



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD
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TO: Members of the Teachers' Retirement System
FROM: William J. Sudol, Administrator
DATE: March 14, 2003
SUBJECT: Election Ballots Mailed

The Teachers' Retirement Board, charged under Connecticut law with the management of the retirement system for public school teachers, is comprised of two state commissioners, five public members and five teachers. The teachers, three active and two retired, are elected by their peers for overlapping four-year terms. The terms of incumbents Rosalyn B. Schoonmaker and Marion S. Jewell (retired teachers) and incumbent Clare H. Barnett (active teacher) will expire on June 30, 2003.

Incumbents Marion S. Jewell and Rosalyn B. Schoonmaker are unopposed in their bid for re-election to their seats as retired members of the Board. Two teachers have qualified to be candidates for election to one of the active teacher positions on the Board. Each candidate filed petitions signed by at least four hundred teachers qualifying them to run for a seat on the Board. The two candidates have provided for your information the biographical information that appears below.

Election ballots have been mailed to all active, inactive and retired members in mid-March. If you do not receive your ballot, you should contact this office *in writing* immediately. Replacement ballots will be provided to any member who has completed and signed an "Application for Ballot" certifying his/her non-receipt of the original ballot.

Please mark and return the ballot promptly. Do not include your name or other identification on any part of the ballot. Election Ballots may be returned individually in the enclosed envelope or gathered collectively and forwarded directly to the Teachers' Retirement Board. **All ballots must be received no later than April 15, 2003.** For planning and study purposes, we ask that you enter the name of the school district where you are currently teaching at the bottom of the ballot. The results of the election will be announced at the Board's June 2003 meeting.

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Clare H. Barnett

Background

- BA - History - Elms College
- MA - American Studies - Fairfield University
- 6th year - Administration and Supervision - Southern CT State University
- Teacher in Danbury - 1969 - present
- District-Wide Coordinator of Social Studies - 1983 - present
- NEA Danbury Executive Committee - 12 years

Teacher Retirement Experience

- CEA Retirement Commission - 1981 - present
- Chair - CEA Retirement Commission - 9 years
- Member Connecticut State Teachers' Retirement Board - 1991 - Chairperson - 1995 - present
- Member of The Office of the State Treasurer's Investment Advisory Council - 1985 - present
- Member of the Resolutions Committee, Legislative Committee and Executive Committee of the National Council on Teacher Retirement
- Trainer at Statewide Retirement Workshops - 1983 - present

Mrs. Barnett has testified and lobbied on behalf of local, state and federal retirement issues.

Robert A. Johnson

I have served as a public school teacher and administrator for the last 34 years. My service includes teaching experience as a Teacher Corps intern and cooperating teacher at an Alternate Learning Center in Hartford as well as a language arts teacher in the Higher Horizons program at Hartford Public High School. My administrative career has included positions as an assistant principal in Enfield, and principal of Branford High School, Minnechaug Regional High School (Wilbraham, Massachusetts), and currently, East Windsor High School.

Connecticut has been my home for my entire life, and I attended public schools in East Hartford. I earned a B.A. in English at the University of Connecticut, a M.Ed. in Urban Education at the University of Hartford, and a C.A.G.S. in Educational Administration at the University of Connecticut. I live in Ellington with my wife, Kathleen, who is a guidance counselor at East Windsor Middle School.