

# Lewis-Palmer District 38 Board of Education Candidate Statements

Our Community News will not be covering any of the candidate forums that will occur in October, since the Nov. 7 issue of OCN will post-date the mail-in election that includes the school board election.

Registered voters can vote for candidates in all the districts, not just their own district.

Candidates were allowed 150-word limit for their answers to two questions:

- What in your background will be helpful in this position?
- What are the top two/three issues facing the district?

### Director District 1

This is for a two-year term to complete the remainder of a partial term due to an appointment:

#### Sherrri Hawkins

- I have been on the board since December 2013 and

currently serve as board secretary. I have been a public school teacher and have coached in the area since 2000. I believe in continuing our fiscal responsibility, preparing for any potential financial crisis, and advocating funds to the fullest amount from the state. We live in and send our children to the best school district in the state. With high classroom achievement, competitive athletic teams, and phenomenal arts programs, our district is tremendous.

- I commend the wonderful collaboration among all of our stakeholders – the board, administration, teachers, support staff, parents, and community. This work pays off with positive effects for our students. As a candidate,

this is my passion – continuing the great work of our district, fighting for local control, and empowering people on the board without any personal agenda. Doing what is best for kids is my constant commitment.

#### Lani Moore

- Lani Moore has one child attending school in D-38. Her background includes: 20-plus years in customer service, 13-plus years in the real estate industry, and most recently she developed and implemented a statewide adult education training program.
- Her goals are to champion family rights, protect property taxes, and to work to halt the nickel and diming. Parents need to be aware that they have the right to

avoid intrusive testing and surveys. As a community, we need to assert our constitutional right of local control and stop common core. Before another ballot measure is proposed we must cut non-essential spending, evaluate existing space, and have an open budgeting process. She also advocates for inviting the community to participate along with the board and school faculty to resolve complex issues. This is the best way to have trust re-established between the school board and the community that it serves.

### Director District 2

This is for a four-year term.

#### Kris Beasley

- About me: Parent of an LPHS student; two-year volunteer on school and D-38

accountability committees and D-38's Safety and Security committee. Retired Air Force colonel; proudly served 28 years. 30-plus years' experience leading large technology and education organizations. Colorado pioneer family. Master's degree in Education; teach cybersecurity Masters classes. Raised \$100,000 for STEM scholarships.

- I'm Kris Beasley and I want to help keep our schools the best in Colorado! To continue D-38's tradition of educational excellence, we must have local control of: when and how much the district tests, the data privacy of our kids and how our teachers teach and are evaluated. D-38 must also have the right fiscal resources to develop innovative, academically strong and globally aware citizens. I'll work to get state school funding restored to pre-recession levels and unfunded mandates reduced ... and continue to balance the budget!

#### Sarah Sampayo

- Sarah Sampayo has three children attending D-38 schools. Her credentials include: mediator, attorney, university adjunct professor, doctorate of jurisprudence, wife of USAF retired officer, and developed/taught a martial arts anti-bullying program.
- Studies show that student success requires only three things: a disciplined child, parental support, and good teachers. School boards should provide the environment for all three requirements, then get out of the way. Sarah believes common core is eroding the pillars that gave D-38 its track

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