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TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF.

I am a Crosby resident and the mother of three boys, the youngest of which graduated from Crosby High School in 2017. I have been married to my husband Tony for 20 years. I am also a grandmother to a beautiful three year old girl and a 1 year old boy. My husband and I own three businesses, all of which are based here in the Crosby community. In addition to owning and operating our businesses, I am a veteran of the Harris County Sheriff's Office where I serve as a Sheriff's Deputy. I am also a proud Christian and while I feel I fall short, I try to conduct myself daily as such. I am an honest and true person. I am kind, but blunt, and I don't mind standing in opposition to those I oppose - regardless of our personal relationship.

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO WANT TO BE A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER?

I am deeply concerned by many issues our schools face. I made my decision to run for the school board a year ago when the bond was being pushed by so many. Nothing about the bond made sense, in terms of fiscal responsibility, and it will be up to the new board to begin repairing the damages of this piteous predicament. It saddens me to know we are laying off teachers when it could have been avoided. Then there are the safety concerns. We should never find ourselves complacent. Doing what we can to ensure the safety of our students and faculty is paramount and it deserves our attention PRIOR to a nationally televised incident involving one of our campuses.

WHAT SPECIFIC STRENGTHS WOULD YOU BRING TO THE TABLE?

The success of a business is dependent on being fiscally responsible and I will be bringing this mindset and practices to the board. I also have many years in law enforcement and will be bringing some new and fresh ideas to the table in terms of safety.

WHAT ARE YOUR PRIORITIES FOR THE DISTRICT IN THE COMING YEAR?

My number one priority will be getting the district back on track financially and get our student to teacher ratio back where it needs to be.

WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS OF THE ROLES OF SUPERINTENDENT & SCHOOL BOARD? WHAT IS THE IDEAL RELATIONSHIP?

The board needs to understand that the superintendent holds a position in which he should be well qualified for, meaning this is his/her field of expertise. As a board member, we are elected by our community as a mediator or representative of sorts and should provide oversight. The superintendent and the board should have a good, professional working relationship. It should be one where we can respectfully question one another, agree at times, and not agree at times. We should always be respectful of one another and understand at the end of each day we all share a common interest.

A COMMUNITY MEMBER COMES TO YOU REGARDING, FOR EXAMPLE, A MAINTENANCE ISSUE AT A CAMPUS, HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR ROLE AS A BOARD MEMBER IN RESOLVING THAT ISSUE?

Communication is key to the resolution of so many things. As laid out in your example, it all started with the issue being communicated to me, a representative of the school district. Issues will not fall on deaf ears. I would locate the correct person to communicate the issue to and then, within the confines of my power, see to it that the issue was addressed.

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE DISTRICT'S CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION?

CATASTROPHE!!! But I have no doubt that with time we can and **WILL** be back where we should be and trust restored in the people that were chosen/elected to look after our district.