

Candidate - Melissa Barker

Children's names and grades:

- ❖ Hensley Barker -3rd Grade

How long have you lived in the school district?

- ❖ I have lived in the district for over 8 years but also grew up in Springville and went to school and graduated from here as well. For those who may know me or my family my maiden name is Lemon.

What motivates you to become a board member?

- ❖ The Kids! I am motivated to be involved with the school board to help make a difference in all of our children's education. Having grown up in this town and knowing a lot of the educators here I want to help and support them in their unique ways of helping our children learn and thrive in and out of the classroom.

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

- ❖ Running for school board is all new to me and I will have a lot to learn. I am eager and motivated to help our school continue to grow for the future.

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

- ❖ Our district can be proud of how involved our educators are in all of our children's lives. I have never heard of a school going so above and beyond like ours does.
- ❖ We have an amazing tight knit community of people here in Springville who care and look out for one another and that is a special thing to have for our school system.
- ❖ These are strengths for the school system because the more involvement you have from the community the more supported the educators will feel and that then reflects on how our children are taught and supported in the classroom.

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

- ❖ Board members and educators on the same page and working together. Even when we may have different perspectives and may not always agree, we need to be able to collaborate for the school.
- ❖ Respect given to our educators and board members and their opinions and ideas being addressed in a respectful manner.
- ❖ These are needed so that all board members and educators can feel respected in their positions and feel like what they do here at our school is valued.

What are the leadership responsibilities of school board members?

- ❖ Leadership responsibilities need to be that we are able to work together and have the initiative to get things accomplished for our educators and children.

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

- ❖ People who are invested in our children's overall education.
- ❖ People who are invested in our educators and who stand behind them and value their ideas as they are the ones who are leading our kids' academic futures.

Do you believe that regular attendance at school board meetings and participation in board learning should be a priority for school board members?

- ❖ Yes so that everyone on the school board is on the same page and up to date on what is going on with the school. Attending regular meetings and attending board learning will ensure that you are up to speed on events and have an idea of what is expected of you.

If elected, what would you hope would be key accomplishments of the board during our years of service?

- ❖ That the board members and educators can come together and make Springville schools a place for growth and our overall community. A place that we can all say we are glad we sent our children here!