution or loan in excess of \$1,000.00 received after the close period is covered in the last statement filed before the election but before the election itself, shall be reported within 24 hours after receipt.
  - Total amount paid, given, expended or promised \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and is made with the knowledge that the filing of a false statement pursuant to Article 32 of the Education Law is a Class A Misdemeanor under the Laws of the State of New York.

	Address	Political Unit Represented	Description of Contribution	Amount

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
District Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**NOTE: RETAIN A COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS.**

**REPORT OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES - CANDIDATE TO BE USED IF  
PERSONAL EXPENDITURES DO NOT EXCEED \$500.00**

**SHORT FORM**

TO: School District Clerk  
Barker Central School District  
1628 Quaker Road  
Barker, New York 14012

COUNTY OF NIAGARA/ORLEANS

SS.:

STATE OF NEW YORK)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being duly sworn, depose and say that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_, in the Town of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of New York and was a candidate for member of the Board of Education, Barker Central School District at the school district election held on May 19, 2020. The following is my report, pursuant to Article 32 of the Education Law, of contributions and expenditures made either by myself or others with my approval. All monies or other valuable things paid, given, expended, promised by myself to aid my campaign or to aid or influence the defeat of another candidate did not exceed the sum of \$500.00. No monies so paid for by myself were for other than personal expenses which are defined as payments for traveling expenses and expenses incidental thereto, for writing, printing and preparing for transmission of any letter, circular, or other publication not issued at regular intervals, containing a statement of the position or views of myself or a person upon public or other questions, for stationery and postage and for telegraph, telephone and other public messenger service. No other persons made payments of money or items of value or promised or otherwise incurred same with my approval.

The foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and is made with the knowledge that the filing of a false statement pursuant to Article 32 of the Education Law is a Class A Misdemeanor under the Laws of the State of New York.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Signature                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
District Clerk                                      Date

**NOTE:** No person may be a candidate for election to the Board of Education unless the District Clerk has received petitions in a timely manner signed by at least 25 residents of the School District or 2 percent of the number of voters who voted in the previous election, whichever is greater. The last day to file petitions shall be no later than **5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 20, 2020.**

**NOMINATING PETITION**

TO: DISTRICT CLERK, BARKER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
1628 QUAKER ROAD, VILLAGE OF BARKER, NIAGARA COUNTY, NEW YORK 14012

We, the undersigned, qualified voters of Barker Central School District, HEREBY nominate \_\_\_\_\_ residing at \_\_\_\_\_, New York, in said District, as a Candidate for the office of Member of the Board of Education of Barker Central School District, for a term of three (3) years to be filled by election at the Annual Election of said District, to be held in said District, on May 19, 2020, and we have set opposite our names and our respective places of residence.

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