



Pajaro Valley Federation of Teachers, AFT 1936

School Board Candidate Questionnaire for November 2018 Election

*Please complete and return the questionnaire no later than August 28, 2018, to the
Pajaro Valley Federation of Teachers, AFT 1936
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ID Number Pending

1. Why are you interested in serving on the board of Trustees? What is your understanding of your role and responsibilities as a board member? I am running for re election for PVUSD TA5 because I want to see initiatives that are bringing positive results to students and teachers continue. I have worked for years to get PV High completed and we are about to break ground. I want to see it
2. ^{through} How long have you lived in the school district? Do you have children in the district or children who have graduated from the district? If so, which schools do/did they attend? I have lived in the District since 1986. My two children are graduates and I currently have my Grand-Nephew in the District (5th grade)
3. Have you previously held any public elected or appointed positions, including school district committees? If so, please explain? I have served on the Arts committee, PVPSA, and Inter-governmental affairs. I recently started a 501(c)3 non profit organization for our students, the Pajaro Valley Education Foundation will fund projects and initiatives as well as teacher awards.

4. Please list all of the community groups in which you are involved and what role you have played. Focus Ag (student), Leadership Santa Cruz (student), PVPFA (Board member), PV Ed Foundation (President), Save our Shores (Volunteer)
5. Have you signed any pledges or made any promises to any group(s)? If so, what are these? _____ Monterey Bay Central Labor Council
6. What are your top priorities for use of school funding in our district? How should the district prioritize in response to funding shortfalls? _____ School Funding should be distributed to support students in different ways; including safe facilities, highly qualified teachers and the best, proven curriculum available. We need to provide professional development opportunities so our teachers can grow and elevate their careers if they choose.
7. How can the district best serve our English Language Learners, both students and their parents? _____ We have a Superintendent who had successes in her previous district with a high concentration of English Learners. We need to update our EL Master plan with proven strategies and fully implement the plan. I think we are currently doing a good job with parent outreach but I think we could continue to improve these efforts.
8. How do you suggest the district incorporate the Common Core standards to better serve our students? _____
9. In light of PVUSD's underperforming schools, how would you suggest these schools better serve students? _____ I think we are on track to see major improvements. This is part of the reason I am so excited about continuing as a board member. The initial results from our new programs, including El Sistema and Paso El Paso is more than promising. We are seeing the every student has the ability to be successful in K12 and beyond.
10. What can the district do to decrease the dropout rate? _____ Interventions for students and families are being implemented through PVPFA and we have seen a dramatic changes. We have to give more support to students in alternative education. With the right site leadership to support students and teachers we will see results. It should be a board priority.
11. What do you think the district policy should be about parent school choice regarding under performing schools? I agree with parents rights, but if we continue on the path we are on, we won't have a problem with under performing schools. We have seen some of our lowest achieving students making great gains. Removing the necessity for a parent to make the decision is the best way to address the issue.
12. What is your stance on charter schools? I believe we do need choice in how our kids are educated. Some students don't do well in traditional schools, mine included. But I am against corporations opening Charter schools under the guise of providing more choices.
13. What is your approach to minimizing cultural conflicts while honoring the diversity of our student population? I think cultural studies is a really great start. Our Country is becoming increasingly diverse and it is more important than ever that we teach our kids that respecting eachother's cultures and traditions can bring unity and peace.
14. How can we recruit and retain experienced, competent staff given the high cost of living and less competitive salaries? We all know this is a major problem in our community. I think it should be looked at as a more global problem, meaning tat the Federal and State levels taking a look at the economics in different regions and try to address that way.

16. Do you have a special area of interest that you would like to incorporate into your work as a school board member? I want to explore organic farming around sites. i think it is imperative that we work with our Ag Industry in partnership with grant research to develop a pilot program. We should always be looking at safety factors for our students and staff. I would also like to work with the unions to build trust and transparency.

17. What is your experience and knowledge of collective bargaining? The board works very closely with administration to understand what the process is so we can give direction based on good knowledge. CSBA offers workshops throughout the year and I attend the annual conference and usually I will attend workshops on Collective Bargaining if they are offered.

18. How can our district best protect and preserve the physical, mental and environmental health of our students and staff? I partially answered this under #16. I held to woodlot or facilities better. We will need more funding to address lead and asbestos issues, so looking for grants to fulfill that need would be great, until we can go out for another bond.

19. Given our inadequate education funding, how would you prioritize PVUSD money for Adult Education? I have always supported our Adult Education program, as I am a former student and I believe they provide a service to our community. Now with AEBG, Adult Ed is aligning their courses more closely with post secondary education, giving it a more valuable product in terms of certifications that will increase job attainment and higher wages., which is one of the measurements the State is using under AEBG. Direst Student services would be my area of priority.

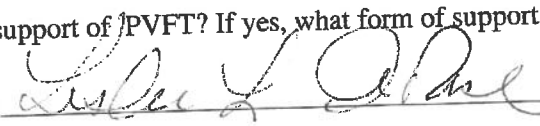
20. Do you support Project Labor Agreements? Please state your reasons. I support the best quality work in our construction projects. Keeping mind there would ba fiscal impact were the Board choose to adopt this policy, I am open to have the board look at it again in the future

21. List the groups and individuals that have endorsed your campaign. *See adendum*

22. How much will you spend on the election? How much will be your own money? How much time will you commit to the campaign? SEE ADENDUM

23. Do you seek the support of /PVFT? If yes, what form of support do you desire?

Candidate Signature



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#22 How much will you spend on your election? How much will be your own money?
How much time will you commit to the campaign? I estimate spending between \$2,500 and \$3,000 dollars. I will need to raise all of it as I am a public school employee and do not have the financial means to support a campaign.

#23. Do you seek the support of PVFT? If yes, what form of support do you desire? I would be honored to have the support of PVFT. Of course I need to raise money, but of course any form of support would be greatly appreciated.

Endorsers include:

Filicetti	Rose	Santa Cruz County Office of Education Trustee
Watkins	Martine	City of Santa Cruz Mayor Pro Tem
Turley	Kim	Former PVUSD Trustee, Business Owner
Dutra	Jimmy	City of Watsonville Mayor Pro Tem
Wylie	George	San Lorenzo Valley School Board Trustee, Delegate to the California School Boards Association
Sanchez	Abel	Santa Cruz County Office of Education Trustee
Friend	Zach	Santa Cruz County Supervisor
Fuller	Carol	Democratic Womens Club of Santa Cruz
Rivera	Nick	Parks Commissioner, City of Watsonville
Orozco	Maria	PVUSD Trustee
Ursino	Jeff	PVUSD Trustee
McCart	Maureen	Mark Stone Democratic Women's Committee
DeSerpa	Kim	PVUSD Trustee
Kelbert	Gigi	Democratic Women;s Club Member Democratic Women's Club of Santa Cruz