



Williamson County Elections – August 5, 2010  
Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name: TIM McLAUGHLIN

Office/District: SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 4

1. What is your motivation in seeking election to the Williamson County School Board?  
How will your background and/or experience qualify you to hold this position?

I BELIEVE IN TOP QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL CHILDREN. CHILDREN ARE OUR GREATEST RESOURCE FOR THE FUTURE. MY EDUCATION IS

A BS & MS IN ENGINEERING. I HAVE WORKED FOR SCHOOL SYSTEMS FOR 9 YEARS AND ON THE SCHOOL BOARD FOR

2. Are you currently, or have you previously been, a licensed educator? If so, for how long? <sup>2 years</sup>  
What subject area(s) did/do you teach?

I AM NOT A TEACHER LICENSED IN TENNESSEE, BUT I SERVED AS ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS FOR OVER SIX YEARS.

3. If you have children, to what extent do/did they attend public schools?

WE HAVE FOUR CHILDREN, ALL WHO ATTENDED PUBLIC SCHOOLS. TWO OF THEM GRADUATED FROM CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL.

4. What should be the top priorities of the Williamson County School System over the next several years? How would you address and/or fund these priorities?

TOP PRIORITIES FOR THIS NEXT YEAR SHOULD BE GOING TO GET THE STRATEGIC PLAN AND AREA-WIDE IN PLACE. THEN HIGH STANDARDS SHOULD BE PUT INTO PLACE TO RAISE ALL WILLIAMSON COUNTY SCHOOLS AT OR TO EXCEED THOSE STANDARDS. THE EAST SIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEEDS TO OPEN NEXT FALL.

5. Williamson County has achieved tremendous success over the past several years in terms of economic development and corporate recruitment. This success can be partially attributed to the attractiveness of the County's public education system. What role, if any, could the Williamson County School Board take to continue and/or enhance these efforts?

CORPORATIONS KNOW RECRUITMENT OF FAMILIES  
TO WILLIAMSON COUNTY REQUIRE EXCELLENT PUBLIC  
EDUCATION. THE BOARD NEEDS TO ACHIEVE EVEN  
GREATER SUCCESS TO BE KNOWN AS AN OUTSTANDING  
NATIONAL EDUCATING INSTITUTION.

6. Several education-oriented organizations have recently advocated for local school districts within Tennessee to be granted separate taxing authority by the Tennessee General Assembly. Do you support this effort? If so, what limits, if any, would you place on this authority if granted?

I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH TENNESSEE'S  
TWO SYSTEMS <sup>OF GOVERNMENT</sup> WITH ONE EDUCATION  
AND THE OTHER TAXING.

7. In your opinion, is there a specific trigger or frequency that should determine the need to conduct a major or county-wide rezoning of the school district? Please explain.

WE HAVE REACHED THAT POINT. THE COUNTY-WIDE  
REZONING UNDERWAY WILL STOP "SPOT ZONING"  
WHICH CAUSES <sup>MUCH OF THE</sup> STUDENT DISRUPTIONS. IT WILL  
PLACE STUDENTS CLOSER TO THEIR SCHOOLS, ESTABLISH  
BETTER FEEDER PATTERNS, AND MAKE BETTER USE OF

8. How would you balance the leadership roles between the Williamson County School Board and the Superintendent of Schools? <sup>ALL OF OUR SCHOOLS</sup>

THE BOARD HAS ONE EMPLOYEE WHO IS TO  
DIRECT AND CARRY OUT THE POLICIES AND GOALS  
OF THE BOARD. THE DIRECTOR SHOULD BE  
GIVEN THE RESOURCES AND SUPPORT TO DO  
THIS.

9. Should the Williamson County School Board promote or implement initiatives aimed at improving sustainability and energy efficiency within the district? If so, where should these efforts be focused?

FOR THE SCHOOL BUDGET TO PLACE MORE  
FUNDING IN THE HANDS OF THE EDUCATORS,  
THE BOARD MUST PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY AND  
ENERGY EFFICIENCY. THIS WOULD BE IN HIGH PERFORMANCE  
BUILDINGS, GOOD PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE, AND ENERGY

10. Other Comments

MANAGEMENT OF ENERGY UTILITIES  
THE BOARD DESIGNED AND THEN CONSTRUCTED  
A SCHOOL SAVING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS USING  
A NEW METHOD OF BIDDING. WE NEED TO CONTINUE  
THIS <sup>METHOD</sup> SAVINGS OF TAXPAYERS DOLLARS

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