

Spring Hill USD #230 Board of Education 2021

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1. Candidate Information

1. Candidate Name

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2. Candidate Background

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

I have been a Business Intelligence Manager for Wavicle Data Solutions and Cerner.

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 Association of School Boards - Regional VP and President-Elect Designee

Kansas Board Solutions - Member of Board of Directors

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

Spring Hill Board of Education - 8 years

3. Issues and Policy

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

1. Fully funding Special Education both at the Federal and State levels.

2. Maintaining funding levels from the Gannon decision.

3. Upgrading Education to meet the careers of today and tomorrow by changing how we teach, graduation requirements, and real-world instruction that includes internships.

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)

I believe that the formula that the state uses for funding education is overly complicated and needs to be simplified. Districts have to wait until they get the new calculations in a software update before they can start budgeting. I also believe the funding is adequate for our needs, but with a district that is growing like Spring Hill, we need that funding at the beginning of the year. Right now we have to wait for funding for new students until the following year, even though we hire the teachers this year. This is the change we're looking for.

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)

While both formal and informal assessments measure a student's performance and understanding, I think we need to add in a project-based learning model where a student is assigned a Kansas Standard or two that are closely related for their class, and the student then does the research to gain the knowledge required by the standard. The student then presents their research in the form of a presentation or demonstration of their knowledge. The student is then evaluated on a rubric to gauge their understanding. The teacher becomes a facilitator and educator and assesses the student for understanding along the way.

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 would like to see all of our students graduate from High School with an Industry Certification that has an employable skill, like computer programming, Certified Nurse Assistant, Veterinary Assistant, or some other skill. This can get the student a well-paying job after school and even while they go to college if that's their goal. It helps the employer with a needed worker, and it helps the former student know if that's the industry they want to work in long term.

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

Our greatest challenge is modernizing or upgrading education to meet the needs of students and employers both today and tomorrow. This is going to have to be a multi-tiered approach to get businesses, higher education, and K-12 together to understand what makes a student successful, including human (soft) skills. Currently, the right questions are being asked of leaders, but the answers are difficult to implement with current laws and structure of education.

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

I am seeking re-election to the Spring Hill Board of Education, so I can continue to be a leader in upgrading education to meet students' and employers' needs, manage the growth of the district, and be fiscally responsible with the taxpayer's money. I also want to continue my work with the KS Department of Education and the Kansas Association of School Boards. This work brings a better understanding of the challenges facing Spring Hill at a State and National level, while also putting the achievements of Spring Hill in the spotlight at State and National Events.

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 the leadership and experience to continue to make the Spring Hill School District a destination district for parents and students. I am a former high school teacher and have been working as a volunteer in the district for 13 years. I am on KS Department of Education committees for COVID-19 funds distribution and KS Teacher of the Year. I have also been selected by my School Board peers across the State to lead the Kansas Association of School Boards over the next 3 years, including as President of the Association in 2023, if re-elected to the Board.