

USD 497 Lawrence Public Schools Board of Education  
Board Member Application

The Lawrence Board of Education seeks applicants to fill a vacancy on the USD 497 Lawrence Public Schools Board of Education. Applicants must complete the full application and submit it to the Board Clerk no later than **5 p.m. on June 13, 2023**. The board will review applications during a specially called board meeting on **June 20, 2023** and select candidates to interview at its regular meeting on June 26, 2023. At the **June 30, 2023**, meeting the board will interview the selected candidates and choose one applicant to appoint to serve the remainder of this term, through January 12, 2026.

Be advised that all applications become public records when the applications are shared with the Board of Education, meaning they are accessible to the press and the general public.

For more information about serving on the USD 497 Lawrence Public Schools Board of Education, please review the board's Governance and Operating Procedures, available at <http://go.boarddocs.com/ks/usd497/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C7ATDS76E588>.

**[Word limit for each item – 300]**

Date:

Name:

Address, City, State, Zip:

Email Address:

Cell/Home Phone:

How long have you been a resident of Lawrence?

List Lawrence Public Schools activities in which you have participated, including any offices held:

List any other civic activities in which you have participated, including any offices held:

Explain why you want to serve on the board, including relevant experience and/or expertise you would provide in this position:

What qualities do you think are important to being a successful school board member and how do you embody these qualities?

Describe your understanding of the role of a school board member with respect to working with 1) administrators, 2) staff, 3) students, and 4) parents:

What do you think is the greatest strength of the district?

What do you think is the greatest challenge facing the district?

How can the board help attract and retain the best possible employees for this district?

Should the board have any day-to-day involvement in the operations of the schools? Explain.

What should the board of education's work be in setting of school district budget priorities?

Do you or any members of your family have business contracts with USD 497? Are you or any members of your family employed by USD 497?

Provide at least one Lawrence Public Schools reference (e.g., teacher, principal, PTA/PTO or site council officer, district staff) and at least two professional or community references, including telephone number or email address: