

Re-Elect

# Ben Small

Metuchen Board of Ed

Line 2 on the ballot

And Vote 'Yes' on the School Budget

April 20, 2010

## **Objective:**

Ensure that all students in the Metuchen School District continue to receive an outstanding education, in a safe environment, conducive to academic excellence and the development of leadership and socialization skills.

- Measure the success of our District through the continuous review of measurable indicators (both quantitative and qualitative).
- Continue in our effort to improve the academic performance through the support of a well-balanced curriculum.
- Challenge all students with consistency in instruction.
- Ensure the continued engagement of our talented faculty and administrators.
- Maintain our focus on fiscal responsibility by closely monitoring spending and adherence to fiscal policies and controls

## **District Accomplishments in my first term on the Board of Ed:**

- Earned accreditation from the Middle States Commission
- Completed NJ QSAC field work audit, whereby State representatives audited all aspects of the Metuchen School District – unofficial results indicate 'Highly Performing' status
- Completed the Metuchen High School construction project on time and on budget
- Advanced the District's curriculum and methods of instruction to help enhance the learning experience for all students
- Successfully developed and passed school budgets in my first two years on the Board (3<sup>rd</sup> year will be decided on April 20, 2010)

## **Personal Bio:**

- Member of the Metuchen Board of Ed, serving on the finance, policy & legislation and personnel committees (chair of the policy committee for 2 years)
- CPA (Certified Public Accountant), Corporate Assistant Controller of a global, multi-billion dollar media company headquartered in New York City
- Master of Science, Accounting, Pace University, 1998, BA in Economics and minor in political science, University of Mass, Amherst, 1991
- 12 year Metuchen resident
- Wife, Marci, 16 year newlyweds and counting
- Two daughters, Hannah (11) and Isabel (8) attending Edgar Middle School and Campbell Elementary schools
- Campbell Lunchtime Story reader, multiple years
- Coach Rec youth basketball, soccer and Little League softball in Metuchen, past 5 years
- Interests include coaching my daughter's teams, reading with my children, running road/trail races, triathlons and simply spending time with my family