

SCGOP Questions for School Board Trustee Candidates

Candidate's Name:

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1. **What is the purpose of public education?** *Give kids a foundation for success after high school, prepare them for their desired career or higher education.*
2. **What skills do you believe students should learn in school?** *Reading, writing, arithmetic, traditional history, geography, life skills*
3. **Do you think there is an overreliance on technology in the Elementary Grades?** *My experience in Big Horn elementary would say there's an appropriate amount of technology.*
4. **What role does the school have in providing non-academic services?** *Academics first then provide some non-academic services*
5. **What is the role of parents in public education?** *Parents need to be very involved in their children's education.*
6. **How do you define the role of an individual board trustee?** *Listen to peers and constituents. Take their ideas to the board on their behalf. Provide a common sense approach to problems with real solutions.*

7. **How do you define the role of the board of trustees? Create policies that reflect the values of the community.** *Work to achieve the best education for kids and a great environment for teachers.*
8. **How do you define the board's role in supporting the administration and teachers?** *Maintaining policies that provide a healthy workplace and promote long term employment.*
- (a) **How do you define the board's role in oversight of the administration and teachers?** *Provide strong clear policies that are easily implemented by the Superintendent.*
- (b) **As a trustee, how would you reconcile those two roles?** *Keep clear and transparent communication among board members*
9. **What do you believe are the biggest threats to public education?** *Low parent involvement, the increasing progressive movement that is changing what we teach our children.*
10. **Do you believe there are budgetary items where spending should be reduced or cut from the budget? If so, please identify those items and why.** *I will be involved with the budget when I'm elected. I will lean toward a conservative budget that is focused on academics.*
11. **Do you believe there are budgetary items where spending should be increased? If so, please identify those items and why.** *No*
12. **What can your district improve?** *Transparency*
13. **What does your district do well?** *Supports our teachers*

14. Are you okay with allowing licensed conceal and carry holders on and within school property with a firearm?

YES / NO (Circle One)

Why? This is a great way to help protect our kids. Our resource officers cannot be everywhere all the time, seconds can be critical in saving lives.

15. Are you willing to not accept federal funds if there are strings attached regarding gender identity such as: boys being in girl's bathrooms or locker rooms, males participating in women's sports, etc.?

YES / NO (Circle One)

Why? The safety and well-being of our students is the highest priority. The power needs to be in this states hands when it comes to educational policy.