

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

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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:

Regional Vice-President District 1 - Kansas Association of School Boards

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

Member of the Spring Hill Board of Education

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

Safe and Secure Schools. Personalized Education to make school more meaningful. Expand Social and Emotional resources for all students.

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 fully support the Kansans Can Vision. I think it should help influence the Legislature to increase funding because we have a plan. Now districts need to implement their vision of redesign, gather data, and submit results to show that it works or doesn't. Only with evidence based data, can the Board lobby the Legislature to increase funding.

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

The biggest challenge facing the Board and all of Education is making education meaningful and preparing students for the jobs that haven't been invented yet. There are estimates that 65-85% of the jobs that will exist in 2030 haven't been thought up yet. We need to change how and what we teach our students.

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

I want to be a leader for change in education. I believe we are in the midst of a paradigm shift in education, and I think I can help create policy to meet the needs of our students while creating enthusiastic students for the workforce of tomorrow.

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

My first leadership opportunity in education outside of teaching was becoming a Committee Chair of a volunteer group that helped the Spring Hill Board decide our vision for the growth of the district. We needed new schools because we are growing, and I lead the presentation to the board.

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

I have a background both as an educator and a member of a board of education, with almost 10 years of experience. I personally know a few members of the Legislature, which could provide a better opportunity to lobby for funding to school districts.