



CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE

QUESTIONNAIRE

- 1 What is your motivation for running for this office?

To help make a difference in the lives of the students enrolled in Birmingham City Schools.

- 2 What is your greatest virtue, especially as applied to leadership, stewardship and learning?

Being for and about others as well as being honest and trustworthy.

- 3 If you currently attend a house of worship, what is the name of it and how often do you attend?

I am a member of Sixth Avenue Baptist Church. Lately I have been attending Living Stone Temple and Popewell Messianic Baptist Church. Both churches are close to where I live.

- 4 What impact will your faith have on the performance of the duties of this office?

I am not a selfish person and I treat others the way I would like to be treated.

- 5 How will you establish a good working relationship with the elected Mayor to ensure the City's success?

Being a school board member is not a position where you will be working closely with the Mayor. It would be nice, and the Mayor along with Council meet at various times of the year to see how we could help each other move the City forward.

- 6 Recognizing that education plays a vital role on the present and future of a city's economy and job growth, what are your plans for Birmingham City Schools to be seen as one of the top education institutions in the nation?

One individual board member can do very little. My plan would be to work with the superintendent to put a plan in place to improve our academics in our schools as well as to put some accountability in place.

- 7 What do you see as Birmingham City Schools greatest challenges and assets?

Our greatest challenge would be to change the perception people have when it comes to Birmingham City Schools. Our greatest assets are our students.

- 8 What goals do you hope to achieve if elected?

My main goal is to get more parental involvement for our schools. Work with the superintendent to try and get more businesses and churches involved in helping our schools.

- # 9 What in your opinion is the reason for Birmingham City's failed schools and what are your plans to ensure the success of Birmingham City Schools.

One board member cannot work alone to ensure the success of Birmingham City Schools. The role of a board is to make policy and governance. To make our system successful the board, superintendent and teachers have to work together in focus on teaching and learning along with getting qualified teachers.

- 10 What will you, as a board member, do to assure that teachers have the support and materials needed to successfully assist students in meeting state standards?

The only thing a board member can do is work with the CEO and superintendent to make sure that the teachers are getting the resources they need as well as other instructional materials. We also have to make all teachers are getting adequate O.D. training.

- 11 How would you balance your decisions as a member of the board with the input of parents and teachers?

By listening to what both have to say and then checking to make sure that I am receiving is correct.

- 12 How long have you lived in Birmingham, and how would you characterize the City's quality of life? How should it be improved?

All my life. The quality of life is very unequal. All neighborhoods should be taken care of. Our school system should be given more than 2.3 million dollars plus a few perks when it comes to our children's education.

- 13 What distinguishes you from the other candidates?

I am very involved in the schools in my district. I am ~~an~~ the incumbent in my race. Before I became a board member, I was involved in my schools in my neighborhood ~~and~~ as a Neighborhood Officer and Leader.

- 14 What issue is not getting enough attention?

Parental Involvement as well as a process for holding our school staffs accountable.

** 9. We also have to realize that we have a large number of students living in poverty as well as coming from broken homes. We have to think about the number of students that have very young parents and really cannot help students with homework or study work.*