Three Finalists Named for Avon Central School District


Rodney George, President of the Avon Central School District’s BOE, said he is pleased with the high-quality candidate pool and is enthused about the potential the three finalists have to offer.

“We are extremely pleased with the quality of the finalists selected by the group of stakeholders, which consisted of the Board, staff, faculty, students, and community members,” said George. “The field of candidates was diverse, which made the decision very difficult. We are confident that one of these candidates will be the best Superintendent for our school district and community.”


Zilliox is currently the Superintendent of the Franklin Central School District in Franklin, New York, a position he has held since 2016. Some of his initiatives include creation of a long-term strategic plan for improvement of programs and student outcomes, formation of short and long-term budgets and collaboration with the teachers’ association to develop Annual Professional Performance review. Previously, Zilliox served as a Secondary Principal for the Rochester City School District. From 2010 until 2015, Zilliox was the Middle School Principal at Wheatland-Chili Central Schools where he headed building and individual goal setting, assisted content area department supervision, and developed a master schedule. His experience includes six years as a House Principal at Willink Middle School in the Webster Central School District.

In 1990, Zilliox began his work in education as a seventh-grade social studies teacher at Gustavus Adolphus Learning Center in Falconer, New York. He holds a Bachelor of Science in History from SUNY Brockport and a Master of Education degree from Kent State University. He completed the Superintendent Development Program at SUNY Oswego and holds two New York State Certificates of Advanced Study from SUNY Brockport. Zilliox received a doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Rochester.

Meehan-Fairben, Ed.D., is currently the Director of K-12 Instruction at Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES in Newark, New York, a position she has held since 2014. In her current role, Meehan-Fairben provides instructional oversight of eight educational programs with over 1,600 students and approximately 800 staff members.
From 2010-2014, Meehan-Fairben served as the K-12 Principal at Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES, where she supported the development, implementation, and evaluation of programs and initiatives within the school, conducted formal and informal observations, and oversaw the CSE process and IEP development. Additional experience includes being the Superintendent of the New York State School for the Blind from 2008-2010, Director of Pupil Personnel Services and Special Programs for Geneva City School District. She started her teaching career as a teacher of preschool and school age program at Mary Cariola Children’s Center.

Meehan-Fairben is a 1987 graduate of Geneseo High School. She earned Bachelor and Master degrees in Special Education from SUNY Geneseo. She earned a certification in Education Leadership and is a candidate in the Doctor of Education Program at the University of Rochester.

Marshall is currently the Superintendent at Bradford Central School District (CSD) in Bradford, New York, a position he has held since 2015. Under Marshall's leadership, Bradford CSD was recognized as a Bronze Star School, per the U.S. News and World Report. He led the charge to bring the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) to the district, as a means of providing all students with free breakfast and lunch. Marshall has made improvements to the structure of special education programs. At Bradford CSD, Marshall has also led a successful $4.2 million capital project. Prior to his role at Bradford CSD, Marshall was the Superintendent of Schools at Bolivar-Richburg Central School District in Bolivar, New York from 2013-2015. He served as the Middle/High School Principal at Bolivar-Richburg Central School District from 2006-2013. From 2005-2006, Marshall was the Pre-K-12 Principal at Friendship Central School District in Friendship, New York. He previously worked as assistant principal for Jamestown City School District, and worked as a social studies teacher at Panama Central School District in Panama, New York, and Oswayo Valley School District in Shinglehouse, Pennsylvania.

Marshall earned a Bachelor’s degree in Education and secondary social studies certification from Bloomsburg University. In 2003, he earned a Master's degree in School Leadership from St. Bonaventure University. He successfully completed the New York State Superintendent Development Program in 2011.

The finalists will visit the district on May 14, 15 and 16. Meet and greet forums, which are open to the public, will be held each of these days at Avon High School Library from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Final interviews with stakeholder groups and the BOE will follow the meet and greet forums. The anticipated start date for the new Superintendent is July 1, 2019.

Kevin MacDonald, District Superintendent of the Genesee Valley Educational Partnership, who is acting as search consultant, said the Board has developed and implemented a process that will help determine the best candidate.

“This is a rigorous search process,” MacDonald said. “Finalists will visit at the district, and go through another round of interviews. The process concludes with the Board meeting to make a final decision.”

The Genesee Valley Educational Partnership operates as a Board of Cooperative Educational Services offering shared programs and services to 22 component school districts located in Genesee, Wyoming, Livingston and Steuben counties in New York state.