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1. Why do you want to be on the board of education and what has been your past involvement with our schools?

Just like 3 of you currently serving on the Board of Education, I ran in the last School Board Election. I have a daughter in 3rd grade at Lansing Elementary School and I was excited to help the kids and the community by serving on the board. I have a corporate background and everything I do is based on maintaining relationships, finance and profitability. I believe these skills would be a valuable asset to the district.

2. What role does the board have in supervising improvements in curriculum and instruction?

The board is elected by members of the community and it is their job to take the advice and guidance from our leaders in the district. The board is not designed to lead or manage the district, however act as a liaison working in the best interest of the kids, district employees and the community.

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

I believe all board members should come prepared and ask questions of the district leaders. Preparation is essential when making important decisions. The board does not create a budget but decides if the needs of the students fit in the parameters of funds able to the district.

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

I think it is essential for everyone to set annual goals in their personal and professional lives. It's important to look at where you have been and where you want to go. Of course, goals are a moving target and they are always changing. The best part of measuring success is reminding yourself the goals you've set and your achievements. Goal setting also illustrates the opportunity for growth.

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

I think board members should absolutely not be involved in the day to day operations, that is why the school hires teachers and administrators. In any business or industry, you have to trust your people. However, I believe board members should be active members of the community and district. I also think it is important as a board member to answer phone calls and return emails.