



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

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Today's date: **6/03/22**

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

I moved to Naples, Florida in 1997 and lived here for 7 years before returning to Jackson, Michigan where I was born and raised. I continued to return to Naples for some portion of time each season until returning full time in December 2019. I have returned to Naples because I believe it is the best place on earth to live and raise my daughter.

What is your educational background and work experience?

I graduated high school in 1986. Shortly after graduation I was promoted into management at Wendy's Restaurant where I had worked throughout high school. I then went on to work in the Pharmaceutical/Medical, Home Care Industry as a Home Care Consultant, Diabetes Educator, Certified Medical Insurance Biller and Pharmacy Technician. In 1997 I moved to Naples to pursue a career in golf and apprenticed and worked as an Assistant Golf Professional at Golden Gate Country Club. After 7 years in Naples, I returned to Michigan to continue my career teaching golf. In 2014 I began homeschooling my daughter and continue to do so now.

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

I have always been active in my community both in Michigan and Naples. I was a hospice volunteer in Michigan while I worked in the medical field. I have always been actively involved with my church community and various ministries. I gave my time to numerous school related projects, coached tee ball, and was instrumentally involved in my children's education through volunteer school wide projects and classroom activities. I consistently taught and coached junior golf programs over the years and I currently coach with the First Tee Program of Collier County that teaches virtues and golf to youth of all ages. I volunteer with the Collier County Special Olympics and am a unified partner. I attend and contribute to the CCPS Sharing the Commitment Exceptional Student Education

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Advisory meetings that provide valuable information and resources to families with special needs students. I also attend school board meetings and review all consent agendas prior to attending.

The many ways in which I have been and continue to be involved in my community along with my diverse knowledge and work experience and having a daughter with Down syndrome, demonstrate that I have a desire to be engaged with my community, and will be able to relate on many levels with parents, students and constituents. My experiences will enable me to contribute and effectively shape board policies and programs that will enhance and improve academic education and guide the direction of the district towards success for all students.

Describe a recent initiative on which you showed community leadership.

I have shown community leadership in my role as a speaker at pro-life events including the most recent, Annual Day of Remembrance for the Unborn at Palm Royale Cemetery. In honor of our American heroes, my daughter and I placed flags on the graves of deceased veterans at Palm Royale Cemetery for Memorial Day 2022. I believe strongly in setting an example and teaching children ways in which they can demonstrate reverence and honor for our great nation and those that have given their lives for it.

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

As a school board member I would thoroughly review every policy before voting for approval. I certainly would not hesitate to generate discussion among my fellow board members at school board meetings.

I would like to provide greater targeted resources to the English Language Learners (ELL) students during the first 6 months, or more if necessary, after enrollment to facilitate a rapid and effective transition to English so that these students are not left struggling and falling behind.

I would also like to improve parental involvement beyond the current SAC and PTO and other school-parent committees that will lead to greater parental engagement thus leading to greater student academic achievement.

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

I would reallocate funding to provide greater resources for student academic achievement. I would also adhere to the original yearly budget and not go over that budget during the fiscal year. I would look for ways to reduce spending.

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

In June, 2023 the current superintendent will be retiring. A plan needs to be put in place to recruit and hire a new superintendent. It should include research into the hiring practices utilized by other Florida school districts with similar dynamics. This will in turn generate a need for a total review of the administrative staff and their roles and responsibilities. I would look for someone that has strong leadership skills, is focused on improving academic achievement for the 38% of students that are currently not proficient in ELA and Math, is equipped to address the issues that surround ELL students and has proven financial prudence.

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

This topic has been discussed at recent school board meetings. The HR department provides resources on affordable housing to new CCPS employees. Governor DeSantis recently announced the Florida Hometown Heroes Housing Program. The County Commissioners are looking at what they can do as well. The school board may support these existing policies but I do not feel it is the responsibility of the school board to create an affordable housing program.

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

The School Board recently voted 5-0 to approve grades 6-12 ELA text books as well as several math text books. This was after hearing objections from those that chose to review the text books. The text books that were approved adhere to the Florida B.E.S.T. standards. The School Board agreed to forward to the publisher some of the objections that were presented in regards to the math text books.

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?

My views on parental rights are that I agree with all current legislation and that it needs to be strictly adhered to and implemented into CCPS policies. Currently our district has many charter schools, most of them are very successful in academic achievement and there has been a positive relationship between most charter schools and the district. My role as a School Board member is to adhere to the Florida State Constitution and all FLDOE policies. My view on both parental rights and charter schools fall within those parameters.

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