

1. Why have you decided to run for election at this time?

I have decided to run for school board because I want to continue to keep Burton Strong. I feel we need to continue to work as a team to keep Burton ISD moving in a positive direction and do all we can for the students and staff. I feel BISD is one of the key factors in our community and I want to do all I can to help keep it moving in a positive and productive way.

2. What key competencies do you feel you possess to be a school board trustee? Briefly describe your background in areas such as financial analysis, leadership, effective communication, understanding of educational system issues, ability to contribute to strategic planning and initiatives, and consensus building.

I feel I have some key qualities that could contribute to being a school board trustee. I was employed as a crew leader for several years for the City of Brenham and now hold a ranch manager position which I have held for the past 12 years. I feel responsibility, leadership, and an open mind will play a big role in this position. However, I feel this will be more of a team role than an individual mindset as they always say teamwork will make the dream work. I also feel that growing up in this community will help me interact well and have a good understanding of what things would benefit this school.

3. What is your vision for education in this community?

I feel that many people think that just because Burton is a small school it needs to remain that way and no changes are needed. However, we all know the world is changing and growing and so is our school. This means we need to keep up with the times and make changes and growth to make sure our students and staff are given every opportunity possible to help them in the future. I also want to make sure every aspect of the system is looked at from academics, sports, FFA, band and many others. I don't feel this is a one way system. I feel success in one area can lead to success in all.

4. How do you feel Burton ISD impacts the local economy? How can the Burton ISD board make a positive impact on local economic growth?

I feel BISD impacts this community in a huge way. I feel our school system is what keeps this town going and making it bigger and better each year. I feel the board needs to continue to make people feel welcome here and keep our school feeling like a big family not just another place to be.

5. Describe your view of the roles of the school board and the superintendent. What is the ideal relationship between these two? Are there any other comments you would like to make?

My view of the roles of the school board and superintendent are to listen and learn what is needed and make the best decision possible for the students, faculty, staff, and the

community to ensure BISD continues to grow and thrive in all aspects to making this small town school the best around.