

Johnson County Public Policy Council  
2018 Kansas State Board of Education Candidate Questionnaire

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**Campaign Video Link:** N/A

**Occupation/Work History** (last 5 years – 25 words or less):

Retired - Previous Owner/Operator Sav-On Auto Sales with 3 locations in KCK for 30 years.

**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 Used Car Dealer Association. (served on their executive board for several years). Member of KCK Chamber of Commerce.

**Other recent political/community experience?** (25 words or less)

Turner Board of Education - 16 years Kansas Board of Education 20 years

**As a candidate, what are your top three policy issues?** (10 words or less per line)

Kindergarten Readiness Individual Plans of Study Based on Career Interest High School Graduation Rates Postsecondary Completion/Attendance Social/Emotional Growth Measured Locally

**The State Board of Education is in the process of implementing “Kansans Can,” a new student-focused vision for education with aggressive goals for kindergarten readiness, high school graduation, and success in postsecondary education or workforce readiness. What are your thoughts on the “Kansans Can” school redesign? To what degree do you think it should influence the state’s school funding issues?** (75 words or less)

I am totally supportive of this Vision. The State Board of Education makes funding recommendations to the Governor & legislature based on the needs of the Vision. The Vision came after meeting with educators, parents, students, community members & businesses throughout the state. I hope the legislature will recognize how this will best serve the needs of our students as well as the future of Kansas and then vote to provide adequate & equitable funding.

**What do you believe is the biggest challenge currently facing the State Board of Education?** (75 words or less)

Teacher Shortage - Many teachers are leaving the profession or moving to other states because of salaries (Kansas ranks 47th in the nation plus many of them have 2nd jobs), lack of respect by legislators, amount of time they work (many come to work early, stay late, come to school on weekends, & take homework home). Fewer students are entering the profession. We are currently trying to find ways to address this.

**Why are you seeking this public office?** (50 words or less)

I am passionate about education. For many of the students I represent education is their only escape - an escape from a life of poverty, a life of crime, incarceration, or death at an early age. I hope my service can help resolve some of these issues.

**What project have you been most proud to work on?** (50 words or less)

I have been involved in school, youth & community activities for over 40 years. I am always drawn to anything that helps children and am very proud of my service to children & schools throughout the years. Hopefully I've made a difference.

**What do you think most distinguishes you from your opponent(s)?** (50 words or less)

I am not familiar with my opponent but my background and service for 20 years on the Kansas Board of Education, 16 years on the Turner Board of Education, as well as numerous volunteer positions like PTA, Church, Turner Days, Scouts, Softball, etc. proves my commitment.