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## Chris Possessky enters Easton Area School Board race as independent candidate

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**Chris Possessky**, a human resources administrator at the Department of the Treasury in Trenton, has entered the **Easton Area School Board** race, creating a three-person battle for two Region III seats.

Region III serves part of Lower Mount Bethel and Forks townships, and Easton's West Ward and College Hill neighborhoods.

Possessky will run against PTA veteran Jen Holzberger and New Jersey principal Sarah Bilotti. Holzberger and Bilotti cross-filed and won both the Democratic and Republican spots for the ballot in May.

Possessky said he was prompted to run **"after watching the board stumble over several issues this year,"** including the admission by some board members that they did not read last year's teachers' contract before voting to approve it.

District officials have indicated their fund balance could be in the red by 2012, thanks in part to the expensive teachers' contract.

Possessky, who has served on the Forks Elementary School PTA for five years, practiced law for eight years until 1999, when he began working for the state of New Jersey. In a news release, Possessky said the employee matters and union management duties of his job will help him in handling school district labor relations and other such issues.

**Possessky said "he will bring sound judgment and fiscal responsibility to the school board,"** according to the release. **"He wants the students to feel like they are human beings, not just numbers. He also wants taxpayers to know that they will not be ignored."**

Also in the Easton Area School Board, board members Tim Reilly and Pat Vulcano Jr. are running unopposed for two Region II seats. Region II includes Riegelsville, Easton's South Side and portions of the city's Downtown. No independent candidates have entered the Region II race.

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