

Candidate Questionnaire

Why are you running for the Gillette Community College Board of Trustees? If elected, what will be your priorities?

I am running for the Gillette Community College Board of Trustees as an incumbent candidate. I originally ran to support the separation of NWCCD and Gillette College to become our own district. I believe the Community Colleges are great economic investments for communities. The need to make higher education accessible and affordable for our community will be one of my main priorities. I also will continue to be respectful of our community's investments and be fiscally responsible with my decisions toward the college.

Is there a particular issue that motivates you to serve on this board?

Accreditation and becoming our own independent college district is one of the reasons I am choosing to run for the Board of Trustees for another term. I have personally witnessed the benefits of having a community college locally and how it can change student lives.

What experiences or skills have prepared you to be a trustee?

I have been a College Trustee for two years and current treasurer for the Wyoming Association of Community College Trustees. In those two years, I helped to develop the handbook orientation guidelines for new Trustees, and am the current secretary of the GCCD Board of Trustees, have participated in the groundwork for the path toward accreditation and have set initial policies for Gillette Community College District. I have served as Gillette College Booster Club President, a member of the Gillette College Advisory Board as well as an avid supporter of our community college through activities involving the student body, athletes and the Gillette College Foundation for many years.

What community organizations have you been involved in?

I am currently the Chairman of the Campbell County Weed & Pest District Board, the former President of the Wyoming State Weed & Pest Council and an active member of the Wyoming Stockgrowers Association. I have also been involved in many youth sports organizations for numerous years.

How will you promote your candidacy?

I will participate in local political forums, be present by visiting with the community members at events and continue representing Gillette College as a Board member.

Could you support a board decision you did not vote in favor of? Why or why not?

I absolutely can support a board decision if I have not voted for it because I believe functioning boards should listen and respect each other. As long as others can support their reasoning and respect my opinion, a majority vote is the voice of the board.

How often do you attend Gillette College Board of Trustees meetings?

I regularly attend the monthly Board of Trustee meetings as well as many committee meetings and workshops for the Gillette College Board.

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