

Joseph Scott

Candidate for APW Board of Education

1. Why did you decide to run for the Board of Education? What perspective do you feel you would bring to the board?

I have been attending meetings for several months after noticing some lapses in communication to parents and families as well as having noticed some issues with athletics. During this time I found out that many great things are happening within our school district that the community does not know about. Engagement and communication with the community is an area that needs to be enhanced. I decided to run for the BOE to both help fill the gap between the board and the community and also to bring an engaged parents perspective to the decisions being made by the BOE and return the focus to the children of the district. I realize this is a school and our number one priority is our children but I also bring a management perspective knowing that there are business needs that have to met and I bring several years experience from being part of the management team for a very successful multi-million dollar company.

2. What do you view as the greatest challenges that our school district faces?

We need to modernize to keep up with society but this comes with a balance of continuing tradition and the culture of being an APW student. Change is difficult and scary, we need to be open, honest, and effectively communicate in order to adapt to keep up with today's educational system.

3. What do you view as our district's greatest assets?

I believe our greatest assets are our children. It is our responsibilities to provide the proper education to our youth to prepare them for the rest of their lives. They are the future. There have been many great success stories that have come out of this area and I want to help continue to build on this success.

4. The Board of Education will be working to hire a new superintendent in the immediate future. What qualities and qualifications do you think this person must have?

I believe the new superintendent must be highly motivated to provide the best possible education to our youth. This person will be facing many challenges in dealing with such a rural, tight knit community. I believe this person will need to keep in mind the broad range of educational needs of our students with the goal of having EVERY student meet his or her standards. This person should also have great communication skills with the community to keep them informed of the great things happening within the school district.

5. Thinking about the budget, what do you think the District's priorities ought to be?

The district's priority should be to provide the best possible education to EVERY student within our district. The emphasis needs to be on education, however, to further their education some of our youth also utilize their athletic abilities to gain scholarships to continue their education. Also we need to foster all of the skills that our students need to prepare them for the rest of their lives. As I mentioned above we are preparing our youth for his/her future.