

CANDIDATE BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

We appreciate your interest in receiving the recommended status of the Wright County BPOU. Please fill out the information below.



Personal information

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Office Seeking: Buffalo/Hanover/Montrose School Board

Question 1. Why are you running for this office?

I'm running for School Board in the Buffalo/Hanover/Montrose District 877 because I am concerned about what is happening in our schools. Let's be honest: The State of MN public education system is pathetic.

I am a life-long Minnesotan and this is not the school system I grew up with. In fact, I dare to say, we should no longer use the term "public schools" because our schools are not for the public nor run by the public.

My two daughters attended public junior and senior high. In 2010-2017, I trusted the system to teach my children the basics of math, science, history, grammar and literature. I did not attend school board meetings or pay attention to what they were learning. In hindsight, I now see the beginning of the indoctrination that was taking place, and truly wish I could go back and do things differently.

I don't have grandchildren. I stepped up because I care about the future of our children. I'd like to see society as a whole get better and we need educated people to do that.

Question 2. What are your top 3 priorities and what specific actions will you take to fix them?

1) Strong academics in the 3R's – Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. Strong core academics, critical thinking, prepare children for the “real” world, life skills, career and college readiness, and opportunities for students who need extra support. Many schools are seeing a rapid decline in proficiency since the focus has shifted from academics to ideology.

The latest National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) revealed less than a third of children are proficient in any core subject based on the government’s own absurdly “dumbed-down” “standards”. We need to return to the education system that actually worked for thousands of years. We need strong, moral, free thinkers, not sheep!

2) Restore control of education to the parents and local government. Parents are the primary educators of their children and need to reclaim that responsibility. Mothers and Fathers should be in charge of their children’s education not “bystanders” watching from the sidelines. Parents must be visible and involved and the schools need to be transparent in what is being taught in the classroom. Communication must be fostered between Parents, the Community and the School Board.

3) Protect tax-payer dollars while investing wisely in our teacher workshops and our students’ sources of education. What contracts/programs are being used for teaching kids and for professional development for teachers and counsellors. Who funds these programs?

Question 3. What do you hope to accomplish?

I hope Minnesota can once again be a beacon of educational excellence and a source of immense pride in our communities.

Unmask the lies being taught in public schools that harm children and threaten freedom.

Empower parents to take back responsibility to educate their children. I believe every family needs to be heard. Parents are in charge of their child’s education and I fear they are being left out of many aspects of it. If we do not stand up for our children today, they will live on their knees tomorrow.

I will listen, lead and serve to make sure school leadership is held accountable in how current finances are being utilized as well as who we are taking grant money from, and is it in the best interest of our students and their families.

I am endorsed by United States Parents Involved in Education (USPIE.org) a grassroots organization aimed at abolishing the Federal Department of Education and returning control to the parents and the States. I am the MN Chapter President of this organization. The goal is to encourage States to wean themselves off the federal education dole. There is currently a bill in the House of Representatives - H.R. 2691 - that would accomplish this purpose. We need help!

Question 4. Why do you believe Wright County Republicans recommendation will be helpful?

The Wright County Republicans share my values and their recommendation would help bring awareness to my campaign and allow me to reach more people in the community.

Question 5. How will you use the Wright County Republicans recommendation?

If recommended by the BPOU, I would be grateful for any guidance on how to use this recommendation. I will use Facebook, signs, printed handouts, and door knocking in accordance with the BPOU's rules and restrictions.

Question 6. What are 3 positions that align you with on the Minnesota Republican party platform?

Educate our Children

I believe that parents must have choices for their children's education so that we can better educate, with more effective administration, while emphasizing traditional American values.

Strengthen our Families and Communities

I recognize the blessings that God has bestowed on this great Nation. I also recognize the central role of the traditional family in our society and the necessity of traditional values for strengthening our families and communities.

Promote Economic Prosperity

Future economic prosperity depends on our children and it can only be accomplished with well-educated individuals. I support financial transparency and accountability to the taxpayers and every dollar should work toward ultimately making every student a productive member of society.

Question 7. Have you participated in any Republican activities? (attend meetings, volunteer ie. walk in parades, delegate) *Please give years of volunteering and being a delegate*

I have been a Republican since 1994. I joined Northwest Minnesota Republican Women in 2025 and have been attending their monthly meetings. At the beginning of this year I participated in the Buffalo caucus, started attending BPOU meetings and was elected to be a CD6/State alternate delegate. I attended the State Convention in Duluth and served as a delegate. I also served as an election judge in the Primary Election and will again in the General Election.

I volunteered for the BPOU at the Wright County Fair. I intend to continue to volunteer and participate at meetings.

I am a member of Restore MN and attend their meetings regularly. I also plan on joining the Wright County Republican Women's group this Fall.

Question 8. Do you have any of our BPOU members who are supporting your campaign?

Angie Grieg, Marc Fisher, David Decker and many others who were supportive of me running.

Question 9. Are you the incumbent for the office in which you are seeking election?

No

Question 10. Have you ever been convicted of a felony level offense?

No

**Thank you for completing the Wright County Republican Parties
candidate questionnaire.**