

## Board Applicant Interview Questions

- 1) What experience do you have that will contribute to the school board governance authority to improve the quality of education in the Basehor-Linwood School District? *I have been on the Booster Club Board for numerous years and President for the last 3 years. I have been involved in numerous projects to help student groups earn revenue, and have helped promote student, parent and community involvement. One of the most recent accomplishments was renovating the outside football concession stand, by organizing and coordinating the use of parent and community volunteers, we completed the project within the targeted date and understand the importance of teamwork!*
- 2) What do you feel is the greatest strength you would bring to the board of education? *I am familiar with building staff, certified and classified. I am visible in the community, and have a good rapport with students, staff, and parents.*
- 3) Please state what you believe are the fundamental roles AND responsibilities for a school board member in the State of Kansas. *To put the quality of Education first, by ensuring all young people have quality programs, staff, and school facilities.*
- 4) If there was one thing you could change about the Basehor-Linwood School District what would it be? *I see improvement in how we are using technology to improve our communication with parents and the community. I think coming up with more ways to keep the public informed about the districts progress is important.*
- 5) What is the board's role in the management of the district? *To establish a structure to carry out goals set by the district to increase standards for students and staff.*
- 6) The parent of a high school student has called and told you that his/her child's teacher has not been fair in grading his/her child's work. How would you respond to this complaint? *Listen to the complaint, respond by making sure the parent or student has discussed the situation with the appropriate building administrators, or help them to arrange a meeting with the appropriate building administrator/teacher to work thru the problem.*
- 7) Please state what you believe the fundamental roles AND responsibilities of the Superintendent are or should be. *The Superintendent is a leader of schools, a spokesperson to our community, with a strong commitment to build programs which growth is*

*visible at each level of education. The role of a Superintendent is to empower administrators and teachers, and encourages students to do their best work.*

- 8) In your opinion, what are the greatest opportunities and challenges for the district? *With our new facilities open we have a great opportunity to attract new teachers, staff, and growth as a district; with this growth comes the challenge of managing classroom sizes and staff turnover.*
- 9) Being a member of the board of education requires a time commitment including regular meetings, special meetings, work sessions, school functions and board training. Please explain ways you might prioritize your time to fulfill your commitment to the board. *The booster club board is a very active board that has a rigorous schedule which supports not only the athletics, but the arts, as well academic activities. This will be my final year with the booster club board; my youngest of 2 children will graduate this year, thus leaving time to fulfill my commitment to the board.*
- 10) What are your thoughts on the 3 most significant changes in education in the past ten (10) years and describe their impact on student achievement? *No Child Left Behind- Has impacted a standardized way of making sure that no child slip thru the cracks, good for the most part, but with all the emphasis on standardized testing and time constraints, I believe we have forced teachers to do away with the fun/creative approach to learning. Budget Cuts- Less money forces districts to cut corners, which impacts the classroom by teachers not having the essentials to provide the best possible environment for learning. Teachers are using other valuable resources such as grants, to help with the cost of materials. Technology - Technology has changed the way learn. Students are able to be engaged and excited about learning. Students & teachers can accomplish more with the advances technology provides.*

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