

League of Women Voters

Candidate Questionnaire – Westerville Board of Education

Candidate: Luke Davis



Education: BA, Political Science, Ohio Dominican University.

Qualifications for Office: Father of 2 children in the District. Project management experience from \$50M to \$300MM. Program development for root cause analysis, production and process controls, and Corrective/Preventive Action (CAPA). Talent for building teams, training programs, and motivating to achieve goals.

Campaign Website: www.forResponsibleChange.com

What should the role of the school board be in relation to the superintendent and his/her office?

The role of a Board of Education is to set policy and overall direction for the school district, and the role of the Superintendent is to implement it. The Superintendent is responsible for day-to-day management, with the board providing oversight to make sure the district is making progress toward its goals. The board holds the Superintendent and Treasurer accountable for results related to quality of education, community relations, and fiscal responsibility. Through its control of the budgeting process, the school board represents students, parents and taxpayers to demand effective delivery of education at reasonable cost.

What would you do to improve the school's financial stability?

Financial stability of the school district can be improved by adopting Students First management, under which the priority is the classroom environment. We look through the eyes of the student, teacher and parent as we determine what is needed for a successful and complete educational experience.

Should we encounter a period of limited funds, our goal is to keep the educational experience intact, so changes are not noticeable to the student, parent and teacher. All else becomes secondary to the educational product. If elected, Jim Burgess, John Sodt and I will implement Students First management as explained at our website.

If you had the power to change one thing about your school district, what would it be and why?

I want to increase class offerings to levels available at other Central Ohio districts, particularly at our middle schools. That, along with taking the necessary steps to keep our high schools off the state's "identified for improvement" list, will bring us to the levels most parents expected when they chose to live in the Westerville School District.

I want my daughters, ages 9 and 12, to get an education better than my own. When they graduate, I want them to be able to perform better than 40% of our graduates today, who need remedial classes before attending college.