



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?

As a 1987 graduate of Water Valley High School, as well as having two children graduated from WVISD, and another currently in school I can honestly say I bleed Back & White. My desire to see Water Valley succeed at the highest level in Academics, Athletics, Band, Agriculture, OAP, Cheer and all other interest that our students are involved in, is what motivates me. I want Water Valley ISD to be known for producing successful, well-behaved, respectful, and hard-working young adults.

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

I have always been involved not only in the school but throughout the community. I have served on multiple committees throughout the last 20 plus years as a parent, most recently the bond construction committee. I have assisted in teaching youth at the local church, have coached local youth sports and currently am the league representative for WV Youth Football League. I am always ready and willing to help and volunteer time with our school's athletic booster club. In the past I coordinated donations to booster clubs from renewable Energy companies to help supplement where the district is unable to.

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

This district has just come into some changes with the new classification alignment. This was a hard pill to swallow for some, myself included. With all the current developments within the district growing pains are inevitable and will create many challenges, and opportunities. The opportunities are endless but will also create some challenges to unite our community to what it once was. I am eager to see how we can use our new facilities to the best of our ability and strive for success like we have in the past.



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

I feel that the district has done a great job as far as capitalizing on bond money through renewable energy projects within the district. As a parent and involved community member, a concern to me is the lack of communication and diversity within the district.

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

I am not running for a board position with an agenda. My goal is to know that WVISD is known for success, respect, and hard work with a clean and friendly environment. I strongly believe that Integrity and honesty is key while serving on the board. What is best is what is most effective, and time wasted sugar coating is just that-time wasted. Those who demonstrate laziness or produce shoddy work will know in no uncertain terms of their failure to impress. I will be fair and just but will expect the best from all.

6. Describe the role of the superintendent?

The superintendent should provide leadership and oversee day-to-day operations, preparing and administering the district's budget, as well as working with the school board to develop goals for the district. Ensure the primary mission is the student academic achievements and progress where it is lacking. The superintendent should display hard work, respect, and Integrity throughout the community.



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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?

My role on a maintenance issue would be to relay the issue to the superintendent. If it's a safety issue it will need to be addressed immediately and followed up. Any situation involving a personnel issue (teacher) I will encourage the community members to follow the chain of command with the hopes that the teacher and the community member can resolve the issue at hand without a grievance being filed.

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

If the subject at hand is public knowledge, I will be seeking input, and advise from members of the community, WVISD staff, students and parents. As a follower of Christ rest assured, I will pray for guidance on key decisions.

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

By listening to the community, staff, students and parents, and doing my best to keep them informed on all changes and concerns they have. I will always have an open line of communication, and display respect, honesty, and Integrity at all times.



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10. Based on the Texas Education Code, what is the primary role of the school board of trustees member and of the board as a whole?

To serve the needs of the district and its school children, as a whole, not the wishes of a particular block of voters. To communicate with the community, adopt goals, policies and monitor success, hire and evaluate the superintendent, and approve annual district budget.

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

If elected just know that I have absolutely NOTHING to gain from being a board member. I will not fill a seat to make friends. I value clear communication, the ability to simply get things done. I enjoy sharing ideas, critiques, and frequent brainstorming sessions. I am very rational and respect firm confidence over hand holding. INTEGRITY is key.