

Park County School District Re 2
Fairplay, CO 80440
School Board Candidates for 2017 Election

KIM BUNDGAARD



Kim Bundgaard

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Park County RE2 BOE Candidate Information:

Candidate Name: Kim H. Bundgaard

Background:

I am a current member of the Park County RE2 Board of Education.

My career has been primarily in the field of public education, with additional experience in social services and public health. I worked as a special education teacher and coordinator in Park RE2 during the period 1992 -2000. I have also worked as a program director and special education administrator for Pikes Peak BOCES in Colorado Spring and Mountain BOCES out of Leadville (which serves the Park RE2 District).

As a semi-retired special education director I continue to consult with BOCES, Districts, and CDE (Colorado Department of Education). In my consulting role I do interact with Park RE2 personnel working with students with disabilities. I am very cognizant of any potential perception of conflict between my role in special education and my role on the BOE. I go to great lengths to assure that my roles do not overlap.

On a personal level, I am originally from the Midwest; I earned my BA from St. Olaf College in Minnesota and my MEd from Utah State University

I have lived in the South Park area for 25 years and been a property owner here for 31 years. Both of my sons are graduates of South Park. One of whom is a professional photographer in Colorado Springs and one who is a partner in a US financial consulting firm in Singapore. I have five grandchildren and am very invested in their care and education.

Kim Bundgaard Continued:

Why I have an interest in being on the school board:

I have invested a great deal of time and energy in the work of the BOE and would like to continue to be a part of the district and the work being done here. The BOE is in the process of identifying the priorities for the district moving forward and I see this as vital work for developing the long-term effectiveness and viability of the district.

Special Skills and Experience Relative to Education:

A large part of my career has been spent in public education in Colorado. I have developed an understanding of the intricacy of Colorado School Finance and the conflicting expectations of Colorado Constitutional Amendments that impact financial options for the state legislature. I understand the limits of Title and Special Education Funding from the federal government and the impact of that on local districts and local dollars. I am aware of how important it is for the BOE /CASB along with the Superintendents/ CASE to continue their advocacy for all funding sources including PILT, Forest Reserve, Small Rural, Special Populations, grants, direct taxation, etc.

I bring to the table an understanding of the laws and regulations that impact education at both the state and federal level, having worked in that arena for the majority of my public school career.

I am very pleased that there is such a high level of interest in the school district that we will actually have an election. It bodes well for the community that people care and want to engage. Thank you to everyone involved.

LARRY FOSTER



Larry Foster

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Background:

Purdue University

40 years of corporate management experience with 4 major food companies: Kraft Foods, Frito Lay, Keebler Bakeries and Rudi's Bakeries.

Board President: South Park Seniors, Inc.

Park County resident: 10 yrs

Larry Foster Continued:

Why I want to be on the school board:

I feel it is time for a change in the direction that the school is taking. I feel we need new faces on the Board with new ideas. We need to give the students different options in education. I would like to see Industrial Arts programs brought back so that students are better prepared to step into the job market after school. Everyone doesn't want to go to college or can afford to go to college.

We need to offer these students skills they can use to enter the job market. I also feel school Board members should have children in school when they serve on the board. I have a 12 yr. daughter in school in Park County.

Special skills and experience relative to education:

I have no Public School experience but have done extensive training in the food manufacture industry with new employees and set up a mentor program for high school students and college students at Purdue University

How I can make a difference:

I bring skill sets in budgeting, dealing with unions, bring a new face with new ideas to the board. I feel we need to come up with ideas to retain our students, teachers and staff. I have these ideas. It is time for change.

BOBBI GORE



Bobbi A Gore

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CANDIDATE NAME: Bobbi A. Gore

BACKGROUND:

Park County has been my home for 17 years. My involvement with the RE-2 School District has been as a parent and community member for the last 9 years. I have two students in the district.

My background in public education is as the daughter of two teachers, both now retired, and as a student. My public education was received in rural Montana, was of high quality, and served me well as I pursued my educational and professional goals.

Bobbie A Gore Continued:

WHY I WANT TO BE ON THE SCHOOL BOARD:

I am running for the school board

because I am a parent and have an interest in the education our children are receiving;

because I believe our community deserves a strong school; and

because our district has gone through changes in administration and funding challenges that call for increased community leadership.

SPECIAL SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE RELATED TO EDUCATION:

I believe I am a strong candidate for the school board because I am similar to the people represented by this board. I am an established community member with strong ties to our district; I am a parent with direct experience with our elementary, middle and high school programs; I come from a background that values public education; and like many others the board represents in our district, I work full-time.

Years of experience working in nonprofit management has taught me to provide quality outcomes in times of uncertainty, when resources are in short supply, and in the midst of increasing demands. I have established the personal and professional relationships necessary to engage others in pursuing our mission and helping to present our story to a larger audience. I have proven competence in fiscal oversight and regulatory compliance. I have demonstrated accountability, and good stewardship of the contributions of others.

Board members must work together to achieve their goals. I have historically exhibited sound judgment, an even temper, a willingness to collaborate and a sincere interest in public education in our community.

HOW I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

The role of a school board is to ensure that students in our district have access to a quality education, residents in our district receive value for their money, and our community is protected by the school operating within the law and the school's policies.

I am committed to our community and to the success of our students.

My priorities are that our schools continue to improve the quality of education provided, successfully overcome funding challenges, and network effectively with community members.

GARY JURGEMEYER



Gary Jurgemeyer

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Park County RE2 BOE Candidate Information:

Candidate Name: Gary Jurgemeyer

Background:

- BS in Secondary Education – University of Kansas
- 25+ years in Corporate Management
- Small Business Owner
- 6 Years in County Government- Dallas County, Texas

Why I Want To Be On The School Board:

I believe I can have a positive influence on the education of our young people. Education is the key to the future success of our community and our world. I want to be a part of that success. At the same time, I feel I can give back to the Community I call home.

Special Skills And Experiences Relative To Education:

My academic work prepared me to know the basics of education methods and theory. My time teaching in the classroom (although brief) gave me an understanding of the relationships required for success. My experience in corporate management gave me skills in working with a variety of people to reach common goals. My time in County Government taught me patience and understanding of the importance of listening carefully to what is being said and how it is being said.

How Can I Make A Difference:

I can use my broad experience to add a constructive voice to the issues brought before the Board. I can work with my fellow members to find innovative ways to enhance a tight budget. I can listen and learn what the needs and concerns are of all the parties involved in the education process. I am running FOR the School Board. I am not running AGAINST anything or anyone. I am fully committed to the success of our students and our schools.

WELLES TONJES



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Park County RE2 BOE Candidate Information:

Candidate Name: Welles E. Tonjes

Background:

I have worked for the and at the school district for the past 8 years as a Substitute Teacher, Volunteer and as a School Resource Officer (SRO). I have 40 years as a Law Enforcement Officer, 11 of which were in investigations, 10 as a SRO/DARE Officer and 4 in the Juvenile Intake Bureau where I worked closely with the Colorado Department of Justice in juvenile records.

Why I have an interest in being on the school board:

I feel I have both the commitment and desire to assist in building our school into a strong educational foundation and community resource. My priorities are that our school, staff and students grow in a safe and structured environment.

Special Skills and Experience Relative to Education:

I have 40 years as a law enforcement officer, 11 of which were in investigations, 10 years as a SRO/DARE Officer and 4 in the Juvenile Intake Bureau. I worked for and at the school district for the past 8 years as a Substitute Teacher, Volunteer and as a School Resource Officer (SRO).

How I Can Make a Difference:

I am fair, reasonable, resourceful and committed to the betterment of our school and community.