



## **Republican Central Committee Questionnaire for Board of Education Candidates**

**Are you or any of your immediate family members employees of CCPS or members of CCEA or MSEA?** No.

**Are your children or grandchildren students in CCPS?** Three grandchildren, graduates

**Do you have financial or budgeting background or experience to qualify you to hold a position that controls a \$350 million budget?** Yes

**Do you believe it was necessary to close any schools in the CCPS system?** Many factors are involved in making financial decisions. Our School Board worked very hard to address the decision before it closed any school. Yes.

**Do you support funding over the MOE?** When possible.

**Do you support education vouchers?** When possible.

**Do you support expanding Career and Tech?** Yes.

**While the Board of Education race is “non-partisan”, party affiliation is a strong indicator of a particular set of values and ideals. What is your political party affiliation?** Republican

**What is or should be the role of the CCEA in our school system?**

Per §6–404 of the Education Article, the County Board of Education designates the employee organization that serves as “the exclusive representative of all public school employees in a specified unit in the County.”

The Board of Education engages in contract negotiations with the Carroll County Education Association (CCEA), the Carroll Association of School Employees (CASE), the American Federation of School Maintenance Employees (AFSME), the Association of Public School Administrators and Supervisors of Carroll County (APSASCCO), and Food Services. Carroll County Public School Handbook, p.23.



And per Education Article §6–408 Article – Education: (a) When a public school employer [County Board of Education] and an employee organization negotiate under this section, the public school employer and the employee organization shall:

- (1) Confer in good faith, at all reasonable times;
- (2) Honor and administer existing agreements;
- (3) Make every reasonable effort to conclude negotiations with a final written agreement in a timely manner; and
- (4) Reduce to writing the matters agreed on as a result of the negotiations.

**Who will you represent if elected to the BOE?**

The voters, limited to using the authority granted by the Maryland Education Article and COMAR.

**What is the most important thing voters should know about you?**

I come to this effort with no conflict of interest and in full honesty. I respect and admire the dedicated work of our Carroll County teachers, administrators, and the many employees who make our school system excel, and I am enthusiastic about personally contributing to the value of the education that our children receive.

**How do you plan to work with other elected officials to accomplish what is best for students and taxpayers?**

The Maryland Education Article specifies that power belongs not to individual members of a board of education but to the board of education itself. Board members have authority only when acting as a board of education in a legally constituted session, a quorum being present. The statement or action of an individual member or group of members of the board of education does not bind the board of education itself, except when that statement or action is authorized by an official act of the board. No single member of the board can exercise the power or duty of control of the schools, since these powers reside in the body politic. I intend to maintain and develop a collegial relationship with members of the State Board of Education, County Board of Commissioners, and State legislators, expressing needs and concerns of our County.