

Two incumbents running unopposed for seats on South Colonie Board of Education

Board incumbents Robert L. Domenici and Shelle E. Jaquish to appear on district's May 20 election ballot

South Colonie voters will be asked to elect two members of the Board of Education at the polls on May 20. Robert L. Domenici is running for a third, five-year term, and Shelle E. Jaquish is seeking a second, five-year term on the board.

Robert L. Domenici

Robert L. Domenici, of 38 Ausable Forks, is seeking his third, five-year term on the Board of Education. He has lived in the district for 12 years.

Domenici is CEO of Strategic Response Initiatives, a homeland security training company. He retired in 2003 as a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army, and was presented a Legion of Merit Award from President Bush. He was formerly assigned as the Weapons of Mass Destruction/Homeland Security Liaison Officer for the Division of Military and Naval Affairs, and is a former member of the New York State and Governor's Weapons of Mass Destruction Equipment Grant Program Task Force.

The incumbent began his military career in 1981 and is a distinguished military graduate of St. Johns University's ROTC program. He earned a bachelor's degree from Queen's College and a master's degree in Public Administration from Marist College. He also earned a master's degree in Strategic Study from the U.S. Army Senior Service College.

Domenici is a full Colonel in the New York State Army Guard, a member of the Knights of Columbus and a volunteer for veterans' charity groups.

This school year, Domenici is chairman of the South Colonie Board of Education's Accountability and Board Operations Committee and serves on the Strategic Planning and Information Systems committees. He is also a member of the Capital Region BOCES Board of Education.

He and his wife Virginia have three children — Robert, Mary and Nicholas. Robert and Mary are Colonie Central High School graduates and Nicholas attends Lisha Kill Middle School.



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Shelle E. Jaquish, of 26 Oliver Street, has lived in the South Colonie Central School District for 37 years. She is seeking her second term on the Board of Education.

Jaquish worked as an assistant in Special Education at Roessville Elementary and Sand Creek Middle School from 1977 to 1985. She has completed several years of college courses in education at the College of Saint Rose and Schenectady County Community College and is pursuing a degree in education. She worked for the New York State Lottery for 11 years, and just accepted a new position at New York State Agriculture and Markets.

Jaquish has one daughter, Cashell, who attended South Colonie Schools and is a graduate of Colonie Central High School. Cashell earned a PhD from Washington University in St. Louis and now works in research at the National Institute of Health in Washington, D.C., where she successfully heads several heart and blood study programs in the United States and Asia.

A former PTA president at Maywood Elementary School, Jaquish is also a former member of the Midway Fire Department Auxiliary and a communicant of St. Clare's Church. She has been very involved in church activities over the years serving on the Parish Council and the Social Concerns Committee. She was also a facilitator of St. Clare's Divorced and Separated Group. She is currently teaching religious education classes for seventh graders.