

Candidate for School Board Position 6: Pamela P. Kichler

1.] Why are you seeking this public office?

There is a need for school board members who will both show up for the scheduled meetings, and who will quickly and firmly address issues falling within the school boards range of authority.

We have had a major turnover of seasoned teachers and coaches in this school system within the past few years. This situation needs to be discussed and corrected quickly.

There is a desperate need for honor, respect, and appreciation to be shown to our Para's, Teachers, Coaches, Secretaries, Nurses, Counsellors, Principals and Superintendent. This needs to be addressed.

2.] What makes you uniquely qualified to serve in this position and most distinguishes you from your opponents?

I graduated from nursing school in 1989 and have specialized in Psych since 2009. I am currently working at The Osawatomie State Hospital.

Attending the meetings will not be an issue, I PLAN TO SHOW UP!

My husband and I have lived here for 35 years. This is my home; this is where I have been planted; my heart is here, and I am not leaving this area soon.

We have worked with the area youth since 2009 and worked in Ottawa for several years prior to that. Many young men and women who attended our functions back then are bringing their kids out today.

'The Kichler House' is designed to be a place of safety, peace and fun times.

I love these kids; I do not want them to grow up and be ashamed of their 'lack of education.'

3.] What are your top three policy issues?

1.) I want to get back to the basics of education, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, History, Government and Communication. Computers, Cell Phones and Tablets are not going anywhere, but they cannot go everywhere; your head will.

I want to strengthen minds and hearts, I don't want our young people to be ashamed if they're called upon to balance a checkbook, or write legibly, or to read adequately, or to know where Utah is on a map, or be able to tell the difference between a Senator and a Governor. I want them to be able to communicate to others verbally when necessary.

2.) I want the youth today to understand that most adults are for them.

3.) My third policy is simply showing up for scheduled meetings.

4.] How can Wellsville best manage and balance growth regarding future development projects?

As a school board member, I will seek to find a solution for kids coming into our district – if they have a good or bad influence, if they are troubled kids, or are moving with their family for employment opportunities. We must ensure that the kids already here will not be negatively influenced; it should be a positive experience and good for all!

5.] Is proper staffing in place to handle the growth coming? If not, what changes do you suggest?

Yes, we do need proper staffing. It is evident that there is going to be growth! We need a school board who will stand and evaluate what is needed. We must ascertain that we have the education system in place as well, - Teacher's, Coaches, Counselor's, Nurses, and Principals.

We cannot continue losing tried and true teachers and coaches while preparing for upcoming growth.

6.] City candidates: describe your position on whether a City Manager or similar position would be appropriate for Wellsville or not.

Any candidate – city or not – deserves to be honored for their dedication, loyalty, and commitment.