



**Candidate Questionnaire - School Board Member
August 2022 Primary Election**

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Today's date: June 2, 2022

What year did you move to Southwest Florida, and where were you living previously?

I moved to Naples in 2013 from Nashville, TN.

What is your educational background and work experience?

I graduated high school in 2001 while simultaneously going to Middle Tennessee state University for Massage Therapy. I also became a Doula to expand my love of body work and labor and delivery. I have over 20 years combined in customer service, homeschool educator, management, executive assistant, ministry, technology, operations, and training. I am currently a Business Consultant and Commercial Real Estate Consultant as well as a wife and mom of 6.

Describe your community and School District activities. How will those experiences benefit you as a School Board member?

I am active in my children's school by connecting with parents to support the school and also build community. My family is active in our church and supports missions and organizations through the church.

Describe a recent initiative on which you showed community leadership.

I have shown community leadership within my kids' school by uniting parents together to support the teachers and school by creating a group to bring the parents together and share information.

I have also shown community leadership by reaching out and helping parents with special needs or IEPs find the right support and advocate for their children in the school system. Most recently, I have joined the Sharing The Commitment group to help expand my knowledge and support the ESE community in Collier County.

What changes, if any, would you like to make to the CCPS Policies?

1. Reducing current spending where it is not efficient and focus spending on direct classroom needs to bring up the 38% of students that graduate below reading and math level.

2. A policy on training for ESE staff. There is a gap in the expertise of those who assist in the special needs classrooms and we need to empower these employees with the knowledge and skills to do the best at their job.

3. Policies that further strengthen parental rights in alignment with the new law signed by the Governor.

What changes, if any, would you like to make to the CCPS Budget?

The changes I would like to see to the Collier County Public School Budget are:

1. Focus spending on the classroom not administration or adding other positions that do not bring more efficiency and support to the teachers.

2. Reduce or eliminate spending where it is not efficient.

3. Reduce tax rate (go to roll back rate)

What changes, if any, would you like to make to the CCPS Leadership?

The Superintendent is currently set to retire in 2023, so this will be a position that the new board members will have to hire for. This position is a key role similar to the CEO of a business. We need a leader who takes all student success as a top priority and focuses on educating our students to be excellent citizens and lifelong learners. The Superintendent needs to be one to also lead the way in accountability, transparency, and fiscal responsibility.

What actions, if any, should the School District take to address the need for affordable housing?

Affordable housing is not a direct responsibility of the district. What is the responsibility of the district is to pay a wage that is relative to the cost of living in the county as well as the experience that the person has. We need to retain our top teachers and a clear evaluation process to know who those teachers are is a part of that and then compensate them accordingly.

Please comment on the recent School Board votes to approve textbooks.

The school board recently approved instructional materials for next year. Out of those materials there were some pulled by the state because they had SEL/CRT in them.

I have concerns about the publishers and some of the focused questions that are subvertly political or talk about things that don't need to be in our curriculum (like weighing out pot). These issues need to be taken to the publishers and addressed at the state level so that we can do better for our students.

What are your views about the parental rights and charter school movements as they relate to the School District? How would they influence your actions and decisions as a School Board member?

Parental rights have been further secured by the State through law. We as a school district need to support and follow that law, but we can also go beyond that with strong policies that give full rights/choices to the parents. Children do not belong to the government, they belong to their parents and they should always have the right first and foremost.

Charter Schools have been in place in the state of Florida law for some time. This movement of school choice further supports the rights of parents to choose the best education for their kids.

These laws influence me as a board member, because they are what we need to follow. Furthermore as a board member I seek to support parents and students in their pursuit for high quality education. We should be seeking to build a strong education system that meets the needs of our community.