

Part I

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Board post for which I am applying

Lake Bluff School District 65; Board Member

Part II

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

This board has worked well together and with the administration, accomplishing a variety of projects while overseeing a vibrant and academically overachieving district. After 3+ years of serving on the board, I would like to continue along the path we have taken emphasizing transparency, communication and stewardship to the stakeholders of the community.

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

My roots to public education run deep as both my parents as well as my sister had highly successful careers as public school teachers and administrators. I have had children and grand children in the Lake Bluff schools and I value the strength of our school district and the very significant role it plays in our community.

My management background in corporations as well as ownership in private companies has given me an appreciation for fiscal responsibility while recognizing the tremendous value a superior school system has in keeping Lake Bluff a thriving community. My admiration and loyalty to this community is unwavering and the work invested in my past term on the board is experience that cannot be gained elsewhere. I am by nature a collaborative person and have enjoyed working with all members of the current board through spirited but respectful discourse.

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

-Being fiscally responsible to the community as state and federal aid continues to be cut and redirected away from financially strong Districts such as ourselves.

-Continuing the process of finding elite Administrators, Teachers and Support Staff to lead this district.

-Final refinancing long term debt.

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

Because of the cooperation within the board and strong support of the administration, we have renovated the Middle School on time and within budget thereby creating the last of bricks and mortar required by this district for many years to come providing schools that compare favorably with the best on the North Shore. This was done while our long term debt was renegotiated saving millions of tax dollars and a fiscally sound reserve policy was instituted.

We have assembled a strong and stable administrative team who support an outstanding faculty. Together this makes for a district of which we can all be proud. It has been a pleasure to engage with all members of the board and I look forward to continuing our work.