



Wyoming Public Schools Board of Education Candidate Profile

Questions:

- 1. Please provide a brief bio about yourself. Include your personal background along with particular skills or experiences that qualify you to serve on the WPS Board of Education.**

I previously worked for the Ottawa Area Intermate School District as a Communications Specialist for just under 7 years. I then left to raise a family and run my own graphic design and marketing business. I currently have three children enrolled in the district at WPS, we have been in the district for the past 11 years including two years of pre-school when the option was available. My communications and marketing skills, my knowledge of the innerworkings of public schools and my vested interest in wanting to have a great school for my own children and community make me an ideal candidate.

- 2. What motivated you to run for the WPS Board of Education, and what do you hope to contribute as a Board member?**

I believe that strong schools, and municipalities make a better community. I have a unique skill set that is directly related to schools in my professional career and feel it is important to use what you have for the betterment of society. I would like to be able to use my experience to be able to help all students and staff.

- 3. What do you believe are the most important priorities facing Wyoming Public Schools over the next six years, and why?**

Budgeting and shortfalls caused by declining enrollment, caused by attrition as the community ages. As a district, we need to continually look out several years to continue to be best able to serve the student population and adjusting where needed. Another priority is academic excellence, I have the understanding that there are many factors that can cause academic gaps but one of the strongest ways it to support teacher growth and achievement through high-quality professional development.

- 4. How would you approach your role as a Board of Education member in supporting students, staff, families, and the broader Wyoming community?**

My vision for education is that all students and families feel welcomed, comfortable, and safe, where they can get a high-quality education that prepares them for success in the future. no matter what path they want to take in that future. Some of the ways to better serve the scholars to make sure curriculum aligns with high standards and we consider teacher feedback in the learning process. I would strive to find more ways to highlight all career paths and how the k-12 education is the foundation to career and life skills.