

Candidate - Amy Hosek

Children's names and grades:

- ❖ Jonathan Freshman at Clarke College; Ethan 8th grade; Jackson 2nd grade

How long have you lived in the school district?

- ❖ 5 years

What motivates you to become a board member?

- ❖ I want to help develop and guide the school into the future as I have students attending for at least the next 10 years.

In what school or district activities have you been involved?

- ❖ I am a member of SAMS. I have been a member of the Archery Parent committee. I helped whenever asked with high school athletics while my son was participating. I am the soccer coordinator for SYS. I also held the position of committee chair for Anamosa Cub Scouts.

What particular skills or experiences qualify you to serve as a school board member?

- ❖ I understand public policy as I work with it every day with my job. I am approachable and listen to everyone's opinion. I can mediate hostel situations.

What are 2-3 strengths of which our district can be proud? Why do you see these as strengths?

- ❖ One strength our district has is quality education. Before attending Springville, my children were attending Anamosa Schools. After much research we chose Springville due to the strengths in education we found in this district.
- ❖ Another strength is the high-quality teachers that care about the students. I have first-hand experience in elementary, middle and high school with how quality teachers at Springville can influence how well a student can learn.
- ❖ Lastly this district has the strength of growth. For a small district to continue to survive it needs to have growth. We have all heard that small districts are closing but yet our district continues to grow.

What are 2-3 needs that you believe must be priorities for our district to address? Why do you see these as needs?

- ❖ A definite need for our district is space. It is awesome that we continue to grow in numbers but we have already filled our new building/addition and are again using the old elementary. If we keep growing, we are going to have to quickly establish a plan of what to do.
- ❖ We need to increase numbers in extra-curricular activities in both athletics and non-sport activities. As a district we are having a problem filling various sports teams and other activities. We do not want to lose these educational opportunities due to lack of participation.
- ❖ We have a very good educational system but the key to a great school is to continue to grow on what we have. We must keep placing highly motivated educators and administrators to keep the growth we have seen.

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What are the leadership responsibilities of school board members?

- ❖ The first responsibility of a school board member is to be fiscally responsible to the district and the tax payers of the district while still providing the best education possible for the students.
- ❖ Another responsibility is to provide numerous opportunities to the students allowing them to grow in their goals. Not only in the classroom but through extracurricular and leadership opportunities.
- ❖ Lastly, keep the school sustainable into the future.

What do you believe are the most important characteristics of an effective schoolboard?

- ❖ An effective schoolboard has the ability to bring everyone's ideas to the table but are able to work for a common goal.
- ❖ An effective schoolboard must also remember that we are working together for the kids and keep out individual agendas.