

EBEA Election 2020

Candidates for Elected Positions of the East Brunswick Education Association

Candidate for EBEA President

Dr. Dana Zimbicki
EBEA President (6 years)

Hammar skjold Middle School Social Studies Teacher (25years)



Thank you for the opportunity for allowing me to be your president for the past six years. I am asking for your consideration in electing me once again. Since taking office in 2014 I have made it a personal goal to increase member involvement in our Association by offering more opportunity for workshops, meetings, and representation on various committees. Additionally, it has been a goal to increase the engagement our Educational Support Professional's (ESP's) in our Association through our ESP Council which provides an active voice to those who support our schools. I also pursued a new method to collect members' thoughts, feelings, and perspectives regarding our contract for negotiations by conducting "Stakeholder Interviews". This process was very valuable in negotiations as it allowed the negotiations team to provide "a face, a human element" to our proposals. Additionally, I believe it is essential to increase our presence in the community using

NJEA PRIDE in Public Education grants and through Family and Schools Together (FAST) grants. For the first time in my presidency, we have maximized our grant funding and have used all the monies our Association is entitled to in order to promote the work of our teachers and support staff in our public schools. This is especially important in a time in history where public school employees have been demonized. I value the importance of working collaboratively to achieve the best possible working environment for all our members. I have deep respect for the ladies and gentlemen who work in East Brunswick Public Schools, and I would like to continue the development of a culture of respect and communication in order to ensure the best possible working conditions for our members. I am an open-minded individual who welcomes dialogue and challenging discussions which will promote public school employees and public-school education. It is my sincere desire to continue as your leader, the leader of the EBEA, and to work hard to ensure each of you are represented with fairness. Clearly, there are many challenges in public education today and within our own district, but with your help I am honored to stand up to adversity, exclaim my pride in the members of our association, and promote respect, justice, and empowerment for our members. I would be honored to be re-elected as your EBEA President.

EBEA President: 2014-Present
EBEA Treasurer: 2007-2014
EBEA Negotiation Team: 2008-Present
EBEA Contract Writing Proposal Committee: 2008, 2011, 2014, 2018
EBEA Constitutional Review Committee: 2007-08, 2010-2011, 2011-12, 2014-2015, 2019-2020
EBEA Representative Council: 2003-2008, 2011-2014
EBEA Chief Building Representative: 2011-2014

EBEA Together for Success Comm. Chair/Co-Chair: 2005-2007
EBEA Together For Success/PRIDE Comm. member: 2005-2015
EBEA Action Team Committee Co-Chair: 2006-2007
District EBSTARs member: 2019-2020
District Assessment Task Force - 2018
District Recognition Committee 2013-Present
SciP Committee member 2013-2014
DEAC Committee member 2014-Present

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MCEA Representative Delegate: 2013-Present
MCEA President's Forum & Contract Bargaining Council, Co-chair: 2019-2020
Attendance at various MCEA workshops/meetings
NJEA Strengthen Locals Committee – 2016-present
NJEA Summer Leadership Workshop 2019 "The Business of Membership Chairs" attendee
NJEA Summer Leadership Workshop 2018 "Organizing for Participatory Leadership Advanced: Planning & Harvesting" attendee
NJEA Summer Leadership Workshop 2017 "Bargaining Health Benefits" attendee
NJEA Summer Leadership Workshop 2016 "Vital Skills for Experienced Presidents" attendee

NJEA Summer Leadership Workshop 2015 "Experienced President's Training" attendee
NJEA Summer Leadership Workshop 2014 "AchieveNJ workshop" attendee
NJEA Summer Leadership Workshop 2013 "Advanced Treasure's Training" attendee
NJEA Summer Leadership Workshop 2008 "Pension Benefits" attendee
Presenter for Foundation for Educational Administration – "Collaborating to Strengthen Your Educator Evaluation System" 2016-present
Member of Department of Education Teacher Leader Endorsement Advisory Board 2106-peresent

Candidate for EBEA Treasurer

Jenna Lyons

Frost Speech and Language Specialist

I have served the EBEA as Treasurer for the past 2 years and am seeking re-election. I am a speech-language specialist at Frost School and have worked in the district for 15 years. I have been involved in the association in a variety of ways, including as a member of the Rep Council and Elementary School Council for the past 7 years. I am also currently one of the co-chairs of the Elementary School Council. In addition, I have had the privilege of being a member of the Negotiations team for the last 2 rounds of negotiations.

I value my involvement on the executive board of the EBEA and would be honored to continue serving as Treasurer.

EBEA Treasurer: 2018-Present
EBEA Negotiations Team: 2014- Present
EBEA Contract Proposal Writing Committee: 2014, 2017
EBEA Rep Council: 2014-Present
EBEA Elementary School Council Co-Chair: 2017-Present
EBEA Elementary School Council: 2013- Present

EBEA Grievance Committee: 2015-2016
Attendance at various EBEA workshops
NJEA Jim George Collective Bargaining Workshop: 2017
NJEA Summer Leadership Conference: 2017, 2018, 2019
Frost School Faculty Council Chair: 2015-2016

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MCEA Representative Delegate

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Erin Crupi

Churchill Junior High School Math Teacher

I would like to your vote for the Middlesex County Education Association Delegate.

District Math Teacher: 13 years

MCEA Delegate Representative: 2017-Present

Sara Linder

Churchill Junior High School Math Teacher

I would like to express my candidacy for the Middlesex County Education Association Delegate.

District Math Teacher: 6 years

MCEA Delegate Representative: 2016-Present

Theresa Yoselevich

High School Math Teacher

I would like to be considered for the position of a Middlesex County Education Association Delegate.

District Math Teacher: 16 years

EBHS SciP Team Member: 2009-2014

EBEA Teacher Evaluation Advisory Council Co-Chair:
2015-Present

EBEA Building Representative or Representative
Alternate: 2008-Present

EBEA Grievance Committee: 2015-Present

EBEA Contract Writing Committee Member: 2011,
2012, 2014, 2017, 2018

DEAC Committee member 2016-Present

EBHS Faculty Council: 2009-2015, 2017

MCEA Delegate Representative: 2017-Present

MCEA Delegate Alternate: 2015

Attendance at various MCEA conferences/workshops

NJEA Summer Leadership Attendee: 2016, 2017,
2018, 2019

Attendance at various NJEA conferences/workshops

NEA RA Delegate: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Michael Wildermuth

High School Social Studies Teacher

I would like your consideration for continued service as an MCEA delegate. At meetings, I attentively listen to the issues and advocate for smart uses of our dues dollars. I also serve as the Budget Chair for the MCEA and by being elected as a Representative, I can actually have a vote to further promote fiscal responsibility. Thank you for your consideration!

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NEA Representative Assembly

Our local is entitled to 9 delegates. The 2020 annual convention will take place June XX-July X, 2020 in Atlanta, GA. Write-ins will be permitted. Listed in alphabetical order.

Valerie Alimonti

High School Social Studies Teacher

I would love another opportunity to represent my EBEA/MCEA/NJEA colleagues at the National Education Association Representative Assembly (NEA RA) this summer, to help adopt the strategic plan and budget, legislative program, new business items, resolutions and other policies of the NEA, on behalf of the EBEA.

EBEA PRIDE Chair: 2017-2019
EBEA Constitutional Amendment Chair: 2016
EBEA Building Representative: 2012-2017
EBEA Alternate Representative: 2011-2012, 2018-2020
EBHS PRIDE Building Captain: 2019-2020
EBHS Faculty Council Member: 2016-2019
EBHS SciP Team Member: 2014-2017
MCEA Policy Chair: 2014-2019
MCEA Delegate Representative: 2014-2017, 2019
MCEA Overnight Workshop Attendee: 2013-Present
MCEA Legislative Action Team: 2015-2017

NJEA Constitutional Review Committee Member: 2017-2019
NJEA Legislative & Political Action Conference Attendee: 2014-2017
NJEA Summer Leadership Attendee: 2013-2017, 2019
NJEA Winter Leadership Attendee: 2014-2017
NEA Representative Assembly Delegate: 2014, 2015, 2017
NEA Women's Leadership Training Conference Attendee: 2014

Audrey Domond

High School English Teacher

EBEA Building Representative: 2018
EBEA Building Alternate Representative: 2019
MCEA Representative Delegate: 2016-2017
MCEA Overnight Conference Attendee: 2015, 2016
MCEA Human Rights Committee Member: 2016
MCEA LAT Committee Member: 2015-2018
MCEA Minority Leadership Training: 2015, 2019
NJEA Fall Focus Attendee: 2015-2017

NJEA Minority Leadership Conference: 2015-2018
NJEA Convention Attendee: 2016, 2017, 2019
NEA Representative Assembly Delegate: 2015-2017
NEA Black Issues Conference Attendee: 2017
NEA Minority Women Conference: 2016
NEA Racial & Social Justice Conference: 2017
EBHS Faculty Council Member: 2012-2015

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Marilyn Ryan Weeks

High School Science Teacher

I would like to submit my name as an EBEA Representative to the NEA RA 2020.

I have served as a past delegate since 2007, I am currently an NEA Board of Director for New Jersey, a NJEA Executive Committee member, past EBEA Building Representative and past EBEA Delegate to the Middlesex County Education Association Representative Council. Thank you for your time.

Cheryll Willis

High School School Counselor

I would like to attend the NEA-RA as a delegate representing you. I will fight for the NEA to focus on education issues with existing resources at this meeting. I've attended for the past five years the NJEA overnight as well as other NJEA, MCEA, and EBEA sponsored conferences. I will continue to attend conferences hosted by NJEA, MCEA, and EBEA to learn more about the organization that represents educations. Thank you for your consideration.

EBEA Building Alternate Representative: 2016-Present

EBEA Scholarship Chair: 2017-Present

EBHS Faculty Council Member: 2011-2015

MCEA Representative: 2015

MCEA Overnight Conf. Attendee: 2012, 2014-2019

MCEA LAT Committee Member: 2015-2019

MCEA Human Rights Committee Member: 2016-2017, 2019

NJEA Legislative & Political Action Conf.: 2014-2018

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NJEA Fall Focus: 2014-2019

NJEA/MCEA LAT Training: 2015-2018

NJEA Ready to Run Conf.: 2016

NJEA Educational Support Professional Conf.: 2017, 2020

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NJEA Minority Leadership Cadre Member: 2017-2020

NJEA Summer Fellow: 2017

NJEA Worksite Health & Safety Comm. Member: 2017-Present

NJEA Minority Leadership & Recruitment Conf.: 2015-2018

NJEA Summer Leadership Conf.: 2016 "Effective Political Advocacy Through LAT

NJEA Summer Leadership Conf.: 2017 "PERC Law"

NJEA Summer Leadership Conf.: 2018 "County Presidents' Council, Participatory Leadership"

NJEA Summer Leadership Conf.: 2019 "County Presidents' Council-VAN Training, PRIDE Training"

NJEA 1:1 Conversation with AR's - Volunteer Training: 2018

NJEA Cadre Restorative Justice Training Circle Keeping Trained: 2018

NJEA Cadre Restorative Justice Conflict Training: 2019

NJEA Call To Action: 2018

NJEA Undoing Racism Training

NJEA Members of Color Events

NEA Joint Conf.: 2016, 2017

NJEA Winter Leadership Conf.: 2017, 2019

NEA Delegate Assembly Representative: 2015-Present

NEA Minority Leadership and Women's Leadership Training Conf.: 2015, 2017, 2019

NEA Black Issues Conf.: 2017

NEA Leadership Development National Leadership Summit: 2018-2020

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EBEA Constitution & By-laws

A vote on the proposed amendments to the EBEA Constitution & By-laws.

You can view the proposed amendments at

<https://www.my-ebca.org/files/2020/01/PROPOSED-EBEA-Constitution-Bylaws-011520.pdf>

A copy will also be available on the day of voting.

Your vote is important to your Association!

Thank you for voting on April 3, 2020

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