

Spring Hill USD #230 Board of Education 2021

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1. Candidate Information

1. Candidate Name

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2. Candidate for Board Seat

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2. Candidate Background

7. Occupation/Work History (last 5 years - 25 words or less)

Director of Accounting for a financial services company

8. If you are or have been affiliated with a chamber of commerce or other business organization, please list which organization(s) and any leadership positions you have held.

9. Other recent political/community experience (50 words or less)

Member of Leadership Spring Hill Class of 2020

3. Issues and Policy

10. As a candidate, what are your top three education policy issues? (100 words or less)

- DEI training and funding
- Students rights and privacy in our schools
- Funding and annual spending and how that relates to mill levy calculations

11. The Kansas Supreme Court ruled the current K-12 education funding formula is both equitable and adequate. The Court, however, has retained jurisdiction over the case to assure funding is maintained. What are your thoughts on the formula and additional funding that has been added? (100 words or less)

This is an area that I am not familiar with, but am eager to learn more about. My accounting background would be an asset in understanding where and how our funding is supplied and used.

12. The K-12 education system requires accountability measures for student performance, which have sometimes been a source of debate. Please describe the accountability measures you support and believe are accurately reflective of

student achievement. (100 words or less)

I believe in testing that is not tied to funding, such as MAPS. These tests are good indicators for teachers of growth through the year and helps educators adjust and supplement the instruction.

13. Kansas is experiencing low unemployment rates and employers are struggling to find qualified workers, especially in technical and skilled trades. How do you see the school district helping to meet the business community's future workforce needs through technical education and training? (100 words or less)

I am very committed to growing the opportunities that are available to our students in the areas of CTE, OTJ training, and trades apprenticeships. I want to normalize, for students and parents, these career options and begin to include these during all college and after high school presentations.

14. Other than funding, what do you see as the greatest challenge facing the school district? (100 words or less)

Planning for future growth, while balancing what is best for the students and being fiscally responsible will be our biggest mountain in the coming years. This topic touches all our families and business, regardless if they have students.

15. Why are you seeking this public office? (100 words or less)

I enjoy serving my community and the children of our district, and want to ensure they get a full education and prepare them for life after graduation. I want to encourage relationships with our cities, recreation departments and our district to continue to build our current programs and offerings.

16. What makes you uniquely qualified to serve on the Board and most distinguishes you from your opponent(s) in this race? (100 words or less)

I have children our district and I love our community. I am committed to them and to continuing to bettering our district. I am an accountant, and with our growth and funding issues, I will be able to read the budgets and financials and provide ideas and feedback to keep us on track.
