

2008 CANDIDATE QUESTIONS FOR SCHOOL BOARD

1. Please give a short introduction and describe your political philosophy.
2. How long have you lived in the area?
3. To what civic organizations do you belong, and why?
4. What does a good education look like, in your opinion? Who should be responsible for providing it?
5. What is your motivation for public service?
6. Do you feel the government of the school district should flow from the bottom up or the top down?
7. Who would you primarily represent: the parents; the students; the voters who elected you; or the taxpayers that fund the school district? Since they are not necessarily the same people, how will you balance these various entities?
8. If you became aware that government or school district officials were doing something illegal, would you report it?
9. If borough employees or elected officials are convicted of breaking the law, should they be allowed to keep their job?
10. Should there be term limits imposed on the school board?
11. If the voters pass a citizen-initiated ordinance (i.e. an initiative) would you comply with that ordinance even if you didn't like it?
12. Would you support an efficiency audit of the Kenai Peninsula School district? Why?
13. It has been said that school boards were created to be a buffer between angry parents and the school. How would you justify your job?
14. If people vote to impose a revenue cap similar to those in Anchorage, Fairbanks and the Mat-Su Borough – Would you comply with that vote?
15. Should the School board salary be increased or decreased?
16. Is the school district paying high enough salaries to their staff members or not high enough?

17. Should the school district budget be cut? If yes, where?

18. The Superintendent has the staff to crunch budget figures, whereas the School board has very little time to digest the budget once they receive it. The School board could dictate targets or specific items to include or exclude at the beginning of the budget cycle. Would you support implementation of such directions?

19. Do you support the recent resolution that prohibits a board member from publicly criticizing actions of the board?

20. This is Act's Mission statement. Would you endorse this mission statement and the projects ACT has proposed to promote this mission? If not, Please explain why.

- I. Promote the financially efficient operation of all necessary Kenai Peninsula Borough functions mandated under Ak Statutes Title 29.
- II. Promote citizen awareness and participation in the formulation of sustainable fiscal policy.
- III. Work to implement a plan that requires the Kenai Peninsula Borough to seek voter approval for the funding of major capital projects or changes in the type or rate of all taxes