

## 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? I was not blessed with having children. I do not believe that this should exclude me from serving on the board. I have lived in the district since 2016. In my role as a therapist, I have worked with many families whose children attended the district and collaborated with many teachers.

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

I like that the district strives to be a community.  
I like that the district focuses on the children.

I would like to see the board more responsive to the parents and community in a more collaborative effort.

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

I am a private practice therapist and an adjunct faculty member. I am flexible now with my schedule. I can devote as much time as needed.

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

With advanced notice I can make it work.

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

Absolutely. I see that as an important committee and am willing to serve where needed.

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

The role of a school board member is to work collaboratively to set policy, hire the superintendent, set and manage the budget, maintain facilities and collaboratively focus on providing a safe environment for students.

7. What are your strengths and weaknesses?

I am a team player. I have experience working and collaborating especially when it comes to meeting the needs of my clients.

At times my empathy can get the best of me. at times I can get too emotionally involved and must remind myself

8. What are your thoughts on board Directors using social media to communicate with the public? <sup>of boundaries</sup>

If it's done appropriately with set boundaries and in a professional manner it can be a good way to communicate. We must be mindful that not everyone has social media access.

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

Helping to make decisions regarding the health and safety of students. Looking at data and making decisions based on that data is important

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 priority is listening to all sides and working in a collaborative effort to provide decent living wages without putting a burden on the budget and tax payers.

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

As a licensed professional counselor I have worked with kids of all ages. My expertise is in child development and trauma. I have collaborated with parents, teachers insurance providers to meet the needs of my clients. I can bring this to the board as well.