

# 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 26, 2022 --***

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School Board(s):  
Sioux Center Community School District

Years' Service as Board Member: in my 10<sup>th</sup> year

Present Term of Office Expires: 2025

School Board Activities (Local Level):

Board Vice President [current and many past years]; Facilities Committee [current]; recently completed Standards for Effective School Boards Self-Assessment, Board workshop, and visioning with Lou Ann; Board representative to Siouxland Conference committee [current]; District Advisory Committee [past]; Student Advisory Committee [past]; multiple (successful!) Bond Committees; numerous new building/construction committees.

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

Attend IASB Convention every year I have been on Board (including virtual event the year of covid!); Sioux Center's Delegate for Delegate Assembly (multiple years including this year); Individual Achievement Award; numerous regional IASB workshops and events.



School Board Activities (National Level, including NSBA Activities):  
None yet, but they sound intriguing!

Special Interests, Activities and Recognition:

First and foremost, I relish watching my boys participate and compete in many Sioux Center Warrior activities, including fine arts, academics, and athletics. I have also coached them in many sports over the years, of which I thoroughly enjoy and have fond memories. When they are not participating in a multitude of school activities, as a family, we delight in watching and attending a myriad of concerts and sporting events together. We also love to travel, and many hours and miles are traversed in the great outdoors, through hiking and biking. Lastly, but certainly not least, I enjoy serving my community and giving my time through teaching the youth at our church, coaching our youth, and serving on the boards of Sioux Center Health Foundation, ViBella Serves, and of course the Sioux Center Community School District. Beyond chasing sons around for their events and volunteering for the community, I enjoy continuing education and personal development, both in my career field and in leadership qualities and advancement. Teaching and giving lectures in the wellness, nutrition, and healthy lifestyle space is also a gratifying pastime.

Other Comments Including Personal Qualifications for IASB Leadership:

It has been an honor and pleasure serving the people of Sioux Center for almost a decade on the Sioux Center School Board. With that time comes vast and myriad experiences from a growing and changing school district that I would hope to bring to the IASB Board of Directors. Education has always been a passion of mine; academia has encompassed my life. My parents, my parents-in-law, my siblings, and siblings-in-law have all been or currently are public school teachers, which has provided unique and relevant perspective. Growing up with parents who were schoolteachers left an indelible impression of the importance of education; we all are who we are because of our educational foundation. "An investment in education pays the best interest" — Benjamin Franklin. Personally, I attended college and graduate school until I was twenty-eight years of age and continued in academia, having been adjunct professor at Northwestern College and Northwest Iowa Community College. Having been around the educational environment all my life and my current (and past) involvement in the school district, it seems a natural fit to continue my leadership involvement to the state level. Other past experiences, like serving on the State Board of Directors for the Iowa Pharmacy Association in a comparable elected district representative position for several years, have also helped prepare me for this analogous role.

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

As mentioned in the previous question, I have served similar elected regional/district positions for the state board of the Iowa Pharmacy Association. I thoroughly enjoyed my years serving that organization alongside my fellow colleagues and collaborating with other Directors from across the state. I am willing and available to give the time needed for the IASB District Director and look forward to meeting other passionate, student-focused persons from across the state. I would be honored to serve in this role and work with the fine staff at IASB while representing the students and families of Northwest Iowa.

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

Two words come quickly to mind: support and advocacy. We have experienced, locally, the support that IASB gives to the individual School Boards. Whether it is with tools like policy review and directed workshops or guidance on critical issues like fiduciary responsibility and changing state laws, IASB is always at the ready to provide their support and expertise. Personally, I greatly enjoy the yearly convention that IASB hosts, and the inspiration, motivation, and education it provides to make us a more effective and engaged Board. We have great Board memories at convention! Advocacy is the second quality. It is vividly apparent, the passion and pride that IASB has for public school education! They are unyielding advocates to the general public as well as the state government, standing up for and fighting for what is best and needed to continue the great legacy of public education in the state of Iowa. We know without question, that IASB represents the education of our students and families and has consistent "boots on the ground" backing our shared charge.

