

# 2023 SOUTH MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

## SOUTH MIDDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2023 SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

**REMINDER - SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR CANDIDATES CAN CROSS FILE. CANDIDATES HIGHLIGHTED IN BLUE ARE THE ONLY REGISTERED DEMOCRATS. THE CROSS-FILED REPUBLICANS WON ON THE DEMOCRATIC BALLOT IN THE PRIMARY.**

Jurisdiction	Position	Vote For	Term	Candidate Name
South Middleton School District	School Director	5	4 YR	Brad L. Group (R)
South Middleton School District	School Director	5	4 YR	Rick Rovegno
South Middleton School District	School Director	5	4 YR	Victoria Christen
South Middleton School District	School Director	5	4 YR	Devin L. Flickinger (R)
South Middleton School District	School Director	5	4 YR	Sophia L. Bounds (R)

### RICK ROVEGNO, SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR, SOUTH MIDDLETON



My wife Karen and I built our home in South Middleton and moved to the Township in 1987 and continued to live there until her passing, far too soon, last August.

Karen and I met as undergraduates at Shippensburg University. She obtained a degree in Secondary Education while I obtained a degree in Accounting/Finance. She ultimately went into the corporate world while supporting my efforts in founding three businesses. I served as Cumberland County Commissioner for twelve years as well as chairing the South Middleton Township Planning Commission and

serving on numerous volunteer boards.

Karen and I founded our own 501c3 non-profit corporation. Among other things, it has assisted 40 young people, to date, obtain degrees at Shippensburg with grants and scholarships. Those funds prioritize first-generation college students.

As I educate myself about issues and challenges facing public education, I am particularly struck by the significant decline in the past decade of available qualified teachers. Ten years ago, there were 21,000 new teacher certificates issued in Pennsylvania. Last year, that number had declined to 7,000. We need to work with the business community, state, federal and local officials, school districts, and the public to ensure that sufficient numbers of people wish to have a career in education and, most importantly, are supported.

To this end, I am endowing a “Karen Jaasund Rovegno Education Scholarship” at Shippensburg University. It will be prioritized to a young woman or man graduating from Boiling Springs High School commencing with 2024 graduates.

There are many other issues, some divisive, before public education. I will always listen to everyone’s viewpoint and offer respect to each individual. It will always be my endeavor to work collaboratively with the public and, if elected, fellow Board Members, to help each student reach his or her maximum potential.

## **VICTORIA CHRISTEN, SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR, SOUTH MIDDLETON**



My name is Victoria Christen. I am a 2003 alumni of Boiling Springs High School. I have a bachelor's degree in Homeland Security Management from Central Penn College and an MBA from the University of Maryland Global Campus. I completed Leadership Cumberland in 2022. I have recently applied for a post-graduate certificate in Accounting and hope to pursue professional certification in the next year. My husband and I moved back to the township to be closer to family in 2015. We have two daughters, Carmella in 1st grade, and Julia who is four years old. I have worked in government and private finance for the past 12-plus years. Currently, I work for Retail Business Services as an accounts payable analyst for the real estate team. I enjoy reading, traveling, the beach, and cooking.

I am running for South Middleton School District School Director. With younger children, one already in the district and another starting fall of 2024, I feel that it is extremely important to be involved in decisions regarding their education. I believe that the school board has very heavy tasks in front of them to help maintain a high level of academic excellence and I want to be part of making sure these are met. This allows me a front-row seat, in addition to my parental role, in seeing my children reach their academic success.

**SOUTH MIDDLETON 2023 MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES**

Jurisdiction	Position	Vote For	Term	Candidate Name
South Middleton Township	Township Supervisor	1	6 YR	<b>NO DEMOCRAT RUNNING</b>
South Middleton Township	Auditor	1	6 YR	<b>NO DEMOCRAT RUNNING</b>