

Olathe USD #233 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)

General Manager for Millard Lumber Cabinet Divison

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)

Site Council @Indian Creek Elementary,
Cub scouts with my son

3. Issues and Policy

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

Transparency between board members, we need to prepare students for life after graduation and hiring, training and retaining the highest quality workforce.

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)

Every child's education is important. We need to make sure that the money is spent on making sure our children are the the proper education they deserve and not spent frivolously.

12. The K-12 education system requires accountability measures for student performance, focused on post-secondary

success and career-readiness. Do you believe the District is meeting expectations for student achievement? (100 words or less)

No I do not.

13. Kansas is experiencing low unemployment rates and employers are struggling to find qualified workers. How do you see the school district helping to meet the business community's future workforce needs through work-based learning such as internships, training, and other career exploration opportunities? (100 words or less)

The district has many opportunities for kids to learn important trades that don't necessarily require a college degree. Which is great. But we also need to help kids make choices about their interest in careers that do require degrees as well and let them make constructive choices

14. What do you believe the takeaways for the District should be, if any, from the COVID-19 pandemic experience? (100 words or less)

We need to allow parents to make the health choices for their kids. Nobody on the board is a medical doctor but they all want to make health choices for the students. My child my choice.

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

The greatest challenge I see would be the hiring, trying and retaining of good quality and diverse teachers.

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

I am seeking a position on the Olathe School Board to make a change and be a voice for our students and parents and give them the transparency they deserve.

17. 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 do not have a hidden agenda. I am not related to or affiliated with the president or Vice President of the board. As a former law enforcement officer I will use my skills to look at the facts from both sides of the issue and make a well educated decision based on those facts alone not someone else's agenda that they want to push on us.