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Q1

Candidate Name:

Dawn Middleton

Q2

In what municipality (city, town, village) do you live?

Edgewood, District 3

Q3

How long have you lived in this municipality?

4 years

Q4

Email address

kieraness@yahoo.com

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Phone number for voters to reach out to you

815-405-2647

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Other Information

Campaign Website **none**

Social Media **none**

Q7

If elected, what would be your first priority as a School Board Member?

My main goal is to support teachers and remove obstacles and barriers in order to help better students. I would like to see the proficiency scores go up, especially in math. I am also very interested in working with the school in getting more trade classes offered for those students who don't want to attend college or to have the expense of college, while helping maintain dual credit and AP courses for those students who do want to work toward higher education.

Q8

What place do you believe parental rights have in our school system?

I believe parents rights are important in schools. Currently, in my district, parents have the option to also view and see the possible curriculum choices that teachers are considering from various vendors. Most of the time there is very little parent turn out. I am in full support of parent's taking an active, positive role in their children's education. Parent's should work in conjunction with teachers to help their children succeed.

Q9

What would you do to improve student academic outcomes?

One thing I would like to see is more incentives to make math interesting and engaging for younger students, starting in grade school. We need to start to help them achieve better math understanding at the very beginning to be able change math proficiencies. Another item I spoke about before is to offer more trade classes so that students who don't want to attend college have the opportunity to leave high school with a career available to them. I would also like to see an increase in STEM classes being offered.

Q10

On what principles would you choose the curriculum for our district?

The teachers are really the driving force behind choosing the curriculum, besides other governing bodies. My role would be to support those sound choices being made by the teachers. Again, parents do have the opportunity to also see the various offered curriculums.

Q11

What is your opinion on SB 397, the recent law passed regarding school health clinics to be accessible for all New Mexico students at school for universal health, dental, eye, and psychological care?

This law states that the department of health will be overseeing, regulating and funding these clinics. They are based on need, so most likely more rural communities will be seeing these implemented. In my opinion, if there is a need for healthcare for a child then that child should get the care he or she needs. Children should not go without healthcare.

Q12

What is your opinion on parental notification for all student health concerns?

I feel there are times when a parent needs to be notified and there are times when a parent does not and should not be notified. A child may come to a teacher or school counselor because of some abuse in the home or other parent related issue and telling the parent could create a more dangerous situation for the child at home, which is why the child approached someone at school instead of his or her parent. This is really a case by case basis question.

Q13

Why are you seeking to be a school board member, and what makes you the most qualified person to be elected?

I have a background in laboratory. I have worked in healthcare my entire adult life. Being in the laboratory I have worked with many policies and procedures, including writing policies and reviewing policies. Laboratories are also controlled by governing bodies, much like educational institutions. I have worked as a leader in the lab, working with direct reports and forecasting budgets. So I understand budgeting, communication - even when it's difficult, working with many different personality types, evaluating workflows to increase efficiency, and supporting my direct reports to get positive outcomes. But most of all, I moved here 4 years ago from the Chicago area and I love this community. I volunteer at Road Runner Food Bank when I can because I think it's important to give back to the community. That's what I want to do here.

Q14

Have you ever been arrested for a felony or misdemeanor crime? If yes, please explain.

No
