

School Board Candidate Questionnaire

Please provide your thoughts on the following questions. Since these questions will be considered by the Board in the appointment to fill the Board vacancy, these questions and your answers will be made public.

1. Do you have any children in the district and do you see that as a strength if you are appointed?

Yes. Daniel is in 11th Grade. He is very active with extra curricular activities. It is a great strength because not only am I a taxpayer, I am a stake holder.

2. What do you like and dislike about the Pottsgrove School District?

We really enjoy the Home town feel of the Pottsgrove community. It feels like everyone knows and cares for each other here. I dislike that Pottsgrove must abide by the Montgomery County Dept of Public Health for guidance.

3. How much time (per week) do you have available to devote to this position?

As a School Board member, I expect to be in person for every School Board meeting unless an emergency arises. Regarding email, I will respond to emails as appropriate. I would expect to devote 5 to 10 hours additional per week as needed.

4. Are there any evenings during the week where you will be unavailable to meet?

I cannot meet on Friday, Saturday or Sunday unless it's an absolute emergency.

5. Are you willing to sit on the Policy Committee to fill an open seat?

Yes

6. What do you feel is the role of a School Board Director?

A School Board Director is someone who steers a ship. He or She is a Captain who leads. They need ears on the ground to understand the people they are leading. They are a Decision Maker.

7. What are your strengths and weaknesses?

Strength: I pride myself because of my work ethic and true grit to get the job done. I am courageous for standing up in the face of adversity when not many others would.

Weakness: Sometimes I can be shortsighted and speak before I think.

8. What are your thoughts on board Directors using social media to communicate with the public?

Using Social Media to disseminate information to the Pottsgrove Community about matters that relate to the School District is perfectly acceptable.

9. Considering the COVID-19 pandemic and the public health guidance from various agencies (MCOHP, PA Dept of Health, CDC, etc.), what do you see as your role as a Board member?

My role as a Board member is to stand and fight for the silent majority. There are many people who have lost faith in the Agencies listed because the goal posts were continually moving. My role is not to win people to my side, but rather, to point out inaccuracies and provide an alternate point of view.

10. Board members must approve contracts including the collective bargaining contracts with our teacher's union. As a Board member, what would be your priorities in the negotiation process?

My priorities are to the taxpayers and stake holders in this community. Pottsgrove students deserve to get the best education possible while the School District remains fiscally conservative.

11. What ONE experience in your life best qualifies you to sit on the Pottsgrove Board of Directors?

Having the courage to stand up and speak up at both the Pottsgrove School Board meetings and Montgomery County Commissioner meetings about Health and Safety in 2022 and beyond.