

DEBORAH L. SWEANEY  
CANDIDATE  
CARLISLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Deborah Sweaney is running for re-election to the Carlisle Area School Board. She has served as a School Director since 2013 and is chair of CASD's Community and Inter-governmental Relations Committee.

She was born in Missouri and moved to Washington D.C. just after college to intern for Missouri Representative Jerry Litton. Washington remained her home for the next thirty years. She worked for multiple government agencies including an internship with the planning organization for the Nixon Presidential Library, the White House Office of Records Management, and finally with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). In 2006, she and her husband left Washington, D.C. for Carlisle, PA.

Since leaving Washington, she became a professional genealogist. In 2010, she established her own company, Ancestry Searches. She has worked with several families to write their family histories and inspires people to explore their own unique heritage. She is a member of several professional associations dedicated to the study of history. She is now working with the Cumberland County Historical Society, Dickinson College, the Army Heritage Foundation, and the Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau to coordinate a family history conference to be held in Carlisle, October 20-22, 2017.

In addition, she is a former adjunct instructor at Messiah College, the University of the District of Columbia, and Marymount University in Arlington, Va., and has been a consultant for National History Day. She is on the board of the Summer Program for Youth and is a regular volunteer for the Carlisle Area School District.

Deborah has published two books based on her Missouri experiences and is a frequent lecturer at the Cumberland County Historical Society and throughout the Carlisle community: