

## **Questioner from Kelvin Raven, running for School Board trustee Position 4**

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

I am a 3rd generation Brenham citizen. My grandparents, parents, and children are all products of Brenham's educational system. Therefore, my core values are grounded in the lessons I learned through watching my grandparents and parents work hard to achieve their goals.

I believe Brenham ISD helped them to understand and value the power of a good education, hard work, and determination. Those values have been passed down to my children and me. I want to help others understand the importance of education, hard work, and determination by providing an environment that cares for everyone's educational needs while supporting parents and educators.

### **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.**

As a civil servant, I am committed to our community. As a Brenham citizen, I understand our schools' need for diversity and commitment. As the husband of an educator and a parent of a Brenham ISD student, I have a personal interest in preserving and improving the quality of our school system. And as a current school board member, I appreciate each school's unique and shifting needs and understand the school board's role in building upon and maintaining the district's high standards and core principles.

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

My vision is to ensure that all children who attend BISD receive a fair opportunity for a quality education.

### **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?**

The school district employs almost 800 people. The district buys as many supplies and does business locally as often as possible.

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

The role of a Board member is to supervise the superintendent. The position of the superintendent is to run the district. Sometimes uncomfortable conversations must occur so all are on the same page. However, that does not mean you can't stay professional when discussing, but we all must be honest when conducting school business and conversations.

**Closing comments**

I am an experienced board member who understands the needs of our students, staff members, and parents. I have an extensive record of serving our community through my duties as a law enforcement officer, and am actively involved in the community. I have built trustworthy relationships with our citizens and am confident I can meet the school board's needs fairly and reasonably.