

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 *

Robert "Bob" Britton

District

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How long have you lived in Williamson County? *

20 years

Employer / Occupation *

Retired Corporate Executive and small business owner

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.) *

Online school monitor for my grandchildren

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 *

Salvation Army of Middle Tennessee, volunteer, past Board Chair and past Treasurer

What compelled you to run for this position? *

My grandsons and all the children in the WCS. I'm passionate about public schools and I want to preserve and protect our high-quality school system in Williamson County.

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

Compassion, empathy and critical thinking skills.

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 believe School Boards should focus on what is good for the students, the teachers and the school system and not be a place where political ideologies influence decisions and further divide our community. At the end of the day, I believe all of us want the same things for our children: a learning environment where all students feel safe, valued and respected; a challenging curriculum that prepares our children to be productive citizens and trusted professionals to guide them through their educational experience.

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

None. I am the treasurer of the Williamson County Democratic Party.

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

No

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

To devise and implement policies that improve school system efficiency and effectiveness and ensure that the school system has adequate funding to meet the needs of our students, teachers and staff. To serve as leader and representative of the community and as an advocate for students and the school district.

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

Still developing Facebook Page, campaign website, Instagram and Twitter accounts. Will be available soon.

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

Adequate funding to meet growth and maintain our high-quality schools including compensation packages that ensure that the WCS is able to hire and retain the best teachers and staff. The need for positive community support, beginning at the board level, for teachers and staff at Williamson County Schools. Providing a learning environment that ensures that every student feels valued, respected and safe.

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

N/A

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 was born in Detroit, Michigan and grew up in Venezuela and Argentina I speak fluent Spanish. I also traveled to over 60 countries for business and pleasure and lived in Austria for 3 years as an adult. Those experiences have made more empathetic, open-minded and unafraid of differences.

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