

2010 OK-SAFE SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE SURVEY

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GENERAL: (If you want to answer any of the questions on separate sheet(s) of paper, please do so.)

1. Why are you running for this office? I hope to get everybody to focus on the kids and work towards a common goal. I have five kids and I want what is best for them and I graduated from Chouteau-Mazie.
2. What are your qualifications for this office? I am a concerned parent. I meet all the criteria and required to be a school board member.
3. Are you a member of a church or synagogue, and if so, which one? Yes I am a member of Faith Baptist but I am currently attending Parkview Missionary Baptist.
4. What is your occupation? I work in outside sales for a national welding supply company.
5. List no more than 10 people who have endorsed you or are supporting your campaign. Caleb Wood, James Grossman, Earl Miller, Sheila Cox, Richie Walsh, Tim Quigley, Les Atchley, Guy Holden, Maxine Cooper and Stacey suNabatian.
6. List any college degrees and/or professional certifications (e.g. CPA) you have attained. Associates Degree in Applied Science. Real Estate License.
7. List groups of which you are a member (e.g. Kiwanis, Young Professionals, Chamber of Commerce). Greater Tulsa Association of Realtors, Pryor Youth Baseball Organization and Advisor Committee for Neo vo-tech welding classes in both Little Kansas and Pryor.
8. List any political organizations or clubs of which you are a member. None
9. Other than your campaign, what other candidates have you volunteered for and/or contributed to?
10. What would you say is the primary role of a school board member? To be the checks and balances for money and to keep the focus on what is best for the school and the kids.

ACADEMICS:

11. Do you support or oppose schools giving primary emphasis to teaching basic skills (e.g. reading, grammar, spelling, arithmetic) rather than social or psychological matters? SUPPORT OPPOSE UNDECIDED **I think they should do both.**
12. Do you support or oppose the use of intensive, systematic phonics to teach first-grade children how to read? SUPPORT OPPOSE UNDECIDED **Support**
13. Do you support or oppose the goal that children should be able to read by the end of the first grade? SUPPORT OPPOSE UNDECIDED **Support**
14. Do you support or oppose the teaching of abstinence as the norm for unmarried teenagers and as an effective way to prevent sexually-transmitted diseases? SUPPORT OPPOSE UNDECIDED **I feel the way things are now you should teach abstinence as a first line but have to teach safe sex also.**

15. Do you support or oppose excluding the topics of homosexuality and alternative lifestyles from the classroom?
SUPPORT OPPOSE UNDECIDED **Support**

16. Do you support or oppose teaching that the use of illegal drugs and the unlawful use of alcohol by young people under the age of 21 are inappropriate?
SUPPORT OPPOSE UNDECIDED **Support**

17. Do you support or oppose classroom instruction that downgrades American sovereignty, limited constitutional government, and private enterprise? SUPPORT OPPOSE UNDECIDED **Support**

18. Do you support or oppose global curricula that promote global citizenship (for example, the International Baccalaureate, UN Model Schools, GLOBE Program, the Center for Civic Education curricula)?
SUPPORT OPPOSE UNDECIDED **Oppose**

19. Do you support or oppose teaching the scientific strengths and weaknesses of scientific principles such as evolution?
SUPPORT OPPOSE UNDECIDED **Oppose**

POLICY:

20. Do you support or oppose local control of education, with accountability through the local school board?
SUPPORT OPPOSE UNDECIDED **Support**

21. Do you support or oppose federal control of curriculum through the implementation of No Child Left Behind (unification of Goals 2000, School-to-Work and the Workforce Investment Act)? SUPPORT OPPOSE UNDECIDED
Undecided

22. Do you support or oppose the establishment of school-based health clinics, which may perform examinations, provide immunizations and medications, and dispense birth control devices and abortion referrals, without parental consent or knowledge? SUPPORT OPPOSE UNDECIDED **Oppose**

23. Do you support or oppose the collection and maintenance of data on student health, performance, attitudes, behavior, and family in computerized databases? SUPPORT OPPOSE UNDECIDED **Oppose**

24. Do you support or oppose allowing the school district to deduct money from the paychecks of school employees and forward it to political funds without the annual written consent of each employee? SUPPORT OPPOSE
UNDECIDED **Oppose**

25. The school board for Tulsa Public Schools voted to challenge in court the Oklahoma statute dealing with charter schools. If you were a member of your school board at the time this vote was taken, would you have voted to challenge this law? YES NO UNDECIDED **Undecided**

26. Would you support or oppose (if you are elected to the position you are campaigning for) a measure or proposal that would raise the millage levy in your school district above the level that it is right now?
SUPPORT OPPOSE UNDECIDED **Support**

PARENTS' RIGHTS:

27. Do you support or oppose the opinion that parents have a right to direct the upbringing and education of their children? SUPPORT OPPOSE UNDECIDED **Support**

28. Do you support or oppose a school board policy allowing parents the ability to inspect and review instructional materials and methods? SUPPORT OPPOSE UNDECIDED **Support**

29. Do you support or oppose a school board policy forbidding psychological evaluations, testing, treatment, or physical examinations of students without prior written parental consent? SUPPORT OPPOSE UNDECIDED **Support**

30. Do you support or oppose requiring parental consent prior to giving information and care to students regarding sexuality and reproductive health? SUPPORT OPPOSE UNDECIDED **Support**

31. Do you support or oppose requiring students to answer questionnaires about sex, drugs, suicide, and family behavior without prior written parental consent? SUPPORT OPPOSE UNDECIDED **Undecided**

32. Do you support or oppose the opinion that parents have a right to home school their children?
 SUPPORT OPPOSE UNDECIDED **Support**