

# Nine candidates seek School Board vacancy

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he described the Portland school system as a "\$200,000,000 business being run seat of the pants by part-time, unpaid, well-meaning citizens." He hopes to help this situation by offering the board "an analytical mind geared to the systematic solution of problems."

Weiss feels that Portland is "a very long way toward integration of public schools," and he offers "comparability of program opportunity" as a means to give all students access to the same high quality instruction and reduce the need for busing.

As representative from the citizens' school advisory committee from Area 1, Weiss said he worked closely with committees from Eliot and Boise schools to redesign the middle school program so it would include the best parts of each.

"I think Ronnie Herndon," said Weiss, "has caused Portland and the School Board to wake up to the educational needs of the black community, and has done a valuable job in causing solutions to come about in areas where the people hoped the problem would go away."

Stephen Kafoury, corporate counsel for a Portland trucking firm and Irvington resident, is perhaps closest to a "name" candidate in the race for position four. He spent eight years in the Oregon legislature and ran unsuccessfully for Portland City Council in 1973 and 1980.

Kafoury said he lives in an integrated neighborhood "by choice," so his daughters could have the opportunity of growing up with children from minority groups. "I am very much committed to equality of opportunity for all students," he said.

Kafoury thinks "the political battles are pretty much over. It's time to get back involved in what the School Board is all about—education." He wonders whether schools should take care of students' health and drug problems, and provide free lunches to compensate for lack of food at home. "How many social problems can the schools solve?"

He also thinks there is too much emphasis on technical education now, which he says is comparable to the panic following sputnik. "The idea that we've got to put everybody in high tech programs to solve our unemployment problems is misleading." Educational decisions, he said, should be based on "sound reasoning, not fads," and money spent on reading instruction, not "fancy hardware."

Budget considerations are of primary importance to Curt Martin, a teacher's aide at Madison High School who grew up near 16th and Fremont.

Martin said that eliminating 542 jobs of special assignment teachers, psychologists and community agents could save the system over \$10 million.

Higher graduation standards are also important, he said, and he would eliminate the "modified diploma" which lets underachievers graduate with their classmates.

Martin is also concerned about lax discipline in the schools, and he favors detention centers like the one at Marshall, where students must spend an hour studying for every hour of class missed. "Kids are smart," he said. "If they see that there's no definition, nothing said to them, they will keep on doing the same thing."

He said the \$5.1 million spent on busing in 1982 could have been better spent retraining teachers to become more sensitive to the needs of minority students. "I think we could save money and better service the kids by keeping them in their own neighborhoods," he said. "We don't have the massive social problems in Portland as they do elsewhere that require busing."

Also, he said, Eliot School should be closed because there aren't enough students in the area to support it, and "nobody knows where they're going to get the money to renovate Eliot."

Ross Dey is co-owner of a property management company and lives in the Lincoln High district. "I feel the board needs a businessman," said Dey, who was a long-time employee of Standard Oil Co.

Long-range planning is his big priority. It would help eliminate "very unfortunate" disruptive demonstrations which he thinks are the result of the public not being fully informed by a board which suffers from lack of direction. "A plan of where the schools are going would sure make things a lot easier," he said. "I think the people are tired of management by crisis."

Concerning the budget, Dey said the current administration is top-heavy and a significant amount of money could be saved by eliminating one of the five management layers between teachers and the superintendent.

Dey is a "strong believer in voluntary integration." He experienced mandatory busing when he lived in Detroit, where he said whites became a minority within four years. They either moved to the suburbs or put their children in private schools, he said. "It segregated the entire school system."

Clyde Brummell, a Sellwood resident, part Chicasaw Indian, and owner of Brummell Construction Co., feels that property taxes alone can no longer finance education. A sales tax is an alternative that may have to be faced, but he would support the idea "only if it earmarked and dedicated for public education."

Respect for education is another of Brummell's concerns. "Where I went to school we stood until the teacher said sit. I see a lot of people that are doomed because of a lack of respect for education."

Brummell represented urban Indians on the Portland Desegregation Committee, and he thinks the school district is headed in the right direction by beginning to implement some of that committee's recommendations. Paramount, he said, is the need to bring a quality educational experience to each school rather than rely on busing.

He thinks the Black United Front has played a useful role, but the place to express their concerns now is in committees. "As far as jumping up and down on the desk, I can't buy that. It sets a very bad example for children... education requires dignity," he said.

Bill Grenfell, an Eastmoreland resident, was a Portland fireman for 20 years, a state senator for eight, and now sits on the board of Portland Community College.

"I am horrified at the antics of the School Board," he said. "They act like a bunch of children. Bickering and bickering over two middle school sites that are ten blocks apart is totally asinine."

Grenfell said that while the Black United Front has done some good things, he also thinks the BUF leaders are interested in higher office. "I

think in a lot of ways they are using the black community."

Grenfell is also running for a seat on the Metropolitan Service District Board.

Roger Troen, a printer and resident of Overlook neighborhood, said he thinks the public education system should be abolished and replaced with private free enterprise classrooms. "I think you'd find a lot of good competition springing up," he said.

Troen thinks that "constants" should be emphasized more in education "like the constitution," and that words are used too carelessly in the schools. As an example, he mentioned "the sun rising and the sun setting. It sounds good to say the sun rises, but the world actually revolves."

Another candidate, Ron McCarty, was unavailable for comment.

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