

# Meet the Candidates for Board of Education

**Wednesday, October 22, 2025**

**Moderator: Eric Parker**

- 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance  
Welcome & Introductions from the Moderator  
Opening question to each candidate:  
“Why are you running for BOE” – 1 minute responses each
- 7:15 p.m. Questions to the Candidates – 1.5 minute responses each
- 8:30 p.m. Closing Remarks – 2.5 minutes each
- 9:00 p.m. Adjourn

## **Candidates**

Jarod Bushey	Old Lyme	Republican
Brandy Campbell	Old Lyme	Republican
Michael Hansen	Old Lyme	Democrat
Anna James	Lyme	Democrat, Incumbent
Jason Kemp	Old Lyme	Democrat, incumbent
Shaun Mastroianni	Old Lyme	Republican
Cynthia Love McCollum	Old Lyme	Democrat
Lannie Mossberg	Lyme	Republican
Carlos Piña	Old Lyme	Unaffiliated, Republican endorsed
Sheryl Shyloski	Old Lyme	Democrat

***This event will be livestreamed and available on the Board of Education YouTube Channel***

***Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, 2025***

***Early Voting at both Town Halls daily through Sunday, November 2***

## **CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES**

### **Jarod Bushey, Old Lyme, Republican**

I am a married father of two children in LOL schools and a resident of Old Lyme since 2020. I have worked for both Sikorsky Aircraft and Pratt & Whitney over my 20-year aerospace engineering career. My family enjoys outdoor activities, boating, exploring new cuisine, and popcorn & movie nights.

I am a strong advocate of public education, passionate about the arts and music, and committed to preserving the high quality of LOL schools. I have prior experience serving on the BOE in East Hampton, CT; and I will always put students and families first.

### **Brandy, Campbell, Old Lyme, Republican**

Brandy is a Michigan native who completed both her undergraduate and graduate studies at Michigan State University. She is a veterinarian and scientist and she has decades of experience in evidence-based decision making, people management, and higher education. She is a proud wife and mother of two children in the LOL schools. She has one daughter in 9th grade and one in 7th. They started Pre-K at LYSB and she has lived with her two kids and husband in this community for over 10 years. She also currently serves as a Co-Chair of the Old Lyme Conservation Commission. She's been an involved mom as Girl Scout leader, a cookie mom for several years, and has participated in career day, science day, and middle school activities night.

### **Michael Hansen, Old Lyme, Democrat**

My name is Michael Hansen, I am a father to two daughters whom I adore and a husband to my lovely wife who is the glue to our family. I am pro-labor and have worked in the trades for 19 years. Currently I work for Amtrak as the Supervisor of the Communications department for the CT shoreline and the Hartford line up to Springfield. My commitment to community, and public service, has continued from my time in the Connecticut Army National Guard, through to my current work on the board of directors of the Lyme, Old Lyme Food Share Garden. In the wild, I am often spotted covered in dirt, oil, rust, or some combination of the three due to my love of gardening, vintage bicycles, and antique automobiles.

### **Anna James, Lyme, Democrat, Incumbent**

Wealth of expertise in budget and fiscal management, administration, resource management and community relations from her long tenure in senior positions in public education.

- Member, Zoning Board of Appeals for last 6 years.
- Community member and resident of Lyme for 30 years.
- Career educator with experience as an administrator focusing on inquiry and critical education, bilingual education, special education, arts education in pre-K through higher education settings.
- Previously served in New London as district-wide administrator, supervisor of curriculum and instruction, principal of Jennings Elementary School and Edgerton Elementary School.
- Adjunct professor at Connecticut College, California State University LA, and University of La Verne in California.
- Current member of Region 18 Board of Education, serving as Vice Chair and Chair of the Policy Committee.
- Treasurer, Friends of Lyme Public Library.
- Board Member, Chapman Scholarship Foundation.
- Board Member, Joshuatown Road Association since 2018.
- Member, Lyme DTC and member, Lyme/Old Lyme Partnership for Social Justice.

### **Jason Kemp, Old Lyme, Democrat, Incumbent**

Jason is a Family Relations Counselor with the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch. In that position he helps families work through what is often the most difficult time of their life, keeping their children a priority as they move forward. Jason developed an interest in working with families during law school. He has three children in his household, including two in college after attending Region 18 schools and one currently in 5th grade. Jason has lived in Old Lyme for 14 years with his wife, Kimball Robbins. He has served one term on the Board of Education, including as chair for two years. He wants to ensure that our schools remain the high-quality institutions that attract many families to Old Lyme.

**Shaun Mastroianni, Old Lyme, Republican**

Brings a deep commitment to education, community service, and responsible leadership. A resident of Old Lyme, Shaun lives with his husband, Antonio, and their daughter, Sophia, who attends the local public schools. His family's legacy in education spans generations—his grandmother taught in Old Lyme for over 30 years, and both his mother and sister are educators. Shaun holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and previously served on the Board of Education in Chester, Connecticut. He looks forward to continuing that service here in Old Lyme, working to strengthen the district and prepare students for future success.

***Professional Background***

- Chief Operating Officer/Administrator, Connecticut Baptist Homes
- Leads an \$8 million construction project, oversees 190+ employees, manages a \$17 million annual budget
- Achieved significant growth in occupancy, financial performance, and employee retention
- Focused on creating efficient systems, building strong teams, and fostering a positive campus culture
- Active volunteer and contributor to local committees and initiatives

***Personal***

- Old Lyme resident and parent in the school system
- Passionate about public education, family values, and building strong schools for the next generation

**Cynthia Love McCollum, Old Lyme, Democrat**

Cynthia Love McCollum has been a resident of Old Lyme since 1983 where she and her husband, Bill, raised their four children, all of whom attended Lyme-Old Lyme public schools. A graduate of Connecticut College and the University of Connecticut School of Law, she served as senior assistant public defender for the Connecticut Office of Public Defender Services until 2024 when she retired and started her own private law practice. Cynthia is a dedicated public servant who looks forward to a new opportunity to give something back to our community. She and her husband enjoy cycling, gardening and travel, especially to remote regions of the world. Most of all, they treasure the time and experiences they share with their eight grandchildren.

**Lannie Mossberg, Lyme, Republican**

My family and I have lived in Lyme for the past eight years. I have three boys, whom attend the Lyme elementary, LOL middle school and LOL high school. For the last three years, I've worked at the Town Hall as the Zoning Assistant. In this role, I work along side our ZEO. I take meeting minutes for several boards and commissions. I've also taken on the responsibility of payroll administration.

Lyme is not just where I live—it's where I see my future. I'm excited about the opportunity to become more involved in the school system and our community.

**Carlos Piña, Old Lyme, Unaffiliated**

None submitted

**Sheryl Shyloski, Old Lyme, Democrat**

I am Sheryl Shyloski, and am running for our Board of Education. I am currently a School Psychologist working in a neighboring high school. As a 20 year veteran of public schools, I have had the privilege of working with students from pre-K through high school. On the Board, I would bring knowledge of school systems to ensure quality programming and that teachers have the tools they need to elevate their instruction. My husband is a special education teacher, and our child attends Region 18 schools. We spend our free time outside camping, rock climbing, or fishing.