



## Ashland School District

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### QUESTIONS FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE APPLICANTS

1. Summarize your interest and involvement in the Ashland School District.

While working in ASD for 20 years, I gained a deep knowledge of district operations, priorities, and student needs. I also spent many years working adjacent to the School Board and budget committee members while serving as vice president of and representative to the classified employee union. Now, as a community member rather than an employee, I'd love to continue my support to the district through public service.

2. Summarize your background in financial matters.

My role while working in ASD included drafting, monitoring, and managing a department budget, tracking expenditures, forecasting needs, and ensuring alignment with district priorities. I worked closely with district leadership and finance staff and gained a strong understanding of public school budgeting, including staffing costs, budget & funding constraints, accountability, and fiscal responsibility.

3. What is your understanding of the role of a budget committee member?

A budget committee member provides informed, objective review of the proposed budget, asks thoughtful questions, and helps ensure resources are used responsibly and transparently. The role also includes supporting public understanding and trust in how district funds are allocated. It's important for committee members to understand their role does not include any operational decision-making.

4. Do you have any specific plans or ideas for the Ashland School District?

Rather than advancing an agenda, I'd like to contribute steady, informed support grounded in both professional experience and community perspective. I support budgeting practices that emphasize clarity, long-term planning, innovative thinking, and a clear connection between financial decisions and their impact on students and staff. Having worked inside the system and now engaging as a community member, I bring a balanced perspective.

5. Public schools face many challenges as we meet the demands of 21<sup>st</sup> century education. What role can the budget committee play in assisting the district in meeting those challenges?

The budget committee can support the district by encouraging long-term planning, thoughtful prioritization, and transparent decision-making. Careful oversight helps ensure limited resources are aligned with student needs and outcomes while maintaining fiscal stability and public trust.

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*Thank you for your interest in the Ashland Schools Budget Committee.*