

Jerome School Board of Trustees Election Planned

Guiding the Jerome Joint School District #261 toward excellence is the goal of the five member Board of Trustees. As the district's elected leaders, trustees represent community expectations as they chart the direction of educational programs and services and establish the standard by which success is measured.

Trustees employ the superintendent, approve the budget and monitor expenditures, set the tax rate and may call for a bond or tax rate election. The board also establishes policy for operating the district and ensuring its financial viability.

Elected to serve, without compensation, for overlapping terms of four years each, the trustees currently serving on the school board are Alice Thibault, Zone 1; Esther Peters, Zone 2; Jeff Schroeder, Zone 3; Annette Lott, Zone 4; and Staci Leavitt, Zone 5.

Elections are conducted in November of odd numbered years. Candidates run for specific zones, and each trustee represents the Jerome School District. The board annually elects a chairman and vice-chairman at the organizational meeting held in January. The trustees meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month; meetings begin at 6 p.m. Work sessions and special meetings are occasionally held. Jerome School District board meetings are open to the public, within the limits of the Idaho Open Meetings Act; however, parts of the board meetings, such as consideration of personnel matters, student issues and legal matters, may be closed to the public.

In November of 2019, Zone 3, Zone 4, and Zone 5 will be on the ballot, as those terms will end December 31, 2019. In November 2019, Zones 3, 4 and 5 will be on the ballot for election.

Any citizen living in Zone 3, Zone 4 or Zone 5, may pick up a candidate packet from the Jerome Jt. School District Administration offices at 125 4th Avenue West. The deadline to declare candidacy is September 6, 2019. For zone or candidate information, contact Lorri Prescott, District Clerk, at 324-2392 extension 1010.