

Brenham ISD Board Candidates Questionnaire – 2023

Brenham/Washington County, Texas

In each local election, the Washington County Chamber asks questions of candidates and publicizes their responses to assist voters. Please submit your responses to the questions below by email in either a Word or PDF file to shae@brenhamtexas.com by April 23, 2023. All candidate responses will be publicized to the nearly 800 members of the Washington County Chamber and to all citizens of Brenham online at www.BrenhamTexas.com.

Note: please include the questions printed below above each response in your document.

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

I am running because it is a pivotal time for the board to make crucial decisions that will impact all of us- with the decline in academics and discipline, I know I can help make our district better.

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.

Because of my youth and disability, I bring a perspective not currently represented on the board. Jesus drives my life and as such I pride myself on my authenticity, work ethic, and care for others. I graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in political science, founded a non-profit called Archer's Challenge which has raised over a million dollars, and I can relate to the student experience as I was recently a public school student.

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

When elected I will work toward my 3 goals of elevating our academic grade, hiring and retaining the finest teachers resulting in improved discipline and being transparent on all areas that involve the school board.

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

BISD effects the local economy through payroll, administration, teachers, cafeteria workers, janitors, maintenance, etc...these things have a big impact on the local community - the larger Brenham gets, the larger the impact of BISD. Local citizens pay taxes to keep the district going – The board must honor taxpayers with every decision they make.

5. Describe your view of the roles of the school board and the superintendent. What is the ideal relationship between these two?

The Superintendent answers to the school board. The two should work towards common goals that help our students achieve academically which will rebuilding discipline, self-respect, and respect for others. This would make our community shine.

Are there any other comments you would like to make?

It would be an honor to serve on the board. If elected, I will do my best to make my community proud!

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