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Point Arena Joint Union High/Arena Union School District

BOB GARDINER

Age: 82

Occupation: Trustee, Point Arena Schools District

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- a) Get our students safely back into the classroom ASAP and safely keep them there, b) Expand Student-Centered Learning, c) Improve Distance Learning techniques, tools and support, d) Provide clean, safe, and upgraded school facilities, e) Ensure all students are connected to the Internet, f) Enhance teacher professional development, g) Increase total teacher compensation to be the highest in the County, h) Continue to balance the budget.

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JIM DEWILDER

Age: 71

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