



1. Why are you running for the LPOSD Board of Trustees?

LPOSD #84

2. What would be your top three priorities if elected?

3. What do you see as the No. 1 challenge facing the district, and how do you propose to address it?

4. Students today are facing an unprecedented number of challenges — from the threat of violence in schools to increased class sizes to problems online and at home — if elected, how will you prioritize students' mental, physical and educational wellbeing?

ZONE 1

Jennifer McKnight



Age: 40
Birthplace and residence: Nevada/Sandpoint
How many years lived in Bonner Co.: 7.5, 10 years in Idaho total, which is a quarter of my life.
Past/current government service (if applicable): N/A
Profession: homemaker
Education: high school graduate and two years of college
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1. At this time in my life, I am being called to serve. I am passionate about education, helping families and representing my community.

2. a. A strong focus on improving academics.
 b. Connection between the community and the schools.
 c. Returning value and respect to families.

3. We need to regain local control. When our schools are led from the state level and influenced by national plans, we lose our local values in education, which transforms our society, and we

lose our uniqueness. I will listen to the people and vote strongly as their representative. I have the time to listen and the time and skills to ensure good policy.

4. Firstly I'd like to compliment LPOSD for its excellent security initiatives. There have been some really great recent upgrades. I think when schools try to handle every aspect of a child, including mental and emotional, they just don't have that ability. The family unit is the "small class size" that can teach and protect a child's wellbeing. The best interest of a child must be determined by their loving family.

Scott Wood



Age: 45
Birthplace and residence: Sandpoint, Idaho born and raised.
How many years lived in Bonner Co.: 45
Past/current government service (if applicable): N/A
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1. I am a fourth-generation local with two kids currently in the district. I would like to see

them, and all kids, be successful. Students deserve a safe learning environment, with great teachers and ample opportunities, that allows them to grow into productive adults. I think the trustee in Zone 1 needs to know the community, has been in the community for generations and has a vision for what is best for the students. I feel this is a great opportunity to step up and give back, to help keep our schools and community moving in the right direction.

2. First, I would be there to work with the other board members and support the administration in running our schools. I am not running for this position with the intention of promoting sweeping changes to a district that I think is headed in the right direction. Second and third, I would like to see more vocational and technical classes at the middle school and high school levels, and I would use knowledge from my prior role on the Facilities Committee to continue to work on creative solutions to the issues facing our aging facilities.

3. Stabilized funding for schools would greatly support the districts' goals with funds available to meet the needs of all students the district is serving and help us plan for those critical facilities updates. We need to work with our local legislators to advocate for state-wide education funding and funds for facilities. The district needs to retain quality teachers, keep class sizes appropriate and make sure the buildings our children are learning in all day are safe.

4. Much of a student's support system for their wellbeing should

come from their home and family, but we know that is not always the case. Schools can provide support for kids who need a safe place to learn and grow with classes they are passionate about, sports that give them an opportunity to shine, clubs that support shared interests and trusted adult advisers. I think it takes a community to accomplish this, so it is important that the district, and those who represent it, work to set policies that align with community values and continue to seek community input.

ZONE 4

Geraldine Lewis

(incumbent)



Age: 56
Birthplace and residence: Bahrain/Sagle
How many years lived in Bonner Co.: 30
Past/current government service (if applicable): 8 years LPOSD Board Trustee, 3 years Sagle Fire commissioner
Profession: office manager at St. Joseph Catholic Church
Education: B.S. in electrical engineering
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Publisher's note: Geraldine Lewis is running unopposed in Zone 4