

APPLICATION

For Appointment to The School Board

to Fill a Vacancy for the Term of January 5, 2016 to December 31, 2016

**Applicants must reside in the Becker School District and be at least 18 years of age*

Name: Ross Demant
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1. What background and skills have prepared you to serve on the school board?

My family and I moved to Becker 11 years ago, and since that time I have been consistently involve with volunteering on boards and councils at many different levels. I have served on the Becker Youth Soccer Association board as President and Vice-President, on the Becker Blast Youth Softball board for approximately 4 years as a board member. I was also a Commissioner on the Becker Parks and Recreation Commission and currently I serve on the Faith Lutheran Church Council and the Becker High School Activities Council. I have also had a chance to work with the Becker Community Education office to help start the Becker Flag Football League in 2008.

I am currently employed with the City of Otsego as the Parks and Recreation Director. As part of my position, I have frequent contact with the City Council through staff presentations and budget requests. I also am the City Liaison for the City's Parks and Recreation Commission.

These roles have provided me with the background and skills to understand the some of the current topics in the School District, and how a governing body operates.

2. What do you see as the board's roles and responsibilities?

I see the role and responsibilities of the school board as assisting in setting goals

and the vision for the district, adopting policies, aiding in evaluating the effectiveness of the current curriculum, and adopting and overseeing the District's budget.

3. How would you describe an effective school board member?

I would describe an effective school board member as one who is willing to work as a team with the other board members. They should make decisions taking into account the District's current goals and vision. An effective board member is one who also needs to be willing to discuss issues and decisions with parents and community members.

4. What would be your top objectives if appointed to the school board?

If appointed to the School Board, I would make it a priority to become familiar with the current projects the Board is working on. I would also work with the current Board members to find ways to best contribute to the team.

Applications must be submitted by November 30, 2015, 4:00 p.m. to:
Angela Oswald, Administrative Assistant To The Superintendent
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