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Questions from Cynthia Calvert, Tribune Newspapers

**You did not run for the school board in the last election yet you asked to be appointed. Why didn't you run in the election?**

**Response:**

I worked from January 2013 to May 2016 to balance my job, home life, and school, earning a graduate degree in Global Business Management. After taking time away from my family for over three years, I was heavily focused on my family life when the election process began in February 2017. I have since achieved a new balance and feel I can devote the time and effort necessary to serve the district well.

**Are you concerned that, if appointed, you will feel in "debt" to the board members who put you there and thus, more likely to agree with their wishes?**

**Response:**

No; through the industry / education partnership I helped form in Gregory-Portland ISD, I weighed many different viewpoints and built consensus on issues, always reminding everyone involved that they were there to serve the students of the district and that every decision should be made with the best interests of those students in mind.

**Do you have children? Are any in the Humble ISD?**

**Response:**

Yes, three. All attend school in Humble ISD where I have been very active supporting their participation in school activities.

**How long have you lived in the district?**

**Response:**

15 years.

**Have you volunteered or served the school district in any way?**

**Response:**

My most recent service to the constituents of Humble ISD was during a two-year term on the board of the Eagle Springs Community Association where I led our committees to work with Harris County on sidewalk improvements and school zone traffic control necessary to keep our students safer.

**Why do you feel you are the best qualified candidate?**

**Response:**

A primary goal of education is to help students realize their maximum potential, giving them skills necessary to find good jobs and to support families of their own one day. My undergraduate degree in chemical engineering involves heavy STEM focus, I have a graduate degree in business, and my career has involved interaction with job roles from hourly employees to professionals in a variety of specialty areas. This gives me a broad and unique perspective on what the education system needs to provide students of all types, both those college bound and those in Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, to assure they meet the requirements of employers.

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