

Valparaiso School Board-Submitted Questions

1. What activities or interests in your current or past background do you believe will help you as a school board member?
2. Do you support the need for children to be in school 5 days a week?
3. Do you believe our children should continue to wear masks during the 2021-2022 school year, or do you support that families should have a choice if their child wears a mask at school?
4. The current process by which the VCS board is appointed allows for just one school board member representing students, families and tax payers living outside Valpo city limits but within the VCS school boundaries (Center Township). Do you believe the current make up of the board is equitable and if not, would you support measures rectifying this imbalance including expansion in the number of board members?
5. What do you believe is the best way for schools to combat inequalities including but not limited to race and gender?
6. Policies will be proposed that teachers, parents, and the community do not agree on. What will you consider and be influenced by before voting on any proposed policies?
7. What are your views on Critical Race Theory? Should it be taught in VCS?
8. Do you plan to have a legislative liaison represent VCS at ISBA functions and give updates on legislative topics like most school boards do?
9. VCS spent 18.3% of their capital referendum funds on high school athletic facilities. VCS hires full time, non-teaching positions for athletic department staff and coaches to support these facilities and the athletic teams. At the same time, librarians at the elementary level are classified as media specialist and paid approximately \$10 an hour for a part-time position. If appointed to the school board, would you continue focusing this level of financial and human capital at high school athletics?
10. What do you know about the Porter County Career and Tech Center?
11. Will you ensure anti-bias training is provided throughout the school district?
12. If the May 2022 referendum to extend extra operation funding is not successful, how should the board deal with funding the programs that have been funded by the 2015 referendum but now would not be? We know you will fully support the referendum, so please don't speak to that or to not being able to imagine the referendum being rejected. Rather, please speak about the

actions to take if it is rejected, which is a possibility during your term on the board. How will VCS fund those programs? What steps should the board take to do that?

13. Would you support teachers having pride flags in their classroom?
14. In the first round of interviews, some candidates spoke in favor of involving students in decisions and policies that affect them through school board input on their part. Actually implementing something would require added work for the board. If you favor this kind of engagement with and from students, please specify what actions the board should take to collect student ideas and ensure their involvement.
15. Do you believe there is a liberal bias in the material students are provided? Do you think schools should teach a politically impartial curriculum?
16. What is the job or purpose of a school board member?