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Bringing the right experience to the Woodbridge Board of Education

**Election day
is Monday,
May 4th, 2009**

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Frederick Kaiser, Treasurer

Dr. Steve Fleischman

Background

Steven J. Fleischman M.D. is seeking his first term on the Woodbridge Board of Education. Dr. Fleischman is in private practice with Obstetrics, Gynecology & Menopause Physicians, PC In New Haven, Connecticut and is an Assistant Clinical Professor at the Yale University Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences. Steve has taken an active leadership role in organized medicine locally, regionally and nationally and was recently named as a delegate to the American Medical Association by his national specialty association. At Yale, he is actively involved in both resident and medical student education and serves on the Department's Obstetric Practice Council, which was the model for clinical service line development.

Steve graduated from Washington University and Albany Medical College and completed his residency at the Yale-New Haven Hospital. A resident of Woodbridge since 2004, he and his wife Andrea (a teacher and graduate of Beecher Road School) have four young children – two who are currently at Beecher (Samantha and Julie) and two who will be (Zoe and Adam).



Qualities Steve Fleischman Brings to the Board of Education

- He has spent nearly his entire life in the educational system, first as a student and now as a teacher, and wants to put that experience to work for his community.
- As a physician, he works daily within the disciplines of evidence-based results and continuous quality improvement – knowledge and experience he would bring to the Board.
- As a successful small businessman, he will bring to Board decisions a strong sense of fiscal responsibility and an insistence on good value.
- As a concerned citizen of the planet, he would like to see environmental improvements applied to the education system on a larger scale to realize both ecological and financial benefits for the community.

Steve Fleischman's Commitment to Woodbridge

"I would consider it an honor to build on the initiatives and leadership of the current Board to ensure that every member of the local community is getting the best value for their education dollar and that our children are encouraged to thrive. At this point in my life, I am highly motivated and, I believe uniquely qualified, to ensure that my children and all the children in our community, continue to get the benefit of the best possible education."

Matt Gilbride

Background

Matthew T. Gilbride is seeking his first term on the Woodbridge Board of Education. Attorney Gilbride has a private law practice in New Haven, Connecticut. Beginning in 1992, a major portion of his legal work has involved child protection law where he is often given the responsibility to serve as the attorney and/or Guardian Ad Litem ("GAL") for minor children in juvenile court, probate court or criminal court proceedings. As GAL, Matt is required to offer an opinion to the court as to what course of action is in a child's best interests. Matt has also served as a board member of the St. Francis Home for Children in New Haven, Connecticut where he is the Chairman of the Finance Committee and where he has assisted in the negotiation of employment agreements with both the teachers union and the clerical union.

Matt is a cum laude graduate of Providence College and has a law degree from the University of Connecticut. In 1999, Matt moved to Woodbridge, CT with his wife, Maria Asis, MD (who grew up in town) primarily because of the excellent educational system. They have three children, Austin (8), Alex (5) and Andrew (4) – all of whom attend or will attend Beecher Road School.



Qualities Matt Gilbride Brings to the Board of Education

- He was raised in a Connecticut family of teachers and coaches (his brother Kevin is the New York Giants' offensive coordinator) and is eager to be a team player on a Board of Education that wins on behalf of every resident of Woodbridge.
- He wants to put his experience as a child advocate in the court system to work for the benefit of our children and our community.
- His finance and negotiating experience with the St. Francis Home for Children will be an asset in keeping the Woodbridge educational system efficient and effective.
- He believes that our students' education should not only be grounded in basics so that they can compete on any playing field but that it also should be supplemented with new approaches such as expanding their exposure to a second language curriculum that give them a competitive edge.

Matt Gilbride's Commitment to Woodbridge

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David Barkin

Background

David Barkin is seeking his second term on the Woodbridge Board of Education where, for the past two years, he has served as Vice Chairman and a member of both the finance and facilities committees. A licensed architect, Mr. Barkin is a Principal with JCY Architecture in Hartford, Connecticut. David served on the local Zoning Board of Appeals for four years before being elected to the Woodbridge BOE. He has also served on the Woodbridge Center Town Subcommittee and has chaired and served on several formal and informal building committees for the BOE. Currently David is one of three appointed architects to the Connecticut Architectural Licensing Board and has previously held gubernatorial appointments to the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation and the Connecticut Historic Council.

David has been a resident of Woodbridge since 1998, when he settled here with his wife Kathy and their son Aaron because of the town's excellent school system. Their son Aaron graduated Beecher last year and currently attends the Bethany Middle School. David graduated cum laude from Duke University and holds an architectural degree from RPI.



David Barkin's Contributions to the Board of Education

- The hiring of our transformational Superintendent Guy Stella
- Continuous insistence on educational accountability from the administration
- Oversight of a paradigm shift that positions the school as a town campus with common ownership resulting in tangible improvements to our buildings and grounds
- A dramatic and measurable improvement in communications and relationships with Woodbridge's Boards of Selectmen and Finance

David Barkin's Commitment to Woodbridge

- Deliver more educational transparency and accountability to achieve improved academic performance
- Continued infrastructure improvements to create an attractive and safe environment plus enhanced building systems to realize cost savings and environmental benefits for all residents
- A heightened focus on financial procedures so that everyone in Woodbridge can be confident in the financial health and sustainability of our school system

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