

Tonight's Format

Opening Statements: Each candidate will give a 3 minute opening statement.

"Speed Dating": Attendees are seated in five groups. Each candidate will join one of the groups and be asked a question by a member of the group. At the end of 5 minutes, candidates will rotate to a new group for another 5 minute discussion. Once the candidates have met with each group, candidates will return to the stage.

"Jeopardy Round": A question will be asked and candidates will ring their buzzer to indicate they want to answer the question. The first candidate to ring their buzzer gets 2 minutes to answer the question. The other 4 candidates get 1 minute each to answer the same question. Once all candidates have answered a question, the audience will indicate, via applause, which answer they liked the best.

Audience Questions: Audience members ask questions of the candidates.

Election Day

Tuesday, November 7. Polls open 6 AM to 8 PM

You may vote for up to three (3) candidates.

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Office of the Secretary of the State - Community Capacity Builders



TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

5:30 – 6:00 PM

Refreshments and visit with Candidates

6:00 – 6:10 PM

Welcome and Introductions
Explanation of the Format

6:10 – 6:25

Opening Statements by Candidates

6:25 – 6:55 PM

"Speed Dating"

6:55 – 7:35 PM

"Jeopardy Rounds"

7:35 – 7:55 PM

Questions from the Audience

Candidate Responses

Each candidate was invited to answer the following question in 50 words or less. Their responses are below.

What is the most important issue that the Board of Education should focus on during the next year?

Craig Stallings. "The next year the Board will have to focus on school consolidation and programmatic design for schools affected by consolidation. We will have to build capacity in our community to support education through engagement and stakeholder conversations."

Juan Hernandez. "The Board must focus on a solid restructuring of our school district. This means consolidating our district so that resources are being utilized properly and looking to regain those who have gone to other districts for other opportunities. If we do this, we'll be able to provide so much more."

Ayesha Clarke. "One of the most important issues that I believe the Board of Education should focus on is ensuring that all schools in the district have the necessary budgetary resources needed to ensure student learning is not impacted and that children are safe at all times while they are students within the school system."

Ted Cannon. "The most important issue to be addressed is the wasteful, undisciplined spending in Hartford Public Schools. The bloated bureaucracy in the Central Office is the greatest example, but there are many others requiring review. The annual education budget translates to more than \$20,000 per student. Yet we still cannot provide a consistent quality education to Hartford's students."



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CANDIDATE FORUM

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tuesday, October 24, 2017
Hartford Public Library

Candidates

Shonta M. Browdy

Ted Cannon

Ayesha R. Clarke

Juan Manuel Hernandez

Craig T. Stallings

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