

# 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.

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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](mailto:srousseau@ia-sb.org).

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

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(Please feel free to supply additional information)

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Occupation: Executive Director

School Board(s): Winterset Community School District

Years Service as Board Member: 7

Present Term of Office Expires: 2025

School Board Activities (Local Level): I have served as Board President for 2 terms and as the Vice President for 2 terms prior. We passed a \$20 million GO Bond in 2018 and completed construction in 2020. I was part of the process for hiring a new Superintendent in 2019. I have been part of two Strategic Planning sessions for the district. In 2023, WCSD completed our work on our "Profile of a Graduate", and I was part of the team for the district.



School Board Activities (State Level, including IASB Activities): I have served on IASB since 2021, and my term is set to expire Jan. 2025. I have attended the Summit for Student Success, Day on the Hill, Annual Convention, and other events. I have served on the ISJIT for 2 years and currently am the Vice President. I serve on the IASB Governance and Bylaws Committee.

School Board Activities (National Level):

Special Interests, Activities and Recognition: I have been awarded the Annual Board Award via IASB for the past 3 years and am on track to receive it again this year.

Other Comments Including Personal Qualifications for IASB Leadership: I have served on the Madison County Hospital Board of Trustees since 2015. I am the Registrar, Co-Director of Fields, Coach, and Certified Referee for the Winterset Area Soccer Club.

As the ED for the Madison County Historical Society, I am responsible for the financial health of our organization. We have an ~\$4 million endowment fund and several other investments that I help maintain.

Serving on ISJIT has also broadened my skills with regards to financials. The current CFO of IASB is a wealth of knowledge and has a firm grasp of the organization's financial needs.

Please comment on your willingness and availability to serve as IASB District Director: I make time for the things in life that I am passionate about, education is a major passion. I have the flexibility to attend meetings as needed with my current employment.

Please explain your philosophy of what you believe the role of IASB should be to assist Iowa school boards and strengthen public education: IASB's role is to help make public education the BEST it can be in Iowa. That includes working with other elected officials, parents, educators and anyone else that impacts education.

