

Kootenai County Republican Central Committee

Rating and Vetting Program

The KCRCC has developed a process of informing local voters about candidates running for both partisan and non-partisan offices. We have found that some candidates who subscribe to be Republicans do not necessarily hold strong Republican values. Furthermore, Precinct Committeemen are frequently asked for information about candidates and issues. The Precinct Committeemen's job is to know their constituents and to keep them informed about candidates and ballot measures.

For this reason, the KCRCC has implemented a Rating and Vetting Program whereby candidates are rated by the Precinct Committeemen.

FOR CANDIDATES:

Rating Criteria:

We will be searching for and rating men and women of good character, virtue and integrity, and who hold constitutional and traditional values.

The KCRCC encourages candidates to participate in this process and other opportunities to present themselves to the voters such as forums, town halls, social media, speaking before the KRCC, and "Meet and Greets."

Please tell us the following information about yourself:

Name: Randi Bain

Position Running For: Lakeland Joint School District Zone 1 Trustee

Website: I do not have one at this time

Tell us a little about yourself and your family, how long you have lived in the area and your occupation.

I was born in Spokane and lived there until 2004 when I moved to the Twin Lakes area. I graduated from Roger's High School in 1995 before going on to earn my bachelor's degree in accounting and management from Eastern Washington University. I am married with one adult daughter. My husband is a Lakeland graduate and my daughter attended Lakeland schools from kindergarten through her graduation from Timberlake High School. I have worked in accounting since graduating from EWU. The most recent 15 years have been in government accounting. I spent 5 years with Kootenai County as a Staff Accountant and the last 10 with the City of Post Falls as the Accounting Supervisor/ Deputy Treasurer.

Please answer the following questions:

1. Do you have experience as an elected official and if so, what was your position, and how would you describe your voting record?

I was appointed to the Lakeland Joint School District Board of Trustees for Zone 1 just over 2 years ago. My votes show my priorities to focus on providing the best educational opportunities to our kids without overtaxing our community.

2. Please tell us about your activity as a Republican. Have you previously voted for candidates of other parties? If yes, explain.

Beyond supporting and voting for Republican candidates, my activities as a Republican have been representing the constituents in my zone by not raising school district tax levy amounts and upholding the values important to our community. I have not voted for any candidates from another party in the last 20 years because Republican ideals are more aligned with my personal beliefs.

3. What is the purpose of government?

The purpose of Government is to uphold our constitutional rights with policies and laws that also protect our freedoms.

4. Describe why you are running for this particular office. What are your qualifications? What are your goals?

I am running to maintain my position on the school board because my experiences provide me with the ability to ensure that our tax dollars are being spent appropriately to provide Lakeland students with the best education. My qualifications beyond my bachelor's degree include certifications as a Public Finance Administrator, and Public Funds Investment Manager from the Association of Public Treasurers of the US and Canada. I am also a Certified Municipal Treasurer through the Idaho City Clerks, Treasurers and Finance Officers Association. My goals continue to be fiscal responsibility to our taxpayers; supporting staff, students', and parents' rights; and fostering partnerships with our community.

5. Describe experiences where you are or have been engaged such as non-profit organizations, clubs, churches, boards, commissions, etc., where you have been of service to others.

I have engaged in and served our community in various ways including serving on the Lakeland School Board for the past 2+ years. I have volunteered at the schools in the Lakeland district and with the Rathdrum Parks and Rec Dept for youth sports. I have served as a Girl Scout Troop leader.

6. Do you describe yourself as fiscally conservative? Please, elaborate.

Yes, I am fiscally conservative. One of my top priorities is making sure we are not overtaxing our community. I work hard to find ways we can provide for our students without increasing the burden on our taxpayers. One of the greatest challenges facing our district is the growth in our area and I will continue to work diligently to seek solutions for that.

7. Do you consider yourself as socially conservative? Please elaborate.

Yes, I am socially conservative. I was raised in a Lutheran family where I learned that a good education and hard work were key to a successful life. I want nothing more than for every child in our district to have a solid foundation to start building their life successes from.

8. Describe which party platform best aligns with your positions on public policy (Republican, Democrat, Libertarian or Constitutional Party) and where do you disagree with that platform.

The Republican party platform most closely aligns with my beliefs that I have the right to live my life, make a living, and raise my child the way I choose without government regulation on every aspect of it. While school choice is something I support, I do not agree that government should provide vouchers for private schools.

9. Do you have any history of tax liens, criminal record, bankruptcy or conflict of interest that may affect your future decisions or desirability to be voted into office?

No, I do not.

10. Describe how you will make yourself available to your constituents and vote as their representative with FORTITUDE, adhering to the values and answers you have stated above.

I will continue to listen with intent to understand and act with determination to do what is right for the Lakeland School District community. Lines of communication between myself and community members will remain open via phone call, email or in-person throughout my term.

The answers to these questions will be the basis of the ratings you will receive and the issues we would like addressed by you in other settings.

In previous elections there have been cases where two well-rated candidates running against a third poorly rated candidate will “split the vote”

leaving the poorly rated candidate with the win. In such a case where two candidates may split the vote, the KCRCC Election Committee will encourage the candidate with the second highest rating to drop out and run again at a later time.

Those who fail to respond to this questionnaire will likely receive lower ratings.

Please respond by the date requested of you, typically soon after the candidate-filing deadline.

FOR COMMITTEEMEN:

The Rating and Vetting Program is designed to assist the KCRCC in getting information to the voters in your precinct through walking, mail, social and other media, and passing out sample ballots. In order to identify the very best candidate for each race, your job as an elected Precinct Committeeman is to vet then rate using the criteria above stated AND by confidentially contacting each other for additional information. It is your obligation to submit final ratings at a time and place designated by the Election Committee.