

South Bend Tribune Questionnaire
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Mike - you can check my website for more details on my campaign initiatives:

gogosbschoolboard.net/vote.htm

For these ideas I have been endorsed by the NEA Board - a press release is likely later this week.

1. What are the three most pressing issues facing schools over the next 4 years

- (a) Money - the cost of busing needs to be reduced - one way would be to study the successes and failures of the Z-plan - optimal changes would bring more community involvement and better grades at lower cost to - one example - the excessive distances to intermediate centers results in less parental involvement and higher busing costs - Need to find ways to bring more money into the educational system - this might be an influx of local business support (in kind and in \$) - the New Tech High School program is one example - early childcare is another.
- (b) Need to bring equal opportunity for learn to the minorities in the SB system - non-native-English speakers, and African American students - South Bend schools are regressing at this time - Vocational education is also lagging in attention in the schools.
- (c) selection of Superintendent who can provide educational leadership for the teachers and communicate constructively with the board on policy-making.

2. Do you believe the corporation was correct in removing former Superintendent Robert L. Zimmerman? Explain

My short answer to the present problems is the word **DISCONNECT**

The present schoolboard is **Disconnected from** each other... the Superintendent... the teachers... our community... and saddest of all, from the learning of our children

My plan is **TO RECONNECT** us all, with policies at all grades that will create effective pre-schools through revitalized high schools, utilizing parent, teacher and community input into all School Board discussions and in making decisions

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

Yes;

4. What are some of your hobbies and interests?

Gardening, soccer, going to plays, restoring old houses, buying antiques and other things at local farm auctions, grandchildren.