

Westerville Chamber of Commerce

Candidate Questionnaire – Westerville Board of Education

Candidate: Jim Burgess



Education: Graduated Cum Laude with a degree in Broadcast Operations along with a Certificate in Accounting and Business Management from Washington State Community College. Graduated Cum Laude with a degree in Business Management from Columbus State Community College.

Campaign Website: www.forResponsibleChange.com

Qualifications:

Over 17 years of working in large businesses including NCR, AT&T & IBM. Responsible for creating and managing multi-million dollar programs and projects. Years of people management experience responsible for protecting over \$250M in revenue while working at Sterling Commerce.

I have experience in revenue operations, infrastructure management, business analysis, and process improvement. My global experience spans working in and with Accounting, Customer Service, Information Technology, Sales and Marketing departments.

My platform is:

With the help of Luke Davis and John Sodt, I look forward to implementing a Students First management approach in our district.

This approach will bring accountability and responsibility to the management of the district's \$192,000,000 annual budget. We will begin by focusing on the student in the classroom. When we have funded full programming for our students, we will allocate the remaining funds. This will allow our educational services to remain intact even during tough times; the students will be unaffected.

We will challenge our educators to create a strategic education plan and we will give them the freedom to implement it. Our District needs this in order to help cure our high remedial rates, improve middle school programming to match or exceed the levels we see in our neighboring school districts, and to set all elementary schools on the path of excellence.

More detail on our plans can be found at our website, www.ForResponsibleChange.com.