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SPECIAL DISTRICT OFFICE DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

Idaho Code 34-701(2) now requires phone numbers to be provided. Idaho Code 34-704(4) states that all information in declarations of candidacy shall be made publicly available upon request. WBCSD #83 Admin Office

CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINES (I.C. 34-1404)

As specified by WB §13.

OFFICE INFORMATION

Filing for the Office of:

Trustee

District Name:

West Bonner County

Term length, sub-district, zone, seat or position (if applicable):

Zone 4

CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL DEADLINES (I.C. 34-1405A)

N/A

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Candidate Name (As it appears on your voter registration record.)

Candidate Phone

First

M.I.

Last

Suffix

Sonja A Yount

Residence Address (As it appears on your voter registration record.)

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

County

[Redacted] Priest River Id 83856 Bonner

BALLOT NAME

Write your name exactly as you would like it to appear on the ballot

N/A

Ann Yount

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION (I.C. 34-107[2], 34-701[3])

Have you, or your spouse, claimed a homestead exemption? Yes No

If Yes, Please List the Address

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

County

CAMPAIGN FINANCE INFORMATION

N/A

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, being a resident of the State of Idaho and of the District, and, if applicable, the sub-district or zone listed above, do hereby declare myself a candidate for the office entered above to be voted on at the Election to be held on the _____ day of _____, 2023 and I certify that the information on this Declaration is true and accurate.

I further certify that I possess the legal qualifications to hold said office. I submit herewith the nominating petition containing the five (5) signatures of qualified electors as statutorily required.

Dated:

10/4/23

Candidate Signature:

[Handwritten Signature]

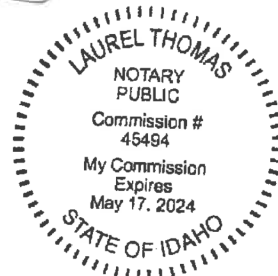
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of OCTOBER 2023.

Signature: Laurel Thomas

Notary Public in and for the State of Idaho, residing at

PRIEST RIVER

My Commission Expires: 05/17/24





SPECIAL DISTRICT OFFICE PETITION FOR CANDIDACY

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Candidate Name (As it will appear on the ballot.)

Ann Yount

This petition must be filed in the office of the appropriate political sub-division filing office with the Declaration of Candidacy on or before 5:00 p.m. on the last day of filing for the Election at which you are desiring to participate in. The submitted petition must have affixed thereto the names of at least five (5) qualified electors which reside within the appropriate district or zone.

SIGNERS STATEMENT

I, the undersigned, being a qualified elector of the district and if applicable the sub-district or zone listed above in the State of Idaho, do hereby certify and declare that I reside at the place set opposite my name, and that I join in the petition of the candidate for the office listed above, to be voted for at the election to be held on the _____ day of _____, 2023, and that each for himself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a qualified elector of the State of Idaho and my residence address is correctly written after my name.

Signature of Petitioner	Printed Name	Residence Address	Date Signed
OK 1.	Kasandra Anderson	[REDACTED]	10/3/23
OK 2. Rachel Goins	Rachel Goins	[REDACTED]	10/3/2023
OK 3. mstrange	Morgan Strange	[REDACTED]	10/3/23
OK 4.	Christopher Strange	[REDACTED]	10/3/23
OK 5.	Casie Dixon	[REDACTED]	10/3/23
OK 6.	Kris Connolly	[REDACTED]	10/3/23
OK 7.	Jeff Connolly	[REDACTED]	10-3-23

CERTIFICATION

State of Idaho
County of Bonner

Sonia Ann Yount being first duly sworn say: That I am a resident of the State of Idaho and at least eighteen (18) years of age; that every person who signed this sheet of the foregoing petition signed his or her name thereto in my presence; I believe that each has stated his or her name address and residence correctly, that each signer is a qualified elector of the State of Idaho, and a resident of the county of Bonner.

Circulator Signature:

Address: [REDACTED]

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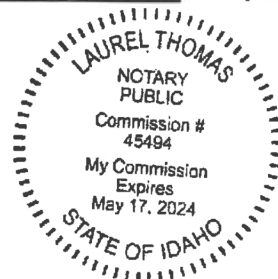
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ok Hailey Scott HAILEY SCOTT

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Ann Yount

Priest River, ID 83856

Application Questions

1. Briefly explain your background: education, employment, community service, etc.

Please my attached cover letter and resume.

2. Briefly explain your philosophy toward public education.

Public education should be accessible to all students regardless of any factors associated with their lives. I strongly believe that each student within our district should have the same right and educational opportunity as any other student in our country. Students should receive core knowledge and skills to help them become successful adults.

3. What do you believe the Board of Trustees role should be in leading the district?

I believe the main role of the Board of Trustees is to approve and ensure that board policy is implemented. Hiring a superintendent that will implement and actively support these board approved policies is of the utmost importance. The board should support efforts to hire competent staff to effectively manage the district and teach our students. Board members should listen to the community and work to ensure that the people they represent are heard.

4. In your estimation, how much time do you believe is required to accomplish this role? How much time are you willing to commit to serving on the Board of Trustees?

I'm not sure a person can put a set time on this role. I am prepared to give the time it takes, as a board member I would be committed to being there to complete the work for our district. As a board member, I know I would be expected to attend regularly scheduled meetings along with any special meetings and committee meetings. I also expect to spend time outside of board meetings for such things as reading policies and other materials to be prepared for board meetings and associated obligations and corresponding with community members.

5. Do you have business dealing with the West Bonner County School District?

My husband and I have raised our children within the district, all of whom still live and or work in the area. We now have four grandchildren attending WBCSD schools, two who hope to return soon, one that graduated PRLHS Salutatorian last year, and four who are not of age yet!

6. Do you have relatives that work for the West Bonner County School District?

I am not related to anyone working within the district.

7. If there is other information you would like the Board to consider in reviewing your application, please include it below.

I know there are many hot topics facing the board at this time. I believe the following items are items the community would like to see resolution to or a reasonable plan established. As a school board trustee, I

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look forward to working with the board bringing our community together and fostering a good working relationship with staff, parents and students. As a Board Trustee, I am eager to serve the community and answer their questions, developing open communication and establishing plans for:

- Forensic Audit
- Financial Transparency
- Paying our staff average state education wages
- Hire experienced financial personnel
- Develop a levy committee and work with the community to assess the needs for future levies
- Communicate and clearly explain what is SEL, CRT and what is the district stand on these issues.
- Working with the Superintendent to ensure that bullying and threat assessment measures are in place and proper protocol is followed to keep our students safe.
- Develop a districtwide newsletter to be mailed out at least twice per year helping to keep our community informed of WBCSD happenings.



ANN YOUNT

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CONTACT



HOBBIES

- ♥ Chasing Grandkids
- ♥ Traveling
- ♥ Camping
- ♥ UTV Riding
- ♥ Gardening

EDUCATION

Marsh Valley High School
Graduated 1977

WORK EXPERIENCE

Pocatello Pediatrics- Receptionist
1977-1982

Dr Dricoll, Browne, Bruya, and Fitterer- Receptionist
Jan 1982-Nov 1982

Yount Daycare- Owner and Operator
October 1982- Present

I have served as my own bookkeeper, staff manager, and acted in every aspect that is required for the proper functioning of the business.

Most importantly I provide the direct care of children.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ♥ **WBCSD PTO President – PRE * PRJH * PRLH**
- ♥ **PRYAA Coach - Softball * Basketball * Soccer**
- ♥ **Priest River Lamanna High Assistant Softball Coach**
- ♥ **Priest River Lamanna High Booster Club Member**
- ♥ **Variety of roles at church- majority child oriented**
- ♥ **PTO event volunteer**
- ♥ **Meal preparation for community members in need**

SKILLS

- Creative thinking in problem solving situations
- Willingness to learn what I don't know
- Ability to work as a team with a variety of personalities
- Capacity to listen to and appreciate the opinions of others
- Understanding of Robert's Rules of Order
- Fiscal responsibility- not only for my family but for a successful business
- Honesty in personal and professional dealings
- Strong communication skills and an ability to address issues when needed

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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Ann Yount, and I am submitting my name for consideration for the West Bonner County School District Zone 4 empty seat.

My husband and I moved to Priest River in 1982 because of his job transfer. Since then we have raised six children within the district, all of whom still live and or work in the area. We now have four grandchildren attending WBCSD schools, two who hope to return soon, one that graduated PRLHS Salutatorian last year, and four who are not of age yet!

Through my business as a childcare provider I have been helping raise the children of this community for decades. I will celebrate 40 years of business this October, and I couldn't be more honored to have had the trust of countless parents over that time. I have seen so many children I've cared for grow into wonderful adults contributing endlessly to our community.

While raising our children I had the opportunity to serve our district in many ways. I served as PTO president at PRE, PRJH, and PRLHS at one time or another. I have also coached in a variety of positions; from PRYAA softball, basketball, and soccer to assistant coach of the high school softball team. In more recent years my daughter and I coached a PRYAA team of girls that we had taken care of in daycare in previous years, what a special experience that was! Currently I find great joy in volunteering at PRE PTO activities and am a member of the PRLHS Booster Club.

If I am selected to fill this seat, my goal will be to assist in bringing our community together to give the children of this district the best education we can. I will strive to work with the other board members to support the students of our district. An integral piece of this success will be fostering a working relationship with the parents of our students. A strong commitment to open communication will be a focus for me in my service on the board.

If we work together, I truly believe we can make our community a place where people want to work and live, instead of somewhere they run from. I truly believe our schools can be a great place for children to learn and grow. We have many of the pieces in place to make that happen; a multitude of devoted staff at every level, a beautiful area with ample recreational opportunities, a supportive and creative community, and kids that are worth working for!

I again thank you for your consideration of my application and look forward to hearing from you soon!

Thank you,

Ann Yount