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1. What is a school board member's role and responsibility? How does that role differ from the role of the superintendent or administration?

School board members are elected to represent their community and be advocates of excellence for the education of the students in their district. At the same time, a school board member is responsible for being a wise steward of the school district's tax dollars. The main role of the school board is to set policy for the education of the students and be responsible for the school district operations. School board members do not run the district's day-to-day operations. Rather, they direct the Superintendent and Administrators, holding them accountable for the outcomes of board approved policies.

2. What Makes you the best candidate for the Rice Lake Area School District Board of Education? What experience, knowledge or special skills do you possess that will make you a unique addition to the Board?

I believe I am an excellent candidate for the Board of Education because of my prior 15-year experience serving as a Rice Lake Area School District Board of Education member. As a previous board member, I served as chair of the Curriculum Committee and vice president of the Board of Education. I am very familiar with the commitment required to be an effective board member and I understand many of the operations of this school district. The learning curve for me to take on the responsibility as a board member, once again, should be fairly short.

3. What issues do you believe your district needs to address in its academic program and offerings? What changes would you recommend?

We need to continue to improve our academic program and offerings in order to be competitive with other schools in our area. With open enrollment options available to parents, our district needs to attract students to the Rice Lake Area Schools, so we don't lose them to other school districts. We could do that by evaluating our current academic program and making improvements where needed while providing offerings that will give our students a chance to be successful in life. Then, we need to promote the Rice Lake Area Schools as schools of excellence, where students enjoy learning and receive those necessary skills.

4. What is one thing about the Rice Lake Area School District that you would like to work to improve?

I believe we should never stop improving communication. Communication between students, parents, school staff, administration and board members are crucial to the success of everyone involved.

5. Do you have specific suggestions for improvement?

Be assured that I will offer suggestions for improvement when I have listened to the concerns of those involved. Based on that information, we can develop solutions that will solve specific problems.

6. What is the best way to address differences of opinion on the Board or between the Board and the Administration?

Differences of opinion will always exist because we are all unique individuals with different ideas about life and how to solve problems. Although we may disagree with each other at times, we can always be respectful of one another and develop relationships based on the things we agree on rather than the things we might disagree on. With this as my guide, I ask you for your vote!