

December 19, 2017

To: NJPA Member Superintendents in Sub-Region I

From: Chad Coauette, Executive Director, NJPA

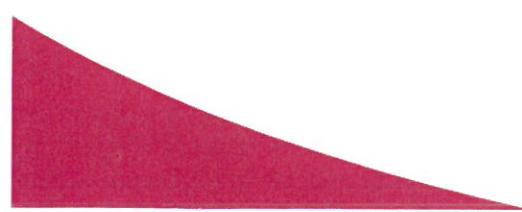
Re: Voting Information and Ballot for the 2017
NJPA Board of Directors Election

Enclosed is one election ballot and biographies for this year's election. We ask that you reproduce and distribute this information at your next Board meeting (one ballot for each Board Member). **Please place the completed ballots in an envelope, seal it and sign across the seal.** Then mail or deliver that envelope to Danielle Wadsworth at NJPA, 202 12th Street NE, PO Box 219, Staples, MN 56479, so that it arrives in our building no later than **February 6, 2018.**

To ensure this very important letter is received we are sending it by certified mail, return receipt requested. To save additional postage, we ask that you reproduce the ballot and supply your own ballot return envelope. Please be sure to seal and sign across the seal and indicate on the front "**NJPA Election.**"

Thank you for your help and for all you do for National Joint Powers Alliance®.

ENC: Election Ballot
Election biographies



2017 NJPA Board of Directors Election

Official Ballot
Sub Region I

Each individual board member of each NJPA member school district is asked to complete one ballot and give it to your school board clerk who will return the completed ballots in a sealed envelope marked **Election Ballots** to: NJPA, 202 12th Street NE, PO Box 219, Staples, MN 56479.

Instructions: Vote for candidates by marking an (X) in the square opposite the name of each candidate you wish to vote for:

Four-year term. Vote for ONE.

- Mary Freeman
- Andrea Haverinen
- Kent Schmidt
- Sharon Thiel
- Chris Youngbauer
- _____ (write-in)

Mary Freeman-

NJPA Incumbent, Mary Freeman has served on the NJPA Board for 4 years. She has been a resident of Region 5 and Sub-Region 1 for 29 years.

Mary is a retired teacher; has served on the Staples-Motley School Board since 2004 and has held the office of Board Chair several times.

Andrea Haverinen-

Andrea is interested in serving on the NJPA Board for the same reason she ran for the Menahga School Board; to better understand how NJPA serves our community and our School District. She has 3 children in school, K-5th grade. Aside from serving the School District, Andrea runs her own business and works alongside her husband in his. Andrea is currently serving as Board Chair. She has been on the Menahga School Board since 2015.

Kent Schmidt-

Kent Schmidt is a 55 year old stay at home dad of four school-age children who has lived in the Wadena area for the past 18 ½ years. Kent has BS in Chemistry from SMSU and a MS in Inorganic Chemistry from UMD. He has served as a substitute teacher and tutor at WDC for the past four years. Kent is starting his sixth year as a member of the WDC School Board, having served as Treasurer, Vice-Chair and currently as Chair for the past year. Kent is also Chair of the Share-A- Home Board, a Rotary member and Treasurer for the WDC Elementary PTO.

Sharon Thiel-

Sharon has been on the Bertha-Hewitt Public School Board for almost 12 years, the past six as board chair. She is also the administrative assistant for Freshwater Education District. As board chair, Sharon has directed Berta-Hewitt through numerous challenging situation including a building bond, referendum vote and the dissolution of a neighboring school district. As the admin assistant for Freshwater, Sharon has gained a plethora of knowledge in all the aspects of school that would really benefit the NJPA Board.

Chris Youngbauer-

Currently in my second term as a member of the Verndale School Board. Currently a township supervisor for Wing River Township since 2006. I was a member of the Verndale School Building Task Force Committee, co-owner of Youngbauer's Landscaping since 1998, Verndale Pack 326 Cubmaster 2009-2015 and certified election judge as well as an area resident for 44 years.