

# WATER VALLEY ISD SCHOOL BOARD

## CANDIDATE QUESTIONS



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1) What motivates you to want to become or continue to be a board member?

I am motivated to become a Water Valley ISD School Board member for the main fact that I have one child recently graduated, and four more children still enrolled. I feel that although Water Valley has a rich tradition of generations of families who have attended the School District, it doesn't always equate to the best interest for all children involved. I believe that the majority of the families in the District don't always feel that they have a voice in the decisions that the District makes. Water Valley is comprised of children of many different backgrounds and ethnicities and every child should receive unwavering attention and education. I see the way this country has headed over the last few years and want our children to succeed in life.

2) What has been your personal involvement with Water Valley ISD?

As stated earlier, I have 4 children presently enrolled in the District and they are all active in Sports. I have volunteered to work a booth for last years fall festival, and attend as many events my children are in as possible. I also work a full time job and the main provider for my household. Recently wanted to have some shirts made for the Varsity Volleyball team but was instructed by my daughter that they already had their shirts for the season. I still took my design and had approved for the 6th grade girls YMCA team and donated the shirts to the team,. Although I work quite often, my wife has donated much of her time to the school, she attended 6th grade camp last year as a volunteer, she helped with a Homecoming float, and volunteered at concessions, and attends most pep rallies. Might not been my personal involvement but as a Family and a team we do what we can.

3) What do you see as the opportunities and challenges in this district?

I see growth as an opportunity and a challenge. We will see an influx of students and parents in this District with the new construction happening in our community. I believe that it will be an opportunity to receive more accreditation to our school and more funding from State and Federal resources. I also see growth as a challenge, in that we will be bringing new mindsets to our District. The District will need to be open in new ideas from parents who may not share the same values. I was a young boy in Washington State when Microsoft moved there and seen the values of the state dissipate. The school I attended was nicknamed Cowpie High as we were located in a very rural part of Western Washington. Unfortunately all of that is gone these days as people started moving outside of city limits into our what once was farming community. I feel Water Valley can be very accepting of change, but must make the correct choices. A school that grows to fast, can quickly become chaotic.

4) In your view, what has the district done well over last four years? What has the district done poorly that you would change?

part I am overly happy with the community involvement our district portrays, and feel that the District and great job of supporting our students who are involved in Athletics or other activities. As for poorly. When my attended Water Valley we had a Highschool Principal and an Elementary Principle, then we had a Principle of a Principal of Academics. Today I only know that We have a Principal and to be completely honest I do not e Administration tree is comprised. I can tell you that it seems to be too much for the current Principle and enough investigation into bullying. The level of punishment across the board doesn't seem to add up either, as be banished for an entire season while others may not even miss out on games. At least that was what we file attending the Eldorado football game.

5) What are the outputs/goals that matter most to you? How will you be accountable for them as a school board member?

My goals would be to see every single child afforded with the same level of instruction and respect, no matter whether they are attending Water Valley as a first generation student or their Great Great Grandparents attended Water Valley. The role of Boosters and people who donate large sums of money to the school are a very valuable asset to the District, but their children should be treated no differently. I will be accountable for every word that comes out of my mouth, every decision I am asked to make. I will look at every matter with open eyes and listen to every issue with open ears. I would also like the teachers to be treated with respect, and not feel like their job is on the line everytime they speak out or punish. I don't believe that any teacher should have the fear of losing their position, as long as they are performing the duties of teaching our students the curriculum that is presented in an unbiased manner.

6) Describe the role of the superintendent?

I imagine the role of the Superintendant would be to oversee the daily operations and planning for the future of the School District. I also believe the role of the Superintendant is to supervise school Principals and district staff. Also would work with school board members and manage

the fiscal operations. I believe the Superintendent should be held accountable if the principals he/she oversees are not operating in a manner in which they are expected to.

7) If a parent or a community member comes to you regarding, for example, a maintenance issue at a particular campus or a situation involving a particular teacher, how do you see your role as a school board member in resolving that issue?

I would gladly listen to what the parent has to say, I will explain to the parent that there is a chain of command that must be followed and that I will present it to the board. I will explain that I am only one individual and have no authority by myself. I will reassure them that I will do my best to try and have their complaint heard.

8) As a school board member, from whom will you seek advice or input in weighing key decisions?

I would hope that my good moral character, and intelligence would be enough in key decision making. I would also do my research for fact finding, rules etc. Again as a board member I ultimately work for the taxpayers and would make myself available to their concerns.

9) How will you build consensus and support in the community around the work of the school district?

I will always operate under complete transparency and trust, both ethically and morally. I will be available to handle concerns of the community.

on the Texas Education Code, what is the primary role of the school board of trustees member and of the board

The primary role is to oversee the management of the district and ensure that the superintendent implements and monitors district operations. The board and the superintendent work together as a team to bring about the best education possible for the boys and girls they serve.

Are there anything else you would like to share with the voting constituents of WVISD that you believe is a reason to support you in this election?

I am writing this statement from the heart, not my wallet. I have only lived in the community since 2015 and although we always here the talk of the town about how a child was reprimanded unjustly compared to others who were needed for sporting events. We as a family never dealt with it firsthand until the end of last year. This in my opinion is why we have entitled adults in this country. The District has rules and those rules must be adhered to by all. I am running for a position on the school board to be one of your voices. I am just a normal law abiding, blue collar working father who cares about the future of my children and yours.