

Lansing Unified School District No. 469
School Board Candidate Questionnaire

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1. Why do you want to be on the board of education and what has been your past involvement in our schools? I'm at an age in my life where I want and would like to back to my community. As a life long resident of this school district; I have seen this district grow by leaps and bounds. I'd welcome the opportunity to be selected to fill the school board opening. Although I haven't been directly with any school groups, I have had 2 sons go thru the schools and have supported the programs they were involved in. I currently serve and have been a member for 20 years on the Leavenworth County Farm Bureau this includes 6 yrs as board president. I'm a past board member of Kansas Gelbvieh Association for 7 years and the Leavenworth County Extension Board.

2. What role does the board have in supervising improvements in curriculum and instruction? It is my opinion the Director of Curriculum, the Superintendent and the school board should have short and long term goals in order to fit the curriculum within our school district for all levels of students. The role I assume as board member would have the final decision in the direction of where curriculum is headed.

3. In your opinion, how much involvement should the board have in the preparation of the budget priorities?

My belief is the budget preparation should be a joint venture between the board and the administrators; then ultimately the school board makes the final budget decision. With over 20 million dollar budget we as board members have the responsibility to do what's best for the students and residents of our school district.

4. Do you think boards of education should evaluate their performance annually and set district goals? Why or why not?

Every entity of the district should have goals and should be evaluated several times throughout the year not just annually. So that way we have the ability to adapt and change goals accordingly as situations arise.

5. Should the board have any day-to-day involvement in the operation of the schools? Explain.

I believe the board should set policy and let the administrators carry out the policy. But in light of the current coronavirus threat or any other threat; I feel we as a board should be available for guidance in making decisions for the best interests of our students, faculty and school.