

USD 232 Board of Education Candidate Questionnaire – 2025

Name:	Christian Amend, PE
1. Please list any previous elected or appointed offices you have held.	
Answer: No elected offices, I am not a politician, just trying to help with the school board. I have participated on the a few state boards for my engineering work.	
2. What is your current occupation, and where are you currently employed?	
Answer: I have been self-employed for years. I own an inspection company, inspection school that I started in the Shawnee area. I provide jobs for my family and others in the community.	
3. Please summarize your educational background.	
Answer: I am a licensed Professional Engineer, I have a BS in mechanical engineering. I also am a certified master inspector and teach others how to do inspections.	
4. How long have you lived in the De Soto School District? Do you have school-aged children living at home? If so, what school(s) do they attend?	
Answer: I have had to travel for work over the years so I have been in and out a bit but we have been in the district for at least 7 years. The boys went to Prairie Ridge, Monticello Trails and now are both at Mill Valley	
5. Please describe your community involvement and activities.	
Answer: I am a boyscout leader with Troop 123 and used to help coach football and soccer.	
6. Why have you chosen to run for a USD 232 Board of Education position?	
Answer: I really just care about what the kids are learning. I feel that I have a really well rounded background to help make good decisions for our kids and community.	
7. How would you foster collaboration among stakeholders, including the Board, parents/guardians, school staff, students, and community members, to ensure that everyone's input is considered in the decision-making process?	
Answer: I started a network club so I know a lot of the local business owners and have a strong connection to the community. I envision myself helping USD 232 put students first through accountability, collaboration, and clear vision.	
8. When funding becomes limited, what are the highest priorities for USD 232?	
Answer: Teachers	
9. What do you see as opportunities for improvement for USD 232?	
Answer: More hands-on learning, skilled trades, less screen time.	
10. What ideas do you have for hiring and retaining high-quality staff?	
Answer: Provide better training for teachers	



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11. What could USD 232 do better to provide a safe and inclusive environment for all students?

Answer: The after-school groups and clubs really seem to be helping students engage. Helping students know what they are called to do, what they are successful at, makes them know their purpose and be successful.

12. What will you do as a Board member to ensure you have reliable information on which to base your decisions?

Answer: Research, if there is something that an engineer is trained to do well, it is research.

13. Is there anything else you would like to share with voters?

Answer: I'm not trying to make a political statement, I really just want to help the board make good/informed decisions.

