



**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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Committee to Elect PVUSD Trustee Bill Beecher 2018

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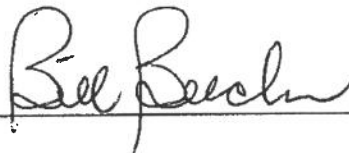
**Why are you interested in serving on the board of Trustees? To make a difference.**

1. **What is your understanding of your role and responsibilities as a board member? To hold the Superintendent and staff to academic excellence. Approve budgets. Suggest improvements.**
2. **How long have you lived in the school district? 19 years. Do you have children in the district or children who have graduated from the district? No. If so, which schools do/did they attend?**
3. **Have you previously held any public elected or appointed positions, including school district committees? If so, please explain? Chair of the Citizens Oversight Committee, Measure L**

4. Please list all of the community groups in which you are involved and what role you have played. **Pajaro Valley Historical Association, technical support for the Archive, training staff on computers and instruments, and creating an Oral and Video History wing.**
5. Have you signed any pledges or made any promises to any group(s)? **No.** If so, what are these?
6. What are your top priorities for use of school funding in our district? How should the district prioritize in response to funding shortfalls? **1. Improve academic achievement. 2. Increase Vocational training 3. Improve Special Needs education 4. Reduce dropouts**
7. How can the district best serve our English Language Learners, both students and their parents? **Insist on early transition, otherwise they dropout. Change how we teach K-3 grades as was done this past year at Amesti and Calabasas.**
8. How do you suggest the district incorporate the Common Core standards to better serve our students? **Improve the training and execution.**
9. In light of PVUSD's underperforming schools, how would you suggest these schools better serve students? **Insist on early transition of Spanish speaking EL students. Identify underperforming teachers and work towards improving their performance or remove them.**
10. What can the district do to decrease the dropout rate? **1. Insist on early EL transition 2. Change how we teach K-3 [see above] 3. Increase vocational programs**
11. What do you think the district policy should be about parent school choice regarding underperforming schools? **Where possible, allow intradistrict transfers**
12. What is your stance on charter schools? **There is a place for Charter schools. Charter schools have had mixed success so one has to be careful in how you add them.**
13. What is your approach to minimizing cultural conflicts while honoring the diversity of our student population? **Promote an inclusive environment. Support bullying training.**
14. How can we recruit and retain experienced, competent staff given the high cost of living and less competitive salaries? **Have the ADA funding be adjusted for Cost of Living. Provide affordable housing for young teachers.**
15. How will you obtain input from faculty, staff and others in developing policies and making decisions? **Open door policy. When and where applicable interview responsible people and organizations. Work with other Board members, & the Superintendent and staff.**

16. Do you have a special area of interest that you would like to incorporate into your work as a school board member? **Early transition of EL. Increase Vocational pathways. Reduce dropout rates.**
17. What is your experience and knowledge of collective bargaining? **I have had no experience, however I am familiar with the practice.**
18. How can our district best protect and preserve the physical, mental and environmental health of our students and staff? **Provide a safe environment. Provide better facilities by hiring back those Classified cut in 2008. Insist on academic excellence.**
19. Given our inadequate education funding, how would you prioritize PVUSD money for Adult Education? **Trick question. Adult Ed is separately funded and must work within their budget.**
20. Do you support Project Labor Agreements? Please state your reasons. **So long as they are applicable to the work at hand. I do not believe in contracts that call for exclusive Union workers, the contracts should be based on pricing and the demonstrated ability to complete the work.**
21. List the groups and individuals that have endorsed your campaign. **Leslie DeRose, Kim DeSerpa, Jeff Ursino, Willie Yahiro, Kim Turley, Brett McFaddin, Murry Schekman**
22. How much will you spend on the election? **>\$2K** How much will be your own money? **All.** How much time will you commit to the campaign? **What ever it takes.**
23. Do you seek the support of PVFT? **Yes.** If yes, what form of support do you desire? **An endorsement.**

Candidate Signature \_\_\_\_\_



Date: 18 Aug., 2018