

To: VOTE Lake Bluff  
From: John R Marozsan  
Re: Candidate Application

## Part 1

- 1) Name, address, phone number(s), email address.  
John R Marozsan
  
- 2) The board and/or position to which you are applying.  
District 65 School Board

## Part 2

- 1) Why do you wish to serve on this board?

I have served on the D65 board for 4 years and wish to continue my service for another term. The board members have worked well together and with the administration to tackle difficult academic challenges while taking advantage of opportunities to benefit all Lake Bluff stakeholders.

- 2) What strengths, skills, and personal attributes will you bring to this board position?

After 4 years of military service in the USAF and completing my undergraduate work, I began my career as a science teacher. I then earned a graduate degree and moved into educational and professional publishing where I began as an editor of science textbooks and ended the final 15 years of my career as CEO and President of several major companies. I also served one term on the Lake Bluff Library board during the renovation of the Library. I bring the knowledge of these combined experiences to the school board. My skill set includes broad financial and management experience.

- 3) What do you see as the most pressing issues facing this board?

The most pressing issues remain:

- Development of a Strategic plan for the District
- Guide the financial uncertainty that the District will face given budget cuts, outside demands, property tax freeze, etc
- Continue our effort to provide an education experience second to none
- Restructure final set of bonds
- Retention of key administrative staff

- 4) What decision or goal reached by this board are you most pleased with, and why?

I believe my experience and contribution to the board over the past 4 years speaks for itself. As a board, we have saved Lake Bluff taxpayers millions by restructuring bonds, undertook and completed a major renovation of LBMS on schedule and under budget, had a balanced budget each of the 4 years and made good use of the excessive fund balance to benefit all constituents. Academically, our schools have performed well above national norms in both reading and math with LBMS ranked in the top ten in Lake County.

It is important to continue with a board that represents the community and its concerns. Over the past 4 years this board has learned to benefit from the unique expertise that each of us bring to the table. Our board members represent a healthy mix of users and non-users. We have always kept academic excellence as our main mission but with fiscal responsibility being a close second.

I personally bring a business and management aspect to the board. As a non-user I view our challenge without prejudice or influence to make certain that we bring the best decisions we can for all Lake Bluff residents.