

USD 232 Board of Education Candidate Questionnaire: September 2023

Name: GREG WITHROW

Position: DESOTO BOE
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1. Please list any previous elected or appointed offices you have held.

CURRENT, CHAIR SHAWNEE CITY ZONING APPEALS

2. What is your current occupation and where are you currently employed? COO, WOODLAND (WUBORAS) LLC

3. Please list the school(s) where you completed your secondary and any post-secondary education. UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

4. What degree(s) do you hold?

B.S. BUSINESS ADMIN

5. How long have you lived in the district? Do you have school-aged children living at home? If so, what school(s) do they attend?

7 YEARS. WE HAVE OUR 8 YEAR OLD CURRENTLY HOMESCHOOLED.

6. Please describe your community involvement and activities.

MY FAMILY AND I HAVE SEVERAL OUT REACH PROGRAMS WE ARE INVOLVED IN. INCLUDING, SAMARITANS PURSE, WOUNDED WARRIORS

7. Why have you chosen to run for the USD 232 Board of Education? AND CITY UNION TO ENSURE OUR PARENTS, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS MISSION.

HAVE A VOICE. TOO MUCH TALKING AND NOT ENOUGH LISTENING GOING ON.

8. What will you do as a board member to ensure you have adequate knowledge and information on which to base your decisions?

OF COURSE FOLLOWING DISTRICT GUIDELINES, AND INTERVIEWING TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND PARENTS. ESPECIALLY TEACHERS. THEY ARE THE LIFELINE OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM.

9. How would you foster collaboration between the board, parents/guardians, school staff, and community members to ensure everyone's input is considered in decision-making processes?

By holding meet and greets. No voice is too small

10. When funding becomes critical, what do you see as priorities for our school district?

TEACHER SALARY, WHERE ARE OUR FEDERAL DOLLARS GOING, AND ARE BUSINESSES PAYING THEIR FAIR SHARE

11. If funding becomes more abundant, what do you see as priorities for our school district?

MENTAL HEALTH FACILITATION. (PANASONIC) NOT JUST FOR STUDENTS, BUT TEACHERS AS WELL.

12. What do you view as opportunities for improvement in USD 232?

STRAIGHT FORWARD ANSWER. I DONT KNOW YET. BUT I INTEND TO FIND OUT.

13. What do you view as USD 232's main areas of strength?

CLASSROOM SIZE, QUALITY TEACHERS, EXCELLENT FACILITIES

14. Is there anything else that you would like to share with our members?

I ASSURE YOU I WILL GO TO BAT FOR OUR TEACHERS. YOUR WORKLOAD IS SUFFICIENT ENOUGH, AND I WILL ENSURE YOU HAVE THE TOOLS NECESSARY TO MAKE YOUR JOBS EASIER