Daniel Anderson 2019 BOE Candidate Biography

I have served on the Bloomfield Board of Education for two terms, from April of 2012 through December of 2018. I have a Bachelor of Music degree from Northwestern University, a Master of Music degree from the Manhattan School of Music, a Master of Arts degree from the City University of New York, and postgraduate credits in teaching and education. I have been a resident of Bloomfield for over 36 years. My son graduated from Bloomfield High School in 2002. I taught in the Bloomfield public schools for over 26 years. Prior to that I taught in New York City for a number of years. In Bloomfield I taught at Fairview, Berkeley, Demarest and Watsessing schools. In my many years of teaching and my more than six years on the school board I have been involved in numerous forums about education. While teaching I was an advocate for public education and for more authentic approaches to education and assessment. In my retirement I have continued my advocacy while on the school board and through other advocacy groups. I am also currently an Alumni Admissions Council member for Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

Jill Fischman 2019 BOE Candidate Biography

I have been a resident of Bloomfield for the past 40 years. I am a proud graduate of the Bloomfield Public Schools and during my 21 year teaching career, I have had the pleasure of serving as a high school teacher and head softball coach in Union county. I have been an active member of the Bloomfield Board of Education for the past six years; I am proud of the district's 's stellar accomplishments in the areas of curriculum, facilities/finance and personnel. I currently serve as President of the Board of Education and I represent Bloomfield on the New Jersey School Board State Legislative Committee. I hold a Bachelor's Degree from TCNJ and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Phoenix. As a member of the BOE I am entrusted with helping to make decisions that will ensure we provide a quality education for 6000+ Bloomfield students. This is a commitment I take very seriously and hope to continue for the next three years.

Laura Izurieta 2019 BOE Candidate Biography

I emigrated from the Dominican Republic at age 15 and have been a Bloomfield resident since 1995. I am a graduate of Bloomfield High School, Class of 1997. I attended Essex County College, Class of 2001, with an Associate Degree in Business Administration. I returned to school and graduated Kean University, Class of 2007, with a Bachelors Degree in Business Management. I have been married to Anthony Izurieta since 2004 and have 2 children. My eldest attends Bloomfield Middle School. My passion is working with people.

Lillian Mancheno 2019 BOE Candidate Biography

I was born in Manhattan, NY and have been living in Bloomfield for six years. I do not have any children currently attending school in the Bloomfield School District, as my three children are adults. I am employed at the New Jersey Department of Labor as a Bi-Lingual Counselor for the past 17 Years. I also work with Jewish Vocational Services as an instructor to adults, providing them with citizenship classes for the past four years and I am also Adjunct Professor of Social Science at Essex County College. I am Shop Steward at CWA 1037 for the past fourteen years and was elected as an Executive Vice-President for the Professionals Bargain Unit. I have a Master's degree in Social Work from Kean University and a Bachelors in Social Work from Rutgers State University. I volunteer with NJ Parent Caucus, Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Newark, NJ, Jewish Vocational Services and The United Way of Essex and Hudson counties.

Satenik Margaryan, Ph.D. 2019 BOE Candidate Biography

I am an eight-year resident of Bloomfield with two sons at Watsessing Elementary, 4th and 1st grades. I hold a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice and an MA in Criminal Justice from Rutgers University (Newark) and a Master of Public Administration from John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY). I am an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at the Borough of Manhattan Community College (CUNY). Before BMCC, I have taught at various institutions of higher education in NJ for over seventeen years. In my years in Bloomfield, I have been active in town, serving on the Civil Rights Commission and on Watsessing HSA as a president, co-President and currently, the secretary.

Ben Morse 2019 BOE Candidate Biography

I have been an active member of Bloomfield's school community for most of my 14 years living in town. I was the president of Watsessing's Home and School Association for several years and served for a little less than a year on the Board of Education in 2014. In that year our notable accomplishments included the establishment of Liberty Academy with Bloomfield College, the Early Childhood Center (pre-k) at Forest Glen, and reinstatement of the honors program in the middle school. I was re-elected to the Board in 2018 and immediately set about to reduce bus fees for field trips and refocus the administration's attention on expediting student achievement. I hold a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Brandeis University and have been working for the last 17 years covering oil markets at S&P Global Platts.

Emily M. Smith 2019 BOE Candidate Biography

Our family has lived in Bloomfield for 20 years. Our children attended Fairview Elementary, Bloomfield Middle School & Bloomfield High School. Our eldest daughter is a graduate of BHS and our youngest is currently a senior at BHS. I ran successfully for a Board of Education seat in 2005 and served a total of 9 years on the Board. During my time on the BOE, I served on the negotiating committee of every bargaining unit, the largest and most visible of which is the unit that represents teachers. As a BOE member, I found that my skills as a reporter, editor, corporate communications professional, parent and teacher were critical to my service to Bloomfield students, their families, the Bloomfield education community and taxpayers. I am a certified secondary Social Studies teacher and have worked as a substitute teacher in Montclair and Glen Ridge. I worked as a paraprofessional in Glen Ridge for 4 years. While on the BOE, I remained involved with the Fairview, BMS and BHS Home & School Associations.