

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: Office Manager/Business Owner

School Board(s): Nodaway Valley CSD

Years Service as Board Member: 3

Present Term of Office Expires: Nov. 2025

School Board Activities (Local Level): School Board Member - 1 year
School Board President - 2 years
Negotiations Com - 3 years
Board of Auditors – 1 year



School Board Activities (State Level, including IASB Activities): I have attended every conference since earning my board position. I have also attended several summit seminars. Three years earning an individual IASB award and two years earning the team IASB award.

School Board Activities (National Level): N/A

Special Interests, Activities and Recognition: Community advocate for improvement. I have chaired and assisted with many fundraisers for our fire department, library and school booster clubs.

Other Comments Including Personal Qualifications for IASB Leadership: During my current term, I have experienced many situations that have allowed me to be empathetic and non-partial while discovering the best approach to serve our district and all kids effectively.

Please comment on your willingness and availability to serve as IASB District Director: I cherish the opportunity to learn about how and where I can help our district and community. My self employment will allow me to attend as many sessions/meetings as possible.

Please explain your philosophy of what you believe the role of IASB should be to assist Iowa school boards and strengthen public education: From the beginning, I went into the role, as a school board member, a blank slate. I was motivated to learn about how our district ran and where I could help bridge the gap between community and our school. As I dedicated more and more time in understanding my role, I discovered that I was able to see our district in a different light. This gave me a purpose to share with others the impact that our board could and can have to build and improve our district.

This all could not have been possible without the help of many IASB staff, coordinators, directors and seminars. The wealth of knowledge and perspective of these individuals and situations have proved to be priceless for my school board and professional role in the community.

I believe that the role of the IASB will and should remain as an empathetic library of answers to help other boards to be the change in their community too.

