

IASB District Director Statement of Candidacy

Candidates for the position of District Director of the Iowa Association of School Boards should possess, at a minimum, the following qualifications:

- Demonstrated leadership and involvement on a local board of education.
- Demonstrated participation in IASB activities.
- Strong supporter of public education in Iowa.

Please supply information requested in all categories and return to: Stephanie Rousseau, Executive Assistant, Iowa Association of School Boards, 6000 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50312-1417 or by email at srousseau@ia-sb.org.

-- Must be in IASB office no later than Wednesday, October 30, 2024 --

(Please feel free to supply additional information)

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Occupation: Technology Consultant

School Board(s): Southeast Polk Community School District

Years Service as Board Member: 5

Present Term of Office Expires: 2027



School Board Activities (Local Level):

<i>Board Vice President 2020-2021</i>	<i>Ground Breaking and Ribbon Cuttings for Major Construction Projects</i>
<i>Board President 2021-2022</i>	
<i>Regular Meetings</i>	<i>Altoona Area Chamber of Commerce Power Lunch</i>
<i>Board Leadership Meetings</i>	<i>Altoona Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinners</i>
<i>Building Visits (including visiting all 11 buildings multiple times)</i>	<i>Meetings with local elected officials</i>
<i>New 6/7 Grade Building Steering Committee</i>	<i>Served Thanksgiving Lunch at Elementary School</i>
<i>IASB Board Workshops</i>	<i>All Staff Kick-Off Event 2021, 2022, 2024</i>
<i>Black and Goal Gala benefiting Dollars for Scholars and SEP Education Foundation</i>	<i>Hall of Honor Recognition Events</i>
<i>Rams Classic Golf Outings</i>	<i>Graduation Ceremonies 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024</i>
<i>IASB Regional Board Meetings</i>	
<i>Passing of \$92M bond referendum</i>	<i>Humanitarian Award Breakfast 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024</i>

School Board Activities (State Level, including IASB Activities):

- IASB Board Member 2024*
- IASB Annual Convention and Pre-Conference Sessions 2019, 2021, 2023*
- Policy Leadership & Legal Issues Conference 2020*
- Fiscal Management Conference 2021*
- Fostering Superintendent – Board Team Unity Online Workshop 2021*
- Facilitating Effective Meetings Online Workshop 2022*
- Day on the Hill 2022, 2023, 2024*
- Board President’s Conference 2022*
- Meeting with Local Senators and Representatives*
- UEN Dinner*
- IASB Summit on Student Success*
- IASB Student Success Ambassador*



School Board Activities (National Level):

Meeting with Congressional Candidate on public school priorities

Special Interests, Activities and Recognition:

Graduate of the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute, 2019

Curriculum Committee for Lead DSM, 2019-2023

Board Member for YMCA Supportive Housing Campus, 2019-2023

Volunteer for Swerve Outreach providing summer meals and school supplies to Southeast Polk Students, 2014-Present

IASB Individual Achievement Award

Other Comments Including Personal Qualifications for IASB Leadership:

I want our children to have the best chance at a life of prosperity and purpose, and I believe that a quality education is the foundation for future success. Sound leadership practices within our school boards and advocacy at the state level are the keys to creating and maintaining a thriving public education system. IASB provides support, and accelerates the education and capabilities of our board members. I would like the opportunity to help drive more engagement between IASB and its members in order to elevate public education in Iowa towards its full potential. Some of my personal qualifications that I believe would be a benefit to IASB Leadership:

- *Passion – I'm ready to roll my sleeves up and make a greater impact public education in Iowa. I have a desire to learn about and support the needs of not only my district but other districts across the state.*
- *Collaboration – as a Board President I have worked hard to make sure everyone has a voice and tried to guide others past our differences with the best interests of our students in mind. I believe a collaborative approach to leadership is the best way to move forward together.*
- *Lifelong Learner – I enjoy constantly learning. This is a value and skill we want to instill in our children and it is important for us to model it as well. I have learned a lot through each leadership opportunities I've been given, and intend to do the same if selected to be on IASB Board.*
- *Integrity and Commitment – trust, work ethic, and commitment to a common purpose are essential for any effective organization. I am not perfect, but I do strive to uphold a high standard and encourage that in everyone I work with.*

Please comment on your willingness and availability to serve as IASB District Director:



I have enjoyed serving on the IASB Board this year, and I am excited for the opportunity to continue serving on the IASB Board. If chosen, I am committed to continue putting in the work required to represent our director district and making it a priority.

Please explain your philosophy of what you believe the role of IASB should be to assist Iowa school boards and strengthen public education:

I have had a great experience with IASB, from conferences and online meetings, to workshops brought to our board table. I have really appreciated the council and wisdom shared from IASB staff along with the community of collaboration it creates with other districts. I believe that IASB should be a place to get information, and also a community to lift each other up. IASB provides a safe space that allows us, as board members, to lean on and learn from each other. Starting my board journey five years ago, IASB was instrumental in helping me understand topics like school finance, open meetings requirements, responding to the public, and the role of the board. I'd like to see these services continue and expand. The better informed we are as board members the more effectively we can lead our school communities.

