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For Women Voters League of Macon County

School Board Candidates Answers Questionnaire

League's Questionnaire

1. Do you have a genuine interest in and devotion to public education?

1. Yes.

2. Are you willing and able to give the necessary time to discharge your responsibility of establishing policies to govern the expenditure of approximately two million dollars annually, provided from tax sources?

2. Yes.

3. Are you able to take criticism of the school system and of yourself as a board member?

3. Yes.

4. Can you put aside your personal interests and prejudices in order to make unbiased decisions?

4. Yes.

5. Are you aware that the function of a board of education is to establish policies for the school system? Are you also aware that the function of the superintendent of schools is to administer these policies?

5. Yes.

6. Do you have children? Are they attending, or have they attended, the Decatur public schools?

6. Yes. Both of my children have secured all their grade and high school education in the Decatur public schools; one graduated last year, the other is a senior this year.

7. Are you affiliated in any way with factional or partisan politics?

7. No.

8. What do you consider the main problems facing our present school system?

8. (a) Provision of adequate building space; (b) Securing of adequate staff in the light of shortage of elementary teachers, and cilities for the proper education of the increasing number of elementary school children.

9. What is your educational background, both formal and informal?

9. Grade school—Lawrence county, Ill.
Eastern Illinois State Teachers college—Charleston, Ill. (five years)
Taught school three years.
University of Chicago three years, including two years of medicine.
Rush Medical college two years; hospital training three years.

Paul A. Rex

1. Yes I do. I have five daughters in our Decatur public schools, which would naturally increase my interest and devotion to public education.

2. I am both willing and able to give the necessary time to discharge the duties of a member of the Decatur board of education.

3. Yes.

4. I will attempt to make all of my decisions in the interest of the community, without regard for my own personal interest.

5. Yes.

6. Yes, I have seven daughters; four are attending Warren grade school, one attending Centennial high school, and two of pre-year.

7. No.

8. It seems that one of the main problems facing our Decatur schools is to provide adequate facilities for the proper education of the children and young people of our community.

9. After finishing the eighth grade, it became necessary for me to go to work. However, during the course of these years I took further training in business education, and have a diploma in petroleum engineering. I have attempted to educate myself through selective reading and profitable experience. At the present time I am employed as a machinist locomotive inspector with the Wabash railroad.

Clarence Seip

Mr. Seip did not answer specific questions, but submitted the following statement as his answer to the questionnaire:

Three years ago the voters of the Decatur school district elected me to the board of education. As a member of the board of education, I submit the recommendations and achievements of the board as qualifications for my re-election.

We are faced with a tremendous increase of population as no other school board in the past has had to face. We are planning to meet this need the best we can with our resources and present equipment.

The records of the board of education are public property and I urge the citizens of this district to investigate and analyze them to see the present conditions of our schools and the present high standards of qualifications we have in our teaching personnel.

The effort of this school board is to give the children of Decatur the best in education that is humanly possible to do so.

I wish to thank the League of Women Voters for this opportunity and they are to be commended on taking an interest in our school system and an interest in those they wish to serve that have the necessary qualifications and the time to devote.

10. Are you willing to take a stand for better schools without

10. Yes.

10. Absolutely

7. Are you affiliated in any way with factional or partisan politics?

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10. Are you willing to take a stand for better schools without wavering, even though pressure and publicly bring criticism upon you?

11. With what community and civic groups are you connected?

11. Westminster Presbyterian church—member of finance committee many years. Rotary club—past president. Decatur Club—past member of board of directors. Hospital Service Corp. since its formation. Board of directors of Medical Service bureau. Board of directors of Medical Decatur Association of Commerce board of directors. Decatur County club. Decatur Trail Riders association. Decatur Sportsman's club. Macdon County Medical society—past president. Staff member St. Mary's hospital and Decatur and Macon County Illinois State Medical society. American Medical association.

12. Decatur's pupil load is increasing. Do you see any other solution, or solutions, than these: 1. Overcrowded rooms; 2. Half-day sessions; 3. New buildings? If you see no other solutions, which of these do you prefer?

12. I am fully aware that this is one of the major problems confronting the Decatur board of education, and if I am elected I pledge myself to cooperate wholeheartedly with the other members of the board and the administration in endeavoring to find an early solution.

13. Is it your conviction that the future welfare of the community is closely tied up with the success of the school system?

13. I am convinced that the future welfare of our community and nation depends in a large measure upon the soundness of the education that we provide for the youth of today.

Comments: I shall do what I think is right after careful consideration of the issues involved.

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