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

I decided after taking a couple of years off, the time was right. Being away from the board gave me a fresh perspective of many different things. I also know that I can be a help with a boost of renewed enthusiasm into our board and district.

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 like to think I have a strong work ethic and am very passionate about doing what our school needs to be successful. By dealing with my departmental budget and capital planning I do understand the financial side. I have been fortunate to be a part of leadership team at the City of Brenham, Texas Gas Association, and the Damage Prevention Council of Texas. As a board member you have to spend time attempting to understand the ever-changing complexity of a very confusing educational system. I say listening to our teachers is always a good idea. They are on the forefront and deal with it all. Working together with everyone that is part of your team even those whom you might not agree with is the only way we can stay afloat. There is a time to listen and there is a time to speak.

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

It's simple. But in a confusing way. Keep teaching the children what is needed to make it in life. They are kids. Let's not forget that. We should not always bundle them up as a score. Yes, I know the scores are oh so important for funding. But no matter what the task. We can make it work by focusing on the sending intelligent young boys and girls into our society.

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?

You come to the realization that in a small community like ours, our school affects just about everything. When it grows, we grow. When it struggles, we struggle. So the improvements that are being made at this time will continue to attract more interaction with our community and that provides more financial gains. Being a part of the board we need to keep in mind the community needs to stay informed on what is taking place at our school. When we grow the community will grow. I firmly believe that we need to do our best to keep the good people of our area informed on what is going on at the district that affects them.

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

The members of the board and superintendent should work to get along with each other. But also keep in mind we need to keep personal friendships or feelings from clouding our judgement when it comes to what is the best for Burton ISD.