

Part 1:

- (1) Dave Lane
- (2) The board and/or position to which you are applying.

School District 115 Board

Part 2:

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

I am currently serving on the board. I like to volunteer on the school board because I feel like this board can contribute to our greatest asset, our children, while managing a major expense for the community. An important balance between the benefits and the costs of the school needs to be attained. I am signing up again as I have learned that the board member/community invests the first year of service in helping a board member understand the process. I believe that only in years 2 and beyond does a board member know enough about the process and the role to really start contributing. I plan to bring calm but firm guidance to the board and remain of the opinion that the school is on the right track but needs to be kept there through clear organizational direction and fiscal responsibility.

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

I am the son of an educator who taught me the value of a great education for everyone. I run a profitable, local, growing \$250 million + business in Lake Bluff. I know how to move issues to positives conclusion for a multiple stake holders. I am assertive but try to work with everyone to reach a good and highly functional consensus based on my own opinion and/or the opinions of others. I am a Lake Bluff taxpayer with a corporate background who also has 3 kids in our school system. I am completely vested in the community and fully committed to making sure all our Lake Bluff children are sit up for a great experience and a great outcome at the High School.

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

We are lucky to have a great school with good teachers at Lake Forest High School. The school is focused on growth for every student and teacher. I agree with this. We have a budget surplus that we need to keep as a surplus. You never know what the future holds but given our relative stability right now I suspect the most pressing issue that the board will face in the next 4 years will be the next round of union contracts.

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

Not even close; hiring Chala Holland as the principal of Lake Forest High School is the decision the board made that I am most pleased with. She is a remarkable young woman who is a communicative strong leader. This decision was a very contentious one where the board did the right thing. Second, was being able to restructure our debt to save real tax payer dollars. Finally, is work we have done on the policy committee with creating employee handbooks and vacation policies that were ill defined prior to latest board rotation.