

Jefferson County Board of Education
JCEA Questionnaire for Candidates
2020

*Please limit your responses to no more than 50 words per numbered question.

Candidate's Name:

Barbara Cook

1. Why are you seeking a position on the Board of Education? List your experiences that are relevant to the position.

I am seeking a position on the Board of Education because I am tired of seeing our teachers, students and staff taking the back seat to political ideals. Enough is enough it must stop

2. List and explain briefly the top three goals/issues you feel the BOE should address.

- ① Safe, clean, functioning schools!
- ② Adequacy pay. I do plan on making sure the laws are changed whether I get voted in or not.
- ③ Property spending of money on schools & school related expenses

3. The JCEA is comprised of both professional and service personnel. How do you view your role/relationship with the JCEA in improving the educational system of Jefferson County?

The Board should be backing all professional and staff. They are the ones on the front line.

4. How do you plan to foster transparency and support the Board of Education, School Employees, and the community?

Ultimately the Board votes, but I do not believe in hiding facts. I will always vote to be forthcoming. I cannot say that for anyone else on the board.

Barbara Fuller

5. List/explain the top three budgetary goals/issues that should be addressed to plan and execute closing the revenue gaps in future JCS budgets.

① Locality Pay
② Schools

From what I can see from the financials I have seen, there is a lot of waste, it needs to be further reviewed.

6. How do you plan to ensure transparency between the Superintendent/Central Office Staff and School Employees?

I have heard a few stories regarding Dr. Gibson. I have also heard she is actively looking for a new position. How about we start there finding a replacement?

7. In recent years there has been an increase in students suffering from both emotional and physical trauma. The efforts to meet the needs of these students have overshadowed the needs of the overall school population. Teachers are regularly forced to stop instruction and enact safety protocols which negatively impact a positive learning environment in the classroom. How will you as a board member support a school environment that focuses on the needs of the many as well as the needs of the few?

Not all children are the same, they act, learn and express themselves differently. Those children who experience trauma should probably receive more services to control outbreaks. Depending on the severity of said trauma, an aide might be beneficial.

8. List and explain your direct experiences/contributions with the Jefferson County School system to date.

I have volunteered in North Jefferson, Shepherdston Elementary and Shepherdston Middle while my children attended.

*Please return by April 13, 2020, in the enclosed addressed, stamped envelope. Thank you.