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Q1

Candidate Name:

Kevin Reid (K.R.) Scott

Q2

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

Edgewood

Q3

How long have you lived in this municipality?

4 1/2 years - I returned after a career in the Army and as an educator in Arizona

Q4

Email address

kr.edgewood@gmail.com

Q5

Phone number for voters to reach out to you

480-353-7814

Q6

Other Information

Social Media

in progress

Q7

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

To improve the working relationship between the MESD school board and the Town of Edgewood. There is a rift between the two bodies that is not good for either body.

Q8

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

Critical. While schools serve the community interest, parents are vital members of that community. Together, parents and teachers should work together to ensure the best learning environment and path to success for each student.

Q9

What would you do to improve student academic outcomes?

Firstly, get the kids into class. MESD has a high absence rate, a rate that reduces its ability to teach students and also can affect state funding for the district. As we used to say, you have to have cheeks in the seats to make learning happen; absent kids miss the opportunity to learn and excel. As we get a handle on the first issue, we need to work closely with the parents of our community to increase their involvement in their child's learning. Some parents stay away from schools because of a bad experience or no experience with schools. We bring them in via Parent Academies to teach them how to help teach their children..

Q10

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

Honesty, inclusion, and excellence. The district must be transparent to its community; right now there is a perception in Edgewood that the district only takes care of Moriarty, not Edgewood residents. That has to change immediately. Second, every student is vital to our schools. We cannot accept that we will not serve some students - every student matters. Thirdly, once you have the students in class, learning happens, school performance rises, and we move closer to the goal of every student having a solid post-secondary life goal, whether that be college or entering the working world. When a student leaves our district, we should have well prepared them for the demands of a changing world.

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?

Since schools are an integral part of our community, I think this is a good way to support the community. Many members of our community cannot afford decent health care; clinics like these offer them an expanded way to help their children maintain their health and improve their school performance.

Q12

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

I agree. While schools act in loco parentis (in place of the parent), schools serve the community, not direct it. Notice of any service offered students should be provided to their families, except in the case of molestation or physical or mental abuse. If parents are afraid that the schools will find out their personal family information, then they are not working in concert with the school for the benefit of their child.

Q13

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

I believe that the two communities that comprise this district are not in sync with each other. This results in ill will, misinformation, and distrust. This must be fixed now! I have had two careers - one as an Army officer and one as an educator. As an officer, I learned the importance of always being responsible for those charged to your care. I have 25 years of educational experience working in the classroom at the university, community college, high school, and middle school level.. I was a Government/Civics teacher for most of this time and I worked to prepare my students for the demands of adulthood and entering our society as full partners in its success. In my many roles as a teacher, I worked with school boards, other government agencies, state-wide and local boards and committees, and parent groups. I have the most experience in education of the three candidates running for this position.

Q14

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

Never. In the Army, I learned the axiom, "I will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor tolerate those who do". I still follow that ethic to this day. I will admit to an occasional traffic ticket, but nothing more serious.
