

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?

KAW CITY RECENTLY WENT THROUGH SCHOOL ANNEX WITH SHIDLER SCHOOL DISTRICT AND WE NEED A VOICE FOR THE FORMER KAW CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO SEE THAT OUR CONCERNS IN REGARDS TO THIS TRANSITION ARE HEARD.

2. What are your qualifications for this office?

HAVING WORKED IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY FIELD FOR THE PAST TWELVE YEARS AND BEING AN EMERGENCY MANAGER I HAVE WORKED WITH CITY GOVERNMENTS IN VARIOUS ASPECTS OF DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS INCLUDING BUDGETING, PERSONNEL, AND PURCHASING.

3. Are you a member of a church or synagogue, and if so, which one?

KAW CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

4. What is your occupation?

PARAMEDIC/FIREFIGHTER IN PONCA CITY, VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER IN KAW CITY, EMERGENCY MANAGER IN KAW CITY, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND FIREFIGHTER INSTRUCTOR; MEMBER OF THE OKLAHOMA REGIONAL MEDICAL RESPONSE TEAM.

5. List no more than 10 people who have endorsed you or are supporting your campaign.

N/A

6. List any college degrees and/or professional certifications (e.g. CPA) you have attained.

ASSOCIATES OF ARTS DEGREE FROM NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE IN TONKAWA OBTAINED IN 1999 AND NUMEROUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND FIREFIGHTING NATIONAL CERTIFICATIONS.

7. List groups of which you are a member (e.g. Kiwanis, Young Professionals, Chamber of Commerce).

ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE OKLAHOMA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS, OKLAHOMA PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, AND OKLAHOMA STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION.

8. List any political organizations or clubs of which you are a member.

N/A

9. Other than your campaign, what other candidates have you volunteered for and/or contributed to?

N/A

10. What would you say is the primary role of a school board member?

ESTABLISHING FISCAL BUDGETS, MAKING PERSONNEL DECISIONS, TAKING BOND ISSUES TO THE DISTRICT FOR CONSIDERATION, MAKING DECISIONS AS TO WHICH PROGRAMS AND CURRICULAR WILL BE OFFERED TO STUDENTS, AND DECISIONS TO WHICH PROJECTS THE SCHOOL WILL FUND IN REGARDS TO UPGRADES TO THE FACILITIES OR CLASSROOMS.

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
12. Do you support or oppose the use of intensive, systematic phonics to teach first-grade children how to read? SUPPORT OPPOSE UNDECIDED
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
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
15. Do you support or oppose excluding the topics of homosexuality and alternative lifestyles from the classroom? SUPPORT OPPOSE UNDECIDED
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
17. Do you support or oppose classroom instruction that downgrades American sovereignty, limited constitutional government, and private enterprise? SUPPORT OPPOSE UNDECIDED
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
19. Do you support or oppose teaching the scientific strengths and weaknesses of scientific principles such as evolution? SUPPORT OPPOSE UNDECIDED

POLICY:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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