

**Albuquerque Public Schools
2017 Questionnaire for Board of Education Applicants**

The Board of Education is an elected body created according to the laws of the state of New Mexico to serve as the governing board of the school district for the purpose of organizing, maintaining, and locating schools and for providing educational opportunities and services for all citizens residing within the school district.

Applicants are required to return the questionnaire to the Board of Education Services Office, by 5:00 p.m., on Thursday, November 2, 2017.

Mailed questionnaires must be **received** by Thursday, November 2, 2017.

Send to Albuquerque Public Schools, Alice and Bruce King Educational Complex, Board of Education Services Office, 2017 Board of Education Applications, P.O. Box 25704, Albuquerque, N.M. 87125-0704.

Questionnaires may be faxed to 880-2575 by the deadline above. Please call the Board of Education Services Office at 880-3729 to confirm fax arrivals or for other information.

Questionnaires may be emailed to the Board of Education Services Office at boarded@aps.edu.

Personal Information

[Please Print, Type or Use Digital Form]

Name: Lee L Romero _____
First Middle Last

Residence Address: _____

Length of Residency in School District: 23 years _____
(Check Preferred)

Home Telephone: N/A _____ • Office: N/A _____ •

Cell: _____

Fax Number: N/A _____

Primary Email address: _____

Occupation: Residential Driver _____

Employer: Waste Management of New Mexico

Business Address: _____

Business Telephone: _____

Do you currently hold other public office? Yes _____

No

If yes, list office: _____

Do you have any affiliations with the Albuquerque Public Schools? Yes _____

No

If yes, what are your affiliations? _____

Are you available to attend board meetings the first and third Wednesday nights of the month at 5:00 p.m. and special board meetings as needed? Yes

No _____

Additionally, five board committees mostly meet once a month at 7:30 a.m., 4:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. Are you available to attend committee meetings?

Yes

No ___

If no, please explain why: ___ Will need to adjust work schedule

Periodically, the board must meet during daytime hours for board meetings, budget hearings, and luncheons. Are you available during daytime hours for these activities?

Yes ___

No ___

If no, please explain why: _____

In addition to regularly scheduled meetings, the board requires approximately 20-25 hours a week in reading, researching, miscellaneous meetings, school visits, telephone calls, and e-mail correspondence; many board members spend much more time than that. Can your schedule accommodate the extra time involved in serving as a member of the Board of Education? Yes ___

No ___

Experience

Answers should be brief and concise.

1. Why do you want to be a board member for Albuquerque Public Schools? I would love to be that person to help make a difference to our future, which are our kids in school.

2. What is your interest in education? Special Education, since I taught in the field of Special Education I saw how students were displaced after they left high school, and had to face the real world, I would like to help APS in having more trades for students.

3. In what ways will you support the mission and vision of the district? I will support the mission and vision through hard work, while a board member, committing my involvement to my district, listening, and helping in my capacity

4. How will you work with the superintendent? Working with the Superintendent is very important, for APS, students, teachers and parents, everyone deserves our collaboration to solve issues for APS

5. What is your past and current involvement with Albuquerque Public Schools? I taught Special Education for APS from 2011 to 2014, Rio Grande, and Atrisco Heritage HS

6. What should be the relationship between the superintendent and Board of Education? To work hand in hand, being able to agree to disagree, always on the same page for important topics and issues.

7. What qualities and skills would you bring to the Board of Education? My experience teaching in the APS school system, seeing issues from the inside out, my fourteen years of management experience, as a Superintendent

8. What school or community volunteer activities have you participated in related to the community? From 1994 to 2010 I coached Atrisco Little League, YAFL, Rio Grande and Albuquerque Junior Wrestling, I also taught Religious education at Holy Rosary Parish, Youth group at Holy Family Parish, Eucharistic Minister at Holy Rosary Parish,

9. How do you plan to work with constituents? As a new board member I'm willing to work and be open minded, and to learn from them and their knowledge, and also to express my knowledge of APS

10. What do you see as opportunities and challenges to the district? I hope my fresh perspective to the district will be an opportunity for the district and challenges will be failing school grades, frustrated teachers, and parents

11. What do you think is the best way for the district to accomplish the three academic goals?

a. Early learning –

Early learning begins with expecting parents, is nurtured as children develop language and number skills in elementary school, and grows with students as they mature in supportive classrooms becoming adept at using these skills in a variety of contexts. - Keeping parents involved throughout their child's schools years is the most important part of a child's life

b. College and Career Readiness –

Students acquire skills that support formal and informal life-long learning to adapt and remain productive through changing economic and job market landscapes. All students will be prepared for post-secondary opportunities (college and/or career) without the need for remediation. - To meet the goal for students to be prepared for life is a tough challenge, which will take everyone involved in the students life, we need to keep everyone exciting about the rigor it's going to take in order not to need remediation.

c. Developing the Whole Child –

APS will ensure each child is safe, engaged, challenged and supported through programs and practices focused on removing social, emotional and physical barriers to learning and increased health literacy. •

Safe and welcoming environment

Whole Child includes... physical, mental, emotional, social, intellectual

Remove barriers to learning

Discover and develop individual gifts and talents

Use skills to better the community - Building up students is important, some have low self esteem and needs that encouragement to get them to feel good about themselves to try new skills. Again this will take everyone involved in the students life.

12. If appointed, how will you work collaboratively with your fellow board members to put the needs of students first, regardless of your personal or political preferences? I feel I cannot come into this position with any personal, or political preferences, it would not be fair for the students in the District, they need us to work collaborate to help make a difference.

The person appointed must be at least 18 years of age, a registered voter in New Mexico, a resident of the Board of Education District 1, not a convicted felon and not an employee of Albuquerque Public Schools.

By my signature, I affirm that I meet all requirements to become a member of the Board of Education.

Lee L, Romero

Candidate Signature Date