

# The Polk County Democrat

## School Board Election and Early Voting

**School Board Elections**  
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**Send an E-mail to:**  
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The Polk County Democrats urge you to vote in your local school board election! Elections will take place on Tuesday, September 9, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.\* For more information about your local election visit the Polk County Auditor's website: <http://auditor.co.polk.ia.us/2008School.htm> where you will find more information. Also check out this edition of the Polk County Democrat for a summary of all you need to know about upcoming elections. Electors with disabilities and those with additional questions may contact the Polk County Election office at (515) 286-3247.

The following are the candidates for school boards in Polk County:

**Ankeny Community School District**

**Vote for 3**

*Director*  
 Richard Brannan  
 Pat Cahill  
 John Cisna  
 Aaron Johnson  
 Rick Langel  
 Todd Mackey

**Bondurant-Farrar Community School District**

**Vote for 2**

*Director*  
 Warren Nielsen\*\*  
 Susan Ugolini\*\*

**Dallas Center Grimes Community School District**

**Vote for 1**

*Director at large*  
 Douglas Rothfus  
**Vote for 1**  
*Director District 3*  
 Ronnie Wiedman  
**Vote for 1**  
*Director District 3*  
 Kathie Hicok\*\*

**Des Moines Independent School District**

**Vote for 1**

*Director at large*  
 Larry Barrett  
 Kristine Crisman  
 Steve Flood  
 Kittie Knauer  
 Dick Murphy\*\*  
 Mike Pike  
 Ginny Strong\*\*  
 Jeanette Woods\*\*

**Johnston Community School District**

**Vote for 2**

*Director*  
 John Dutcher  
 Jackie Heiser  
 Jill Morrill  
**Vote for 1 (to fill a vacancy)**  
 Tyler Buller  
 Vicki Selinger  
 Julie Walter

\*\*Denotes incumbent

**North Polk Community School District**

**Vote for 1**

*Director (3 year term)*  
 Aaron Heley Lehman\*\*  
 Tim Krehbiel  
**Vote for 1**  
*Director (1 year term)*  
 Larry Matijevich\*\*  
 Larry Meiners

**Saydel Community School District**

**Vote for 2**

*Director*  
 Paul Breitbarth\*\*  
 Brian Bowman  
 \*Saydel polls open at 12 Noon.

**Southeast Polk Community School District**

**Vote for 3**

*Director*  
 Steven Hanson\*\*  
 Andrew McGrean\*\*  
 John Schaffner  
 Brad Skinner\*\*  
 Bill Sowder

**Urbandale Community School District**

**Vote for 2**

*Director*  
 Cynthia Munyon  
 Shawn St. John  
**West Des Moines Community School District**  
**Vote for 2**  
*Director*  
 Thomas Suckow\*\*  
 Terry Tobin\*\*

**Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC)**

*District Director #2*  
 Wayne Rouse\*\*  
**Vote for 1**  
*District Director #6*  
 Ben Norman\*\*  
**Vote for 1**  
*District Director #7*  
 Paul Gillispie  
 Madelyn Tursi\*\*  
**Vote for 1 (to fill a vacancy)**  
*District Director #8*  
 Jeff Hall

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**NAME OUR NEWSLETTER CONTEST**

The Polk County Democratic Communications Committee is seeking a name for our e-newsletter that goes out to all Polk County Democrats monthly.

Currently we are calling it the Polk County Democrat until we hear from you.

Get those "creative juices flowing" and share your ideas for a name.

**Submissions for the name are due by September 26, 2008 .**

You can either email them to [drstone@mchsi.com](mailto:drstone@mchsi.com) or give us a call at 515-285-1800 with the title and your name, address, telephone and email. The winner will be recognized in the next E-newsletter.

The Committee reserves the right to make the final title decision.

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## USE YOUR VOTE – HERE’S THE SCOOP – BE IN THE LOOP

**General Election: Tuesday, November 4, 2008**

**Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. in all Polk County Precincts.**

**Registering to Vote/Change of Address/Change of Name:** Any person not registered to vote prior to the above elections may register to vote at the polls. To avoid waiting at the polls to register to vote, or change name/address, it is recommended that you register in advance up to two weeks before the election or by October 21 if possible. This allows time for information processing and receipt of your voting card before the elections.

**Early Voting: Satellite General Election Voting Locations from October 6 to October 23** will be at all 11 libraries within Polk County. Election hours: Monday-Wednesday from 12 noon – 7:30 p.m., Thursday – Saturday from 12 noon – 4:30 p.m. **and at the Polk County Election Office at 120 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Des Moines,** Monday-Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. and Thursday- Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. *Please note that there are no satellite voting locations for school board elections.*

**Absentee Balloting Requests/Procedures:** An Absentee Ballot Request Form can be filled out (a) on line at [www.auditor.co.polk.ia.us/election.html](http://www.auditor.co.polk.ia.us/election.html) or (b) requested by calling 286-3247 at the Polk County Election Office, (c) at the Polk County Election Office at 120 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Des Moines, (d) at the Satellite Voting Locations, or (e) online at the Iowa Secretary of State’s website at [www.sos.state.ia.us/elections/electioninfo/absenteeinfo.html](http://www.sos.state.ia.us/elections/electioninfo/absenteeinfo.html)

The last day to request an Absentee Ballot is the Friday before the General election (Friday, October 31, 2008) or Friday before the School Board Elections (Friday, September 5, 2008).

Once the Absentee Ballot Request has been filled out, the Election Office sends a Ballot to you to fill out and return. The Absentee Ballot (a) must be postmarked the day before the General Election (Nov. 3) or the day before the School Board Elections (Sept. 8) or (b) personally dropped off at the Polk County Election Office at 120 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, by 9:00 p.m. the day of the General Election (Nov. 4) or by 8:00 p.m. the day of the School Board Election (Sept. 9) for it to be counted. *Please note that when you fill out the Request at the Election Office you will be given a ballot and can complete the entire process there.*

A new law now makes it possible for voters to make an absentee ballot request on any piece of paper as long as the required information is included. The needed information includes: (1) your driver’s license number, (2) the last four digits of your social security number, (3) date of birth, (4) full name, (5) complete address including the city, state and zip code, (6) date of the election you are requesting it for, and (7) your signature.

If you have questions, contact the Polk County Election Office at 286-3247.

## Voting Easier for People with Disabilities

The Iowa Developmental Disabilities (DD) Council in 2002 launched the nonpartisan Iowans with Disabilities in Action (ID Action) project because Iowans with disabilities have been too long overlooked and underrepresented as a group. ID Action works to increase the active participation of Iowans with disabilities in political and civic opportunities that promote positive change.

ID Action implemented a Caucus 2008 Project early in the election season to increase participation in the Iowa caucuses. To build on the momentum of the presidential caucuses and primaries, ID Action is sponsoring the Vote 2008 campaign offering a variety of resources to engage individuals with disabilities and increase voter turnout in the November elections. They include:

**Voter Captain Program** – ID Action is seeking 10 Iowans with disabilities from around the state to coordinate regional voting-related activities including training and management of local get-out-the-vote efforts.

**Free Voter Trainings** – New voting laws and equipment have made voting in Iowa more accessible than ever. ID Action’s Advocacy University offers statewide Voter Trainings to help Iowans of all abilities get comfortable with voting, know their rights and understand the importance of showing up on Election Day.

**Vote 2008 Grants** – ID Action is offering grants of \$500 to \$2,000 to cover the costs of community get-out-the-vote efforts. Because ID Action is a nonpartisan political action project, the grants may be used for educational workshops, grassroots voter registration, coalition building activities, candidate forums, etc. but not for partisan purposes, such as advocating for a particular political party, candidate or issue.

For more information about Vote 2008 visit ID Action on the web at [idaction.org](http://idaction.org) or call us at 1-866-432-2846.

## VOLUNTEERING FOR THE CAMPAIGNS

As of September 8th there are only 57 days remaining until election day. As Barack Obama said, “This is our moment, this is our time”. Don’t wake up Wednesday morning, November 5 and wish you had done more to secure a Democratic victory all the way from the presidency through the state legislative races.

Time is running out but there is still time to get involved and do your part.

Contact Obama headquarters at 1408 Locust or call 515-244-4798 to volunteer. They need volunteers to phone bank evenings until 9:00 pm. Canvassing to identify new supporters is also a big push by the campaign. Assistance is needed with parades and special events. As the election gets closer volunteers will be needed to pick up absentee ballots or put up yard signs. You can also go online at [www.iowa.barackobama.com](http://www.iowa.barackobama.com) to sign up to volunteer.

A new Obama field office has opened in West Des Moines located at 1309 50<sup>th</sup> St, just across from the I 235 WDM exit. Call 515-226-3102 to get involved.

If you’re interested in volunteering for the Harkin or Boswell campaigns, call Senator Harkin’s office at 515-277-9966 or Congressman Boswell’s office at 515-883-2254. For legislative races, contact the Individual office. [Polk-dems@polkcountydemocrats.org](mailto:Polk-dems@polkcountydemocrats.org) can give you that information.

Let’s make sure that Democrats win in November.

## DEMOCRATIC DIMES WORTH

Our newsletter will include a section entitled "Democratic Dimes Worth" similar to the Des Moines Register's *Your Two Cents Worth* which many people enjoy reading.

Send us your thoughts via email to: [drstone@mchsi.com](mailto:drstone@mchsi.com) or by mail to:

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Or by phone at **515-285-1800**  
Due date is the last Friday of every month. Let us know your thoughts and perspectives surrounding our political environment. Thoughts could include humor, wisdom, frustrations, praise, etc.

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