

School Board Elections 2024 Questionnaire

Please fill out this survey to inform the teachers of the Wasatch County School District. We feel these questions have direct impact on teachers and the future of our district. Please complete by July 8, 2024

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Name and Seat

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What is your background in education?

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I have a Bachelor of Science in English Teaching and English as a Second Language (ESL) minor from Utah State University. I did my student teaching at Logan High School and a study abroad experience with the USU ESL department to Cuernavaca, Mexico. I have a Master of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy with an administrative license from the University of Utah. I did my administrative internship in Wasatch County School District and Granite School District. I have a Level 1 Reading Endorsement from Southern Utah University.

I taught 9th and 10th grade English, ELL, and ACT Prep classes at Wasatch High School from 2007-2013. In addition to teaching, I served as the WHS English department chair, Faculty Council vice president, National Honor Society/Ambassador/Key Club advisers, Graduation chair, and was a cooperating teacher for a student teacher from UVU. In 2013, I was hired as the assistant principal at Timpanogos Intermediate School where I worked for two years. In 2015, I was hired as the principal of Liahona Preparatory Academy. I have worked as their principal for the last nine years and also led them through a highly successful accreditation evaluation by Cognia - the same organization who accredits Wasatch County schools. I have also served as an accreditation evaluation team member with Cognia, which provided me the opportunity to evaluate schools and support them in the improvement and accreditation process.

How have you been involved with Wasatch County School District?

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I was employed for eight years (2007-2015) as a teacher, club adviser, and vice principal in Wasatch County School District. I was a Wasatch presenter at the Utah State School Board conference. Since my own children entered school, I have served as a parent volunteer at Daniel's Canyon Elementary, where I helped weekly with 1st grade reading groups, multiple class parties, field days, and field trips. I served with the Wasatch Parent Network and helped with the fun run and SSP dinners. In 2022-2023, I was the

SSP Dinners chair and was able to coordinate community volunteers and provide dinners for all DCE teachers at each SSP. I have served as a School/Community Council member, vice-president, and president at Daniel's Canyon Elementary for the last four years and helped create the School LAND Trust plan. I have also volunteered and served on the Safe Schools Committee, the Future Schools Committee, screened applications when the new superintendent was being hired, and helped with the bond efforts for the second high school by coordinating and hosting a town hall meeting, passing out flyers, posting on social media, speaking to news outlets, and publically commenting at school board meetings.

How do you plan to support student achievement?

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I believe in the power of Professional Learning Communities. I have personally seen them create positive change and increase student achievement. If elected, I commit to support student achievement by ensuring Wasatch has the budget, resources, time, policies, professional development, and supports in place to be a high-functioning PLC.

I commit to salaries and benefits that will attract and retain high quality educators.

I will have the courage to vote for safe, up-to-date, educationally conducive, appropriate facilities for students to learn in.

I will listen to and collaborate with educators, as the experts in their fields, to support their needs. In the past few months, I have met with district administrators, building principals, and leaders in the Wasatch Education Association to learn what in our district is going well and needs protected and what resources and policies they would like to see from future board members. I would love to put the things I have learned into practice.

I commit to be involved as a parent and community member. I will continue to volunteer at the schools, and I will communicate with the community to build and maintain partnerships that support a comprehensive education.

WCSD budgets 89-90% for salary and benefits for employees. Are you willing to keep the comprehensive compensation plan as is?

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ABSOLUTELY!! I know current board member, Tom Hansen, has been a strong voice for employee salary and benefits. Since he is not running again, I will be the proponent to lead out and ensure Wasatch County School District maintains a salary and benefits package that attracts and retains high quality employees. I will also look for other ways to improve our status quo to make sure Wasatch County School District continues to be the best district to work for and learn in.

How do you plan to support teachers?

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I will be a strong proponent for fair compensation and benefits. I will ensure teachers have the needed time, budget, and policies to support research-based professional development. I know Wasatch County School District is doing a systematic review of all its policies. If elected, I will also support teachers by requesting to be part of the policy review committee, so I can be an advocate for teachers and ensure policies are written in language that supports teachers. I will listen and treat you as the professionals and experts you are.

How do you plan to support student growth as our community continues to grow?

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I will have the courage and creativity to provide safe, appropriate, up-to-date, educationally conducive spaces for students to learn in. As a parent, I worked to do this by helping with the first bond efforts for a second high school. I coordinated and hosted a community meeting to inform the public of the need for a new high school. I organized neighborhoods to pass out informational hand-outs. I was active on social media and publically commented in board meetings. I would now like to be involved in these efforts to support student growth as a board member. I would like to see Wasatch County School District put policies in place that trigger the building of a new school once certain research-based criteria are met, so the long-term plan to accommodate growth is transparent and expected. I will also collaborate with community leaders to build partnerships, such as land donations for schools in new developments. I believe in smaller class sizes and schools. I believe in personalized education, and I love the variety of educational options Wasatch currently offers to meet diverse student needs.

I know I have said it repeatedly above, but ensuring fair compensation and benefits allows our district to attract and retain high quality employees, so we can effectively staff our schools. I will be a strong proponent for this. As I have met with educators, I have also heard them express a need for more SPED and behavioral support in schools as our community grows. I would like to evaluate policy and enrollment to ensure our teacher/student ratios are realistic, fair, and in the best interest of educators and students.