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1. Please describe the occupations, training and experience that qualify you for this office.

I have seventeen years of classroom experience as a para professional in Brown County Schools.

I have also attended the following conferences since being elected in 2013, making me a Master Board Member for nearly four years.

*A School Board Guide to Good Boardmanship 2013.

*School Budgeting/Financing 2013-2016

*School Law Seminars 2013-2016

*Collective Bargaining 2013-2016

*ISBA Fall and Spring Conferences 2013-2016

*ISBA Fall and Spring Regional meetings 2013-2016

*ISBA Grassroots Conference 2015

2. What are your primary concerns for the next four years?

My first concern is that young families are not drawn to live in our community due to lack of employment opportunities or affordable housing.

My second concern is some of the legislation being proposed at the state and national levels. There are many folks trying to take control of our local government away from us, with no regard for the best interest of our students or citizens.

3. Are there academic areas where you believe our schools could improve or expand their current offerings?

Of course, we are always looking at what new ideas are on the horizon. For example, our new programs in the Technology Department and our Biomedical Programs give our students a hands on experience with possible career choices. What I love about these classes are that they give our students a chance to see the possibilities. I would like to see our students dream big.

4. We are rightfully proud of our Brown County Schools. What can/should the School Board do to better advertise and attract families to live here?

We are currently working on a plan to "Spread the Word" about the great things happening in our schools. We are also working with other county agencies to make our entire county more attractive. This includes affordable housing, jobs, better roads and schools.

5. Do you support expanding the school voucher program?

I do not support expanding the school voucher program as it is now. Vouchers, or public money, should not be given to private or parochial schools (separation of church and state) because they are not required to live up to the same standards as public schools. They are allowed to discriminate against students that don't meet their criteria , such as students with special needs or discipline issues. They are businesses and want to make a profit.

6. How do you see the School Board's relationship with the School Corporation and the senior management?

The School Board, School Corporation and Management (administrators), form a cooperative team. We work together to form plans to improve our schools and employees on an ongoing basis.