

BOARD OF EDUCATION



Peter E. Gordon

Republican Party

Biographical Statement

Peter brings broad experience in the global photonics industry having succeeded in IP generation, raising investment, preparing companies for exits, product design, solution validation, sales, marketing, and business development to the BOE. Peter holds engineering degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and UC Santa Barbara, and a history degree from Edinburgh, Scotland University. Peter and his family enjoy living in Weston, hiking locally, gardening, horseback riding, attending Lachat music events, skiing, and playing tennis.

In your opinion, what is the most significant issue facing Weston today?

I believe the most significant challenge facing Weston today is identifying, building on, expanding, leveraging, and highlighting the unique resources and attributes of our town so Weston continues to offer a highly valued quality of life for its residents and those considering becoming its residents. The key issues include maintaining local control of our long-term zoning, of the environment and our well-being, and independence of our school district. Ensuring the freedom to make these choices, without directives from Hartford, is paramount.

Why are you running for your specific office and what do you bring to it?

I am running for Board of Education because I am a passionate proponent of creating and maintaining high quality and accessible STEaM education within an independent school district. Developing a firm STEaM foundation will serve our children well throughout their lives. For example, I am particularly interested in implementing a student-designed environmental science project on the Fromson-Strassler preserve. Measuring water quality would augment STEaM class work and perhaps become an activity to earn a Jr. Girl Scout Badge. I bring global experience in science, engineering, business development, sales and marketing, investment, and stakeholder engagement to the office.

What is the most important issue your board/commission faces and how would you potentially address it?

The most important challenge facing the board is to effectively consult, guide, and support the Superintendent and her staff on goal setting, application of metrics and measurements, and enhanced interactions and thoughtful communication with all interested stakeholders and beneficiaries. I see this as particularly critical in the areas of facilities, budgets, and curriculum decision making.

Having started, grown, and managed companies and technical working groups within trade organizations, producing and positioning engineering solutions around the world on time and on budget, I offer a complementary skill-set to the current Board of Education and school district management.