

WCSB Candidate Questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to share information about yourself, so we can share with the community. Your participation is a great signal that you believe in transparency and will serve with a willing and open mindset - we will post your answers 100% as you wrote them with no editing or associated commentary.

Please submit no later than END OF DAY 3/4/2022

Email *

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Name *

Josh Brown

District

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How long have you lived in Williamson County? *

My entire life with exception of college years

Employer / Occupation *

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Please select all that apply: *

- My kid(s) currently attend a WCS school (2021-22)
- My kid(s) currently attend a FSSD school (2021-22)
- My kid(s) graduated from WCS
- My kids are not yet school age but will attend WCS or FSSD
- My kid(s) attends private school
- My kid(s) is homeschooled
- I have grandchildren enrolled in WCS (2021-22)

Which FSSD/WCS schools do your children attend? (Write N/A if not applicable) *

Trinity Elementary

What is or has been your involvement with Williamson County Schools to date? (e.g. PTO, volunteering, etc.) *

Our family has supported the Trinity PTO and its events for many years

Please list any professional or personal organizations you're currently or have recently (last 3 years) been involved with, including where you have a Board of Directors seat, sit on a committee, volunteer for, or regularly attend meetings *

Williamson Medical Center Foundation Capital Campaign Committee

What compelled you to run for this position? *

I sought the appointment originally because of our children who are a part of WCS and seeing the division that school-related issues had created in our community. I believed then and still believe that we have difficult issues and challenges ahead and I want to be part of the solution.

What do you believe is the most important quality or characteristic for a Williamson County School Board member to possess and exhibit? *

To be a good listener and solutions-oriented

What are your thoughts on the School Board races being partisan this year due to the new state legislature that passed in late 2020?

Partisan elections can be positive if they reveal more about a candidate's views and values, but partisanship should never be a part of how the board conducts its business

What, if any, involvement have you had in local or state politics before running for School Board? *

I have been active in local and state political campaigns for over 25 years, but this is the first time I have been on the ballot

Have you ever spoken at public comment during a School Board meeting? If yes, please provide details on the topic.

If you had to describe a School Board member's role in 1-2 sentences, what would it be? *

The primary role is to provide good governance and sound policies that allow our students and teachers to excel. Additionally, a board member should represent the families in their district by listening to and providing a voice for parents on behalf of their children who are a part of WCS.

How will you communicate with your constituents if elected? Please share links to your Facebook page, Twitter handle, and/or campaign website: *

I will communicate primarily via Facebook, however I prefer to communicate directly with constituents via email and phone calls to address their specific needs

www.votejoshbrown.com

www.facebook.com/joshbrownwcs

What are top 3 most pressing issues facing the School Board at this moment? *

Funding and retention for teachers and staff

Managing growth and construction/zoning challenges

Improving communication and engagement with parents

If an incumbent, what are you most proud of during your service as a School Board member?

I'm happy that in my first 4 months on the board I was able to vote in favor of an unprecedented mid-year pay increase for our teachers

Do you believe WCS teachers are paid enough?

Yes

No

Do you believe WCS schools are adequately funded for their operational and capital needs?

Yes

No

What do voters need to know about you that we haven't already asked when deciding who to support and vote for as their representative? *

I am a product of public schools, a parent of current WCS students, and a Williamson County taxpayer. I have a vested interest in the success of our schools. I bring a balanced, thoughtful, and common-sense approach to my role on the board. While there may be occasional disagreements on policy, voters should want someone who seeks solutions, is respected by their peers and can get things done.

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