



My name is Mike G Wolk. I'm a lifelong resident of Sainte Genevieve running for the R-II school board. I was raised in Weingarten, Missouri to a family of nine. I have four older and four younger siblings, four sisters and four brothers. I've been in public business for 45 years while spending all of my years as a lifelong farmer. I've been married to Sharon for 47 years. We've been blessed with four sons, who have blessed us with four beautiful "daughters" and 13 grandchildren. I feel these families all contribute greatly to the Sainte Genevieve community.

Enough about me. As a candidate, I'd like to share my experience and beliefs with you, the voters, as these values are how I would vote on your behalf. I have learned over the many years of my life that there are a lot of different ways to be smart. Someone who was thought of as "just a farmer" developed a testing device and equipment to take an engine rated at 90 hp and expand that to over 3000. Someone who needed help and was barely able to graduate high school became a top notch equipment operator producing far better results in far less time than his peers. Someone who has such a likable personality and insight to fairness, firstly, achieved a county president position, on to a state position of the same in their field. Someone who really loved math, became an exceptional math teacher. I've had friends that love schooling so much they've become college professors and even a college dean. There are countless other examples that I've known personally, and admired for their success. All are valued assets to the community. While speaking at my good friend Paul Mullins retirement event, I talked about the different ways of being smart, and that no matter what yours is, do it to the best of your God-given talents. I've touched on "assets to the community." Doing your job, whatever it is, wherever you work, raising a family, enjoying vacation, you, living your life, makes you an asset to the community and an asset to the United States of America. I truly believe the ultimate goal of the school board and the school is helping to mold "assets to the community." Thanks for considering me as a candidate. Mike G. Wolk

MIKE WOLK

Board Candidate — April 2, 2024 Ballot

1. *What motivates you to want to become a Board of Education member?*

To contribute to the school district, which I have been associated with since 1969.

2. *What attributes do you consider to be essential for successful school board members?*

To vote with the best interest of the school district and its students.

3. *What is your vision for education in this community?*

To have a top tier facility with top tier educators.

4. *What do you see as the three most pressing issues facing public education, and what is your vision for addressing those?*

First, CRT. Second, woke ideology. Thirdly, any idea the students can express themselves as anything but human. There should never be a time when a board member or members of faculty hide anything between themselves and a student from that student's parents. I am a strong believer in parental rights. Always vote with strong Christian morals.

5. *Legislation establishes state policy for education, and there are several state bills that would systematically impact public schools. To what extent would you like to be involved in legislative activity? What responsibilities do board members have regarding advocacy?*

I don't feel that I possess the ability to be an effective advocate for legislative activity. I would hope that all board members have a true sense of right and wrong, true and false, and advocate accordingly.

6. *What do you see as our district's educational strengths, and what do you see as areas of improvement?*

Our strengths... a top notch facility that other schools think highly of. Improvements could possibly come in the form of a business man's experience over a 55 year career.

7. *Please share your thoughts on how to provide quality education for a diverse student population? For example, this would include students who use special education services, students who are differently-abled, students who have cultural differences, students who utilize English as a Second Language (ESL) services, students who perform in the average range academically, students who utilize the gifted services, etc.*

I believe that the current agenda addresses all well.

8. *What is your position in regard to both character education and social emotional learning in schools?*

My position, simply stated, is that all education should be merit based. Sports is a great way to build character and socially the sports and classrooms operated properly demonstrate great social skills.

9. *What kind of relationship should the district and school board have with its community, including any partnerships or activities that could support student achievement outside of school?*

The school district and board should always represent the communities interest including students. I do not believe a board member should take it upon themselves to introduce activities or partnerships but should vote considerately when the topic arises.

10. *What have you done to become informed about our District in order to prepare for your possible election to the school board?*

Through my interaction with many student and student athletes as well as community concerns along with years of conducting business, I am hopeful I could be an asset to the school board.

11. *How would you handle requests and/or concerns if approached by an individual or special interest group?*

I would present any viable concerns to the board for consideration.

12. *Suppose the board made a decision you voted against, and a community member asked you about the decision. How would you handle the situation?*

As a board, the final decision is the board's decision. That is how I would respond.

13. *Is there any other information you would like our faculty and staff, our families and our community to know about you?*

Firstly, I think all of our school board members are great. I am not running because of any disapproval. I have felt the need to give back to the community and school that I am a product of. As a Christian, if I receive your vote I will always vote with those moral values. I believe to describe me, I am a realist. What's right is right, wrong is wrong, What's true is true, false, is false. Our country and school have produced great citizens, presidents, teachers, etc. Simply put, " if it ain't broke don't fix it."