

Gardner Edgerton USD #231 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)

Self employed business owner for 36 years.
Sign Industry/Neon glass blower.

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.

Kansas City Kansas Chamber of Commerce.
Tri State Sign association.
International Sign Association

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

Coached several sports with parks and rec as well as USSSA for 18 years with all 4 of my children.

3. Issues and Policy

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

- 1) Returning the individual decisions of each student to the parent and the student.
- 2) Preparing students for life after school by preparing them to be career or college ready including our special needs students.
- 3) Transparency of curriculum

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)

The funding formula is fair. Additional funding should be frozen until we can begin to show results in the measurable outcome of our students core education. Spending rises every year and results are declining. Its time to re-evaluate how to achieve the best results for each and every student. We must ensure our special needs students gain every possible skill needed for success.

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)

There seems to be no accountability in area of our education. In USD 231 our students continue to decline in being prepared for life after school.

Our students have an average GPA in elementary of 2.38 and only 62% of our students are at their grade level in math and 58% in ELA . By the time they reach the 10th grade level they drop to a level of 21% in math and 32% in ELA. What we are teaching and how we are approaching teaching is not working. Its time to change the outcome.

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)

Our district must create a cooperative effort to get our students ready for a life supporting career. Having mentor and intern programs to introduce students to the working environment.

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

Preparing our students for a career in highly fast paced and competitive world.

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

I have a great interest in preparing our students for a career that insures them success both in life and a rewarding career of their choice. It takes a proactive, transparent, responsive school board and strong leadership in the administration. Including the community and business leadership in our students education.

I feel the education we can provide to students must help them become productive future leaders to our community and beyond.

I believe that having a positive and proud learning environment that creates the that knowledge for confidence needed in life.

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)

Proud resident of Gardner for 37 years.

Dad to 4 great successful children (all attending their entire school career and graduating from GEHS).

Grandfather to 11 wonderful Grandkids.

Business owner for 36 years.

I have a great interest in each and every child achieving the skills and knowledge while attending any school in USD 231. Witnessing how the current school board has handled parents concerns with poor response and transparency has helped me make the decision to volunteer to represent parents and students. Both deserve and expect more than what has been done over the last 16 months.