

SAINT PAUL SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Brian P. Joyce (1)

Will you abide by the DFL endorsement and support the DFL endorsed candidate?

(Yes or No) *Yes.*

Why should the DFL endorse you? What values do you share with the DFL?

I have been (2003) a DFL endorsed candidate for the St. Paul School Board. I feel I am even more knowledgeable and skilled than I was at that time. I have volunteered for or worked on a large number of St. Paul DFL political campaigns. I am currently a member of the ward 2 executive committee. I share with the DFL the commitment to equality for all people, the belief in the importance of public education and on the right of people to organize to make life better for themselves and their families. I also believe in open, honest and responsive government at all levels.

What qualifications do you possess for the office that you seek?

- *Former DFL, St. Paul Federation of Teachers & Labor endorsed candidate for St. Paul School Board.*
- *Former Site Council Co- Chair at Ramsey Jr. High*
- *Former Chair of Ramsey Jr. High Principal search group.*
- *Former member and Co- Chair of the Citizens Budget and Finance Committee for SPPS.*
- *Former parent member of the District Superintendent Search group for SPPS.*
- *Board member of Support Our Schools and the American Indian Family Center.*
- *25 years of Retail Management experience.*
- *Actor and Director.*

Thinking about your participation in other groups, how would you describe your contribution as one of several decision makers?

I am a consensus builder, a leader and try to always be a voice for those not at the table. I look for solutions by asking questions and seeking the best information available. I want to hear

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from all parties involved and impacted by decisions the group might make. Once I have the information I make what I believe to be the best choice possible.

What is your commitment to public transparency? Do you believe that the school board and superintendent should be totally transparent in all decisions, both as decisions are being made and after decisions are made?

I believe in transparency as long as it is legal. There are certain matters involving individuals which legally cannot be discussed or shared. Outside of this I believe all public agencies should be totally transparent in how they work, the process they use and the decisions they make. As a School Board Member I would insist on transparency in all the work of our district.

With an expected decreasing budget for at least two years, what three things do you think that you could accomplish as a school board member?

- 1) Increase parent participation in the education of their children and the work of the district.*
- 2) Change practices at all levels so what we do is most effective with the current student population we serve. We must stop playing catch up and get ahead of the curve.*
- 3) Create an atmosphere of cooperation and respect for all the people and groups who make education in St. Paul possible.*

What criteria would you use to make the selection for next St. Paul Public Schools superintendent?

I would want information from all stakeholders on what was good and bad in our last two superintendents. I would then look at the immediate and long term needs of our students, teacher and staff. I would combine these factors to create a template to use while screening. Myself I want someone committed and capable of inclusive leadership. I want someone who will be there till the work is done. I want someone who gets the unique character of St. Paul and how we expect our district to work and communicate. I want ability, inclusiveness, respect, an eye on the classroom and an innovator.