

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

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

I taught Art K-12 for 30 years in Shawnee Mission USD 512. I retired May 2017. I currently substitute in Spring Hill USD 230.

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:

I was involved in NEAShawnee Mission, KNEA and NEA. I served at all levels on the Board of Directors. I was a building representative at the local level and that at the State and National levels, I served as a Board Member. Those responsibilities included advocacy, budget, and policy for the association. I would represent my district and state and report back to members locally and state wide. I also served on Negotiations Team at the local and state levels.

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

Aside from my involvement in my teacher's union and advocating, I have also volunteered at my Quilt Guild in Miami County and Edgerton UMC.

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

Retaining Quality Educators

Adequate/Equitable Funding

Educator Voice

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 very interested in watching the progress of "Kansas Can" school redesign. As an educator we should always seek improvement and innovation in our schools. I believe the State Board should continue to advocate for adequate and equitable funding for our schools. Our Kansas Schools are the future for investing in our students and their families' future. I will always be a strong advocate for Public Schools.

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

The biggest challenge is to retain and invest in quality educators. This ties directly in to funding for education as well. We need to make sure KSDE is continuing to promote maintaining our great Kansas Schools.

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

I am an educator. If decisions are being made about our schools, an educator voice should be part of the discussion. I have experience of working at local, state and national levels to advocate for our public schools. As a SBOE District 3 member, I would continue that advocacy.

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

I was most proud of my involvement in my local, state and national teacher's union. That experience helped me find my voice to lobby for our students and my colleagues. I continue to be an active retired member. Continuing to be active keeps me informed of issues in education.

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

What distinguishes me from my opponents is my thirty years of teaching in the Shawnee Mission School USD 512. I also currently hold a Kansas License K-12 to teach Art. I will continue to renew that teaching license. I continue to remain active as a retiree in my professional organization.