

School District of Jefferson

School Board Candidate Questionnaire



AMY HUDSON

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE

Describe your background:

I was born and raised in Jefferson and graduated from Jefferson High School. I graduated from UW-Whitewater with a Bachelor of Science - Education degree and taught high school biology and chemistry at East Troy High School. I then went to UW-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine and received my Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. I have been a small animal veterinarian for over 20 years. I live in Jefferson with my husband, two teenage children, and this year, we are hosting our third foreign exchange student – Mirarda from Türkiye.

Describe your involvement in the School District of Jefferson and the community:

The School District of Jefferson has been a very important part of my family, as I am one of 3 generations of JHS graduates. I have two children, a sophomore and a senior at JHS this year, along with Mirarda. We have also hosted Andreas from Denmark and Hadia from Pakistan. Hosting international students has been life-changing. We have truly gained family members through this program and become global citizens. Our children have been in the School District since starting 4K at East Elementary. As with every family, we have navigated many successes and challenges. Through those, we have built meaningful relationships with administrators, faculty, staff and fellow parents. I am also a business owner in the community, and since opening the business 12 years ago, I have contributed where I can to support different causes throughout the district.

Why are you running for School Board?

The school district is the heart of our community, and its success is important for all of us. I can bring several different perspectives to the board, as a former teacher, a parent and a community taxpayer. I can look at problems critically and work with people from many different backgrounds to find solutions.

Identify current District strengths and challenges:

Certainly, a strength in our district is the people. We have so many kind, caring and passionate educators, administrators and paraprofessionals that have dedicated their lives to the work of raising up the next generation. I have seen this first-hand at all of the district schools. The elementary principal eating lunch with my child, the middle school staff making accommodations to support students with mental health challenges, the guidance counselors at the high school helping our young adults find their path. We are truly blessed as parents and community members.

I think the biggest challenge we face is the changing financial picture. With the decrease in state and federal funding for public education, there have been and will continue to be very difficult decisions to be made. A thoughtful, unbiased approach to managing the school district budget is critical for the benefit of all.