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What is the biggest issue facing JCPS right now, and how would you address it?

Currently the deficit is probably the biggest issue, we need to be fiscally responsible. Winning the seat for District 5, I would first advocate to get all the monies in order and go from there.

What specific changes would you push for at JCPS if elected?

JCPS Board should have a clear goal. I saw a report that the state auditor said that there wasn't a clear vision. We must have a clear mission statement; the community must know what we strive for. We must have everyone on board to get effective results.

What is your connection to the district?

Currently I have two children in JCPS. My oldest graduated two years ago.

What relevant experience in education do you have?

I'm a trustee in my Union on our Ed fund. I also have a seat on JATC (Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee) where we create, modify and administer our Apprenticeship curriculum.

What relevant business, budgeting or financial management experience do you have?

As a Business Rep for SMART Local 110, I'm a trustee for our Taft-Hartley funds. We get sent to do multiple trainings a year to be current on the latest laws and how they affect our funds.

JCPS has faced major budget challenges. What would you do to improve financial oversight and rebuild trust with taxpayers?

We need to look at the school district from the top down. I don't believe that it's one concrete issue on why the financials are not working out. I believe it needs to be a comprehensive approach.

How would you measure whether the superintendent is doing a good job?

Leading from the front, anyone who has a position like this should realize that the buck stops with them.

What do you believe JCPS should do to improve student achievement?

JCPS needs more community involvement, we need to show people that the kids are the future. We bring the community in like its investment to be excited about, it's not just about raising taxes. Invest your time, get some skin in the game.

Is there anything else you want voters to know about you or your campaign?

I'll be knocking on their doors soon enough, I was told that this was a thankless job....
I said sign me up!