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Board of Education Candidate Forum

The Towns of Hampstead and Manchester are hosting a Carroll County Board of Education Candidate Forum on April 19th at 7:00 p.m. at Manchester Valley High School.

Five candidates have filed to seek election to one of two seats on the Carroll County Board of Education. The April 26th primary will eliminate one candidate, with the four top finishers advancing to the general election in November.

Marsha Herbert, Julie Kingsley, Mary Kowalski and Donna Sivigny are running for the at-large nonpartisan seats currently held by Jim Doolan and Jennifer Seidel. Mr. Doolan is the current school board President serving his first four-year term and will be seeking re-election; Mrs. Seidel chose not to run for re-election following her second four-year term.

Westminster resident Marsha Herbert, who retired after teaching at North Carroll High School for more than 40 years, cited her concern as a community member and a taxpayer as her primary reason to run while Mt. Airy resident Julie Kingsley, a Howard County Public School System math teacher, wants to refocus the Commissioners' attention back to providing adequate funding for education in Carroll County. Donna Sivigny, a Finksburg resident, expressed a desire to advocate for students, teachers and the community and Mary Kowalski, an instructional assistant for CCPS who lives in Westminster, said the county needs change.

The format of this candidate forum will be simple: Mayor Chris Nevin of Hampstead and Mayor Ryan Warner of Manchester will host the event with Mayor Nevin speaking at the beginning. The candidates will then be asked a series of questions by the moderator (Hampstead resident, radio talk-show host, actor, and former law enforcement leader Ed Norris) before Mayor Warner concludes the program. Audience members will have the opportunity to submit questions for the candidates on index cards at the forum. (Questions may be edited for time allotment and content.)

Manchester Valley High School is located at 3300 Maple Grove Road between Hampstead and Manchester, and all are welcome to attend!