

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

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Name *

Jay Galbreath

District

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How long have you lived in Williamson County? *

46 Years

Employer / Occupation *

Kythera Labs

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) *

Ravenwood

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

PTO, Athletics Booster and Parent, volunteering, taught weekly Math program at Crockett in 3rd Grade

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 *

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What compelled you to run for this position? *

Even prior to high school I knew I wanted to serve my community through public office. I ran 8 years ago to help provide a voice for parents and students, and I am proud to say that I have lived out that mission. I have helped countless parents and students navigate the system and helped advocate for them to reach resolution for their issues.

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

A board member should be respectful, inquisitive, and offer unique perspectives.

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

I was not in favor of partisan elections, however, I believe it is important for candidates to be forthcoming as to their background and political ideology. I have always been very transparent that I am a Conservative, but I do not come to the board pushing any sort of agenda and will push back against those that do. (I speak often of the fact that Anne McGrow and I held widely different political views, but our views on major issues on the board were largely in sync, because we both listened to parents' views and demanded accountability from the administration)

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

I have voted in every possible election in Brentwood and Williamson County since I registered to vote at age 18. I ran for Brentwood City Commission in 2013 and lost by 40 votes before successful elections in 2014 and 2018 to represent District 6 on the Williamson County School Board.

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

Prior to 2014, I don't think so, but I honestly don't remember

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

My role on the board is to bring a unique perspective to the table, provide a voice for parents, students, and my constituents, and seek clarity and the necessary information to ensure the Board makes sound decisions regarding policy and governance.

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

I routinely talk to constituents via email and phone as well as through my Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/jaygalbreathwcs>. I don't yet have a campaign website, and I don't communicate on Twitter for district business, though my personal Twitter gets tagged routinely for education issues.

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

Securing adequate funding and planning for growth; Attracting, hiring, and retaining teachers and staff; Rebuilding community and relationships between families and teachers/administration

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

The thoughtful, deliberate approach to long-term planning for growth, including the creation of a 10-year capital plan and the inclusion of feeder school capacity, and the expansion of our schools' capacity to maintain community schools and reduce impact of rezoning on families.

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'm a lifelong resident of Williamson County and Brentwood and am deeply rooted and vested in our community. I would be honored to have four more years to represent my community on the School Board by continuing to offer my professional experience as a financial executive and business owner and my perspective as a husband and father of five children, each with their own needs, to serve the 42,000+ unique students in WCS to the best of our ability. I appreciate the widespread support that I have received over these past 8 years from a diverse group across the county and the recognition that I bring a common-sense approach to addressing the issues facing WCS.

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