

SCHOOL LEVY ELECTION

Tuesday, May 6, 2014
Polls Open Noon to 8 p.m.
at Montana City School

Montana City School will conduct its annual levy election on Tuesday, May 6, 2014.

OPERATIONAL LEVY

The Montana City School Board of Trustees is asking voters to consider a general fund levy in the amount of \$30,150.00 to operate and maintain Montana City School.

The ballot will read:

Shall the district be authorized to impose an increase in local taxes to support the general fund in the amount of Thirty Thousand One Hundred Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$30,150.00), which is approximately 4.8 mills for the purpose of operation and maintenance of Montana City School District No. 27?

Passage of this proposal will increase the taxes on a home with a market value of \$100,000 by approximately \$6.28 yearly and on a home with a market value of \$200,000 by approximately \$12.57 yearly. The durational limit of the levy is permanent once approved by the voters.

VOTING

Polls will be open in the mudroom, near the old gym, from noon to 8 p.m. Parking is available by the stone building for easiest access to the room.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

If you are not on the permanent absentee voter list and wish to receive an absentee ballot, please request an application for an absentee ballot. Applications and absentee ballots are available until noon May 5, 2014 by contacting Diane Smith at Montana City School, 442-6779. A completed application for an absentee ballot must be received before a ballot can be issued to the voter.

TRUSTEE ELECTION – VOTE FOR ONE FOR A THREE YEAR TERM

Elizabeth Ferriter

My name is Betty (Elizabeth) Ferriter. My husband, Mike, and I have lived in the Montana City community for the past 26 years. During these years, all five of our children have graduated from the Montana City School, Helena High School, and college.

My experience and commitment to education started with my studies in order to receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Special and Elementary Education. My college degree gave me the opportunity to teach in several communities in Montana. Presently, my involvement in the education of children is in my role as the director of the Montana City Kids after school, summer and preschool programs. I have been associated with this program for over ten years and have been in the leadership position the last six years.

Over the years I have had many positive and rewarding experiences with students and staff from the Montana City School. These experiences are the driving force behind my desire to serve another term on the school board. My relationship with so many students and staff places me in a unique position to observe the educational needs and goals of our current and future students. It is very exciting for me to see a child that I helped in preschool learn to count and learn the alphabet and then excel in the elementary and middle school classrooms.

In addition to my involvement with students and staff at Montana City, I have served on the school board for the last several years. During my years on the board, I have supported many improvements to both the educational needs and facility needs of our dynamic school district. My support for these improvements has never been overshadowed by the need for our school to be fiscally responsible to the taxpayers of our district. I commit to you that I will continue to remain strong in my role as a board member to ensure that we keep moving forward, maintain our status as a “Blue Ribbon School” and continue to be innovative and responsible in our approach in the education of our students.

Jaymie Noble

My name is Jaymie Noble and I live in Montana City with my husband, John, and my two children, Samantha (6th grade) and Dalton (2nd grade). We have lived in the area for almost 8 years and we enjoy all the things that Montana has to offer.

I am currently employed as a preschool teacher at Discovery Kidzone Montessori School in Montana City and have worked in the education field for the past 20 years as a teacher, coach, referee, volunteer, and substitute. Until recently, I was a stay at home mother and actively involved in the PTA, as well as volunteering for various activities and organizations. I love helping in the classrooms at Montana City School and with different projects to make the school a better place. I grew up with education all around me as my father was a teacher, coach, and administrator.

I have a good understanding of all sides of education (parent, teacher, administration, and taxpayer) and will use that knowledge to benefit the school. In addition to this understanding, I know the teachers and administrative staff at the school and my volunteer work has allowed me to develop many relationships with other parents and the community. I feel that my strengths are communication with others, honesty, educational background, hard worker, and looking out for the best interests of the students. I love kids and want them to have the tools and opportunity to be successful.

Dennis Spencer

I am Dennis Spencer and I would like to serve as your next School Board Trustee. I have been a resident of Montana City for 10 years and have three children who attend Montana City School, Joseph a 6th grader, Jacob a 3rd grader, and Jordyn a 2nd grader. I enjoy spending time with my children and attending their many games and activities. I have been actively involved with each of their classrooms over the years and enjoy being part of the educational process.

I have been employed by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis for the past 9 years as a Senior Account Manager, working in Business Development. Prior to the Federal Reserve, I spent several years in the health insurance industry and retail banking.

I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Oregon State University, a Masters of Business Administration degree from The University of Montana, and graduated from the American Bankers Association Stonier Graduate School of Banking, University of Pennsylvania.

I will bring a strong background in investments, finance, and compliance along with strong leadership and teambuilding skills. In addition, with three children in attendance at Montana City School, and as a member of the community, I have a vested interest in seeing that the school operates in such a manner as to guarantee a quality education in a safe environment for all students.

TRUSTEE ELECTION - VOTE FOR ONE FOR A ONE YEAR TERM**Roger Henschel**

My name is Roger Henschel, I live at 17 Lone Mountain in Montana City and have lived there since 2008. My wife Ericka is currently a school teacher at Four Georgians in Helena and we have three children attending Montana City School. Those children are an eighth grade boy Hunter, sixth grade girl Haydin, and a second grade girl named Haleigh.

I currently work out at Fort Harrison as the Facilities Operations Specialist contracting maintenance on the over 400 buildings on the Montana Army National Guard's inventory. We execute a budget of around 14 million dollars annually. I have been in the military for over 24 years and am currently a Federally Commissioned Officer at the rank of Captain. I have also been on two deployments with the last one to Afghanistan leading the 94 Soldiers of the 260th Engineer Support Company clearing routes removing improved explosive devices, IEDs. Before coming to Helena I worked in Glasgow, MT for Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital as a Maintenance Technician for 8 years. I also currently hold a third class boilers license.

The strengths that I will bring to the Montana City School Board of Trustees are knowledge in how schools operate, budgets, construction, contracting, and building maintenance. My wife and mother are school teachers and I have been involved in the education system my entire life because of it. Knowledge of budgets and prioritizing them to meet the needs of the employees and students while keeping it in balance with what is best for the community. With my current job and past experiences I understand construction for new projects, contracting for resources and the maintenance required keeping a commercial facility working. This is balance of knowledge is what I believe will make me a valued member of the Montana City School Board of Trustees.