

Alexander Local School Board (2 to Be Elected) <u>Responsibilities:</u> The school board adopts policies for the district, employs & oversees the superintendent and treasurer, and serves as the connection between the district and the community.			
Candidates in alphabetical order	Why do you want to serve on the school board?	If you had the power to change one thing about your school district, what would that be and what would be the potential impact?	If the school board is considering an issue that is new to you, what steps would you take to learn more about the issue?
Stephen Crook 740-590-2971 stephenwcrook@yahoo.com	I want to serve on the Alexander School Board because I want to combine my passion for the school and community with my knowledge and experience to make Alexander one of the best schools in the State of Ohio. We have a tremendous administration, outstanding teachers and incredible students and I want to help them all continue to make our school system stand out above the others.	Transparency and communication are at the top of my list. Unfortunately, I have heard from community members who feel that the board has not communicated well and isn't working towards the best interest of our students. This has caused hostility and lack of trust and support for the current board and school system in general. If we can work to change those feelings and restore the community's faith, it will make it easier to gain support for the needs of the children, school and community.	Firstly, I would research the issue at hand in its entirety. This could include online research, speaking with educational members at the state level and potentially reaching out to other area schools to see if they have reviewed this particular issue and what the outcome was. Secondly, I would speak with administration/staff as well as people in the community to understand their thoughts behind the issue. I feel it's very important to gather information and look at all perspectives.
Lucy deLaval Juedes 740-517-3345 lucyjuedes@gmail.com	I would like to serve on the board because I have the leadership and management experience to do a good job. Finishing up the Alexander Recreation Center and opening it to staffed use by students and families, managing education and safety during the coronavirus pandemic with limited knowledge and many constraints, and upgrading our track and field -- all of these have informed my ability to weigh decisions and balance priorities.	Overall I think our school is doing fairly well. I guess if there was one thing I would change is that every student would know they are loved and cared for. Our staff care very much for the students, but it's hard being a young person. I'm sure each student goes through a difficult time. I hope and wish that, while nothing replaces family, each student knows at least one staff member who would be there for them. Maybe then the other things that can impact students' lives wouldn't be so hard.	First, is there an immediate or potential harm to students or staff? If so, staff would handle it with the appropriate authorities and document what we know and are doing. Second, if there isn't immediate potential harm, why is this an issue? What happened to bring this forward? I would ask staff the who, what, when, where, why, and how. Third, I would read up on the issue, using legitimate sources, so that I had some background. Fourth, I would seek staff's recommendation and why.
Blake Regan 740-541-2239 regan.blake@gmail.com	I want to continue serving the Alexander community as a school board member as I have and will continue to communicate with all sides of any issue, understand that the board is to set policy for the school's administration to run the day-to-day operations of the district, and most of all keep students of our district at the forefront of any decision I make.	Allowing for a "work-study" path towards graduation. This would include allowing students that are not receptive of the traditional school environment to earn their core requirements towards graduation while also allowing them to hold a job outside of the school giving them the ability to earn their high school diploma in addition to gaining invaluable work experience as well as a paycheck. This program also has the potential to help the local economy by providing an additional workforce option.	Research. I would start by consulting our handbook to see if any policy(s) addresses the issue at hand, then reach out to potential experts or people with experience on the matter at hand to learn more about it, then reach out to different perspectives within our district to get a better understanding of the potential impact on the various populations within our district. With this information, I would make my decision based upon what is in the best interest of the students.

Trimble Local School Board (2 to Be Elected) <u>Responsibilities:</u> The school board adopts policies for the district, employs & oversees the superintendent and treasurer, and serves as the connection between the district and the community			
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David Alex Jajczyk	I have 2 children who attend Trimble local schools and would like to get more involved.	I don't have any major changes that I have in mind. I would like to get involved and then make a more informed decision about any potential changes.	I would speak with who is presenting the issue as well as who is for and against the issue. Then I would form my own opinion on the issue.
David Owen	I was a junior high basketball coach at Trimble, really care about the kids and wanted to help them in more ways than just coaching. i care about the district.	I would change our absentee rate. We have so many young people that need to be in school. Not just for education but social and health reasons.	I listen to both sides of the issue. Talk to those who support and also to those who oppose. There is also plenty of online resources that can give you guidance.
Kayla Simons kaylasf@hotmail.com	My 3 main goals for serving on school board would be: 1- Increase focus on Education and improving our state scores. 2- Increase communication between the school and the community. 3-Better fiscal responsibility and make sure our policies and procedures align with State and Federal guidelines.	I want to make sure that our focus is on Education and not extra curricular activities. While these activities are important to social and emotional development, our number one focus should be Education. By improving our State Scores their is potential for more funds to come into our district to provide the much needed resources our children need to succeed.	Educate myself on the issue. Whether that be asking other's opinions, as well as using resources and data to find out more about the issue first, so I can make an educated, informed decision.