



Wyoming Public Schools
Board of Education Candidate Profile
Fall 2024
Lisa DeKryger

Overview:

- **Please limit each response to 150 words or less.**
- **Responses will not be edited and will be shared (in print and/or electronically) as they are submitted.**
- **Profiles will appear in alphabetical order by last name.**
- **Please provide a high resolution headshot to accompany your profile.**

Questions:

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

- Graduated from Calvin College with a degree in Sociology and Social Work
- Married to husband Sheldon DeKryger for 30 yrs.
- We have 3 children, 2 are in the military and one works for our construction company
- My husband and I own a residential construction company
- Worked with inner city youth for 19 yrs
- Foster parent for 10 yrs
- Substitute teacher
- Was involved in my children's school as a tutor, teacher, lunch lady, recess aid, senior all Nighter committee, Homecoming committee, library help, concessions stand worker, team mom and room mom.
- Liaison between school and building contractors while building new high school and middle school

2. What motivates you to want to become a Wyoming Public Schools Board of Education member?

All of my children are out of the house; two are married, so I have the time to devote to a new chapter in my life. I have always had a heart for kids and sought ways to improve their lives. I did this working with inner city youth, foster care, and my children's school. I feel that the school board is the next area where I can impact the lives of children in our city.

3. What attributes and behaviors are essential for effective school board members?

Board members should be excellent at listening to the needs of students, parents, staff, administration, and the community. I also believe that communication is a huge key to success. Each member should be held to a high standard in their personal lives and to be an example. Politics should be left at the door and only what is best for our scholars be brought into the school board room.



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4. If elected, what will be your priorities?

I would like to promote alternatives to college. Scholars need to know that they can be productive members of society even if they do not attend a four year college. Being in the building trade I see daily the need for plumbers, electricians, etc. They make an excellent living without the huge price tag of college. The military is also an excellent way to learn a trade while getting paid to do so and they pay for college if continuing education is desired.

My other priority is that all the schools are a safe environment for our children to learn. With the recent school shootings we need to have safeguards in place. I know WPS has an excellent safety and security coordinator and work with the Wyoming Police Dept. I would like to make sure that WPS continues their partnership with these entities to secure the safety of our students and faculty.

5. How are you currently involved in the Wyoming Public School community?

I have worked in the Wyoming community but not directly in the WPS system.

6. What is your vision for education in the district and how can we better serve our scholars and families?

My vision for our district is that every scholar feels valued and that their individual gifts and talents are identified; so that we can help direct their path along with their families to create successful, fully functional, contributing, members of our society.