

# 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.

***-- 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: Employer Engagement Director

School Board(s): Osage Community School Board

Years Service as Board Member: One year

Present Term of Office Expires: 2028

School Board Activities (Local Level): I volunteer my time to sit on community committees as well as spending time in the classrooms.

School Board Activities (State Level, including IASB Activities): I am currently the District 3 Director for IASB. I attend the state IASB convention annually. I am looking forward to additional opportunities to volunteer at the state level.

Special Interests, Activities, and Recognition: I am a passionate childcare and education advocate. I work for the Iowa Women's Foundation as the Employer Engagement Director. My role is to meet with community leaders across Iowa and help them form public/private partnerships for sustainable childcare solutions. I have worked in the childcare field in some capacity for over 20 years. As an educator who has worked in infant rooms through higher education, I feel I would be a valuable asset to the State Association of School Boards.

Other Comments Including Personal Qualifications for IASB Leadership: I volunteer my time on the following committees which I believe shows my passion for education.

1. I sit on the advisory council for Iowa AEYC
2. I sit on the policy council for North Iowa Community Action Organization
3. I am the president of our local Rotary
4. I am a member of PEO
5. I sit on a childcare task force appointed by Governor Reynolds with other state leaders including the DOE, IWD, IEDA, HHS, and IGOV
6. I provide technical assistance for all the state childcare grants including a \$3 million grant that was a direct result of the data I have collected from communities

Please comment on your willingness and availability to serve as IASB District Director: I would be honored to serve again on the IASB as a District Director. What I lack in school board experience, I make up for in passion and volunteer commitments. I have knowledge and experience in working with the DOE and grant opportunities coming from the state to districts. I believe I would serve as an excellent director who can provide other districts with an insight to policies, ECE, and passion.

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

I believe an IASB director should serve as a liaison to other districts in sharing innovative ideas communities can implement. I believe an IASB director should be passionate about education and advocate for our educators and school board members. This role should be filled by someone who is excited about education and where we can take public education in Iowa.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sheri Penney  
Osage Community School Board

