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## **School Board Candidate Questionnaire**

### **Kyle Chamberlin, At-Large, SBCSC**

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**Date of Birth:** 07/05/1984

**Education:** Mishawaka High School (2002); B.B.A., Marketing – University of Notre Dame (2006); J.D. – Notre Dame Law School (Expected May 2010)

**Occupation:** Law Student

**Related Experience:** Substitute Teacher, School City of Mishawaka (2003-2007); Adjunct Music Instructor, Elkhart Central High School (2003-2007); Summer Associate, Barnes & Thornburg LLP (2008); Research Intern, Project Future (2007); Public Relations Assistant, Notre Dame News and Info (2007); Tutoring Program Administrator, Academic Services for Student Athletes – University of Notre Dame (2006-2007)

#### **What are the three most pressing issues facing schools over the next four years?**

First, we must address our attendance problem. Even the most influential teacher is powerless when a student is not in the classroom.

Second, every child must graduate from high school or attain an equivalent level of education. While forcing all students into a college-preparatory program is both unwise and unrealistic, it is imperative for the vitality of South Bend as a whole that all young people leave our schools prepared to contribute to their community.

Third, we need a school board that understands its role. Trustees must serve as overseers, communicators and visionaries – not as micromanagers.

#### **Do you believe the corporation was correct in removing former Superintendent Robert L. Zimmerman? Explain. And what will you look for in the next superintendent?**

I am seeking a seat on this body not to dwell on the past but instead to turn the page to a new chapter for South Bend schools. As a fresh voice, I am not beholden to any past agendas or broken programs. In order to progress, we must select a superintendent who has both the professional credentials and administrative experience in a community like South Bend. No doubt many prospective candidates for



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the position will understand state regulations and financial statements, but we need someone who also understands the unique needs of our community.

**Do you believe the start date of school should be moved back (toward Labor Day)?**

Indiana law requires our students to receive 180 days of instruction; the amount of time spent in the classroom is the same no matter when school starts. Commencing instruction in August allows for an equal number of class days before and after winter break. This schedule provides an advantage to our high school students, allowing them to take final exams while the material is fresh as opposed to immediately following a two week hiatus. While I am open to hearing all viewpoints on this issue, current research points to August start dates as the most logical framework.

**What are some of your hobbies and interests?**

Music has long been one of my passions, and I often perform as a percussionist and singer. I enjoy running and beach volleyball and am an avid fan of college football and basketball. I invite you to read more about my background and experiences as a life-long resident of the area at [www.kylechamberlin.com](http://www.kylechamberlin.com).