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**Occupation:** Financial Advisor, Edward Jones Investments

**Personal Education History:** Dexter High School (1994), Murray State University (1998, B.S. – Finance), AAMS designation from the College of Financial Planning.

**Community Service Activities/Affiliations:** Current member and past President of the Dexter Chamber of Commerce, Logistics Chairman for the Stoddard County Relay for Life, Trustee and Deacon at Liberty Hill General Baptist Church and former Chairman of the Church's finance/budget committee, member of the Dexter Community Tourism Advisory Committee. Former board member of the Stoddard County Transit Service and the Dexter Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

### **Why do you want to serve as a school board member?**

It is my desire to serve as a school board member to give back to the institution and community that had a profound effect on the person I am today. The majority of my immediate family members are graduates of the Dexter school system and now our daughter, Emma attends fifth grade at Central Elementary. I feel we have a strong school district with caring and professional educators and staff that offers our students many

opportunities. My goal if elected to the Dexter School Board would be to work in a positive manner with other board members, school staff and the community in general to ensure that no matter a student’s ability, we are always improving the opportunity we offer each of them to be successful in life after their high school career.

**What qualities will you bring to the school board that will benefit the students and staff of the Dexter Public Schools?**

I feel that I have a good ability to work with others in achieving goals that are important to the entire group. I have had the privilege to serve on a number of boards and committees in which numerous fiscal, budgetary, policy and staffing decisions had to be made each year. I also feel the experience I have gained through my professional career would serve as a benefit in how the Board of Education makes ongoing decisions for our district in allocating resources in the most effective way to positively impact our students, staff and the Dexter community in general.

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**Occupation:** Countywide Insurance – Insurance Producer; Pallet Recycling, LLC

**Family Members:** Cristi, Maci (7th grade), Cali (3rd grade), and Jase (pre-k)

**Personal Education History:** **Dexter High School class of 1996;** Three Rivers Community College; Southeast Missouri State University

**Community Service Activities/Affiliations:** First Baptist Church of Dexter, Past President of Dexter Chamber of Commerce, Past President of Hidden Trails Country Club, Past Board Member of Dexter Bearcat Booster Club, Past Board Member of the Missouri Association of Insurance Agents, 19 years of service Dexter Little League Football, 15+ years radio broadcast Dexter Bearcat Football

### **Why do you want to serve as a school board member?**

I Love the Dexter Bearcats! I am extremely passionate about all things related to the Dexter Bearcats. I was blessed with many great mentors throughout my life who exemplified what it meant to be a Dexter Bearcat. I watched them serve this community in a selfless manner while working tirelessly to positively impact our students. Since the first day I came home from college, I have been vigorously working to mirror their example and sought different ways that I could positively impact and improve our community and our schools. I have worked diligently to discover new ways to better our students experience both in the classroom and in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. I have always had a strong belief that “Attitude Reflects Leadership.” I want to continue my efforts to provide leadership and elevate my position in this great community so that I can play an even larger role in raising the Dexter school system to a higher level of excellence and achievements.

### **What qualities will you bring to the school board that will benefit the students and staff of Dexter Public Schools?**

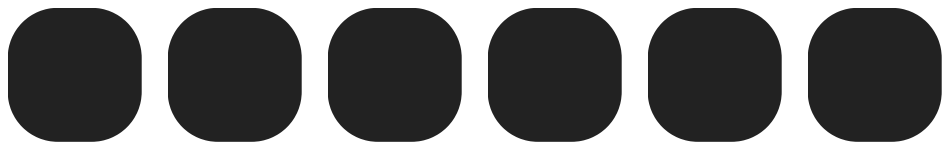
1. Common-sense leadership
2. Strong interpersonal skills to work within a board effectively

3. Passion for excellence in our school and community
  4. An understanding of the role of a school board member and the school board as a whole
  5. Ability to communicate the board's vision and mission and serve as a bridge between the school and community
  6. Commitment to positively impact our students in every vote I cast
  7. Willingness and commitment to vote in the minority, if I believe that is what is right!
- However, if I am on the losing side of a vote, we are still one board, one team, one school, one community and I will support the decision that was passed by the majority.
8. Willingness to listen and learn from all stakeholders before making decisions

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**Occupation:** Banker

**Family Members:** Lori Bishop (wife), Anna Claire (daughter, high school sophomore), Lydia (daughter, 7th grade), and Luke (son, 4th grade)

**Personal Education History:** Graduated valedictorian from Trumann High School in Trumann, AR; graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Arkansas State University

**Community Service Activities/Affiliations:** Current member and past president of the Dexter Kiwanis Club, current member and past president of the Dexter Lions Club, Past president of the Dexter Chamber of Commerce, Current secretary for the Dexter Economic Development Board, Served as secretary of the Dexter Bearcat Booster Club for 6 years; volunteer coach for the Dexter Park and Recreation in multiple sports for the last 11 straight years. Current member of the Dexter Board of Education and served a two-year term as board President. Current member of the St. Francis Fitness Plus Advisory Board and current member of the Hidden Trails Finance Advisory Board

### **Why do you want to serve as a school board member?**

Outside of my faith, my family remains the #1 priority in my life, and I have 3 children in the Dexter School System. I want to be a part of giving them the best opportunities that public education can offer. When I ran for the board 6 years ago, I ran based on just that simple thought. It continues to be the reason I want to be on the board. I do not have or nor have I ever had an agenda. I believe we have a great school system with stellar educators in place, and I am proud to know my children will graduate from Dexter Public Schools. We have to continue to focus on improvement and we must continue to strive to do the best. This is an ongoing process, and I want to continue to be a part of it. I am a firm believer in prayer, and I have taken every major decision made by this board in to my prayers. Many times tough decisions have to be made on just about any board, and I can lay my head down at night and know it was turned over to the good Lord. The success of our youth as a whole is very important to me, and I want to do everything I can to make sure we are not only giving them a quality education, but that we are delivering good productive citizens to this community when they leave the Dexter Public School System.

This is a big reason I have also been involved with coaching youth sports. Yes, I love athletics, and I love being involved with my children, but I have coached on several occasions when my child was not even involved. I want to be good role model to these kids, and the Dexter School Board gives me that platform. This is exactly why I try to be at as many school events as possible. It is important for our youth to see us there supporting them as much as possible and it is important for our staff to know they have board members that attend their events.

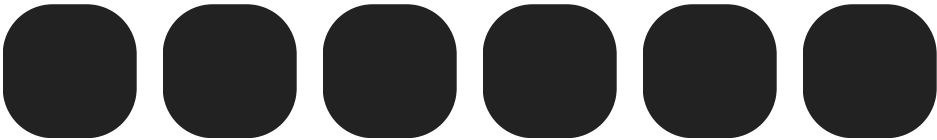
**What qualities will you bring to the school board that will benefit the students and staff of Dexter Public Schools?**

I believe above all else, I will bring the passion needed to continue to take this school to the next level. I believe my leadership qualities could be valuable to the district, but I believe the most effective leaders are great listeners. Listening to our faculty and staff on the needs of our district are very important, and although we are unable to always deliver on everything, I feel I have taken every consideration brought to my attention to the appropriate level. I am visible in this community, and with the tough economic times ahead, I believe my financial background will be vital to make sure we do not sacrifice quality educations due to school finance. I also believe I have the leadership qualities to stand strong and unite during tough times as this has been proven with my service to the board and events that were out of our control. We should take pride in having individuals with strong moral character that take pride in standing strong in their faith when serving in a public position and these are qualities I will bring to this service opportunity. I am very competitive and I take pride in serving this district, and I would be honored to continue that service.

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**Occupation:** PPTL Launch Engineer

**Family Members:** Kara Glaus, Madison Glaus, Ethan Glaus, Kallen Glaus

**Personal Education History:** Graduated from Scott City High School; Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering from University of Missouri at Rolla

**Community Service Activities/Affiliations:** Dexter Parks and Recreation coach for football, baseball, and basketball, Knights of Columbus member, former Parish Council member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dexter, Cub Scout leader, Ducks Unlimited Greenhead Chapter member.

**Why do you want to serve as a school board member?**

Our children are the future leaders, and I want the students of Dexter Schools to get the best education possible and to be prepared for the Future. I feel by serving on the board I will be able to help make decisions that will help the students prepare for their future.

**What qualities will you bring to the school board that will benefit the students and staff of Dexter Public Schools?**

As an Engineer by profession I am detailed oriented, I believe this is a quality that would serve me well as a board member. I am able to maintain a level head and am willing to seek input from multiple sources before making a decision.

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**Occupation:** Attorney at Law

**Family Members:** June (wife) and Hunter (son in 10th grade)

**Personal Education History:** Graduated Dexter High School in 1972; University of Missouri at Columbia in 1976 with a BS in Business Administration; University of Texas at Austin in 1979 with a Doctor of Jurisprudence; clerked for Federal Judge Roy Harper from 1979-1980.

**Community Service Activities/Affiliations:** Served on the Board of Directors of Bootheel Counseling Services for several years. Member of Dexter Chamber of Commerce, Stoddard County Bar Association, Missouri Bar Association and Missouri Municipal Attorney Association. Serving as Attorney for the City of Dexter and the Stoddard County Ambulance District.

**Why do you want to serve as a school board member?**

I am proud of our school and wish to contribute to its continued success.

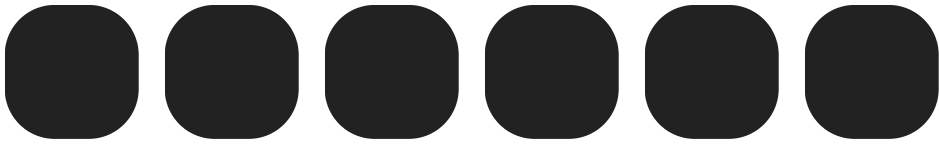
**What qualities will you bring to the school board that will benefit the students and staff of Dexter Public Schools?**

A sincere interest in the Dexter Public School and providing the best education possible for all of our students, allowing them to excel in school and after graduation. I have been a member of the City's Budget Committee for several years and understand the process of preparing a budget. I have experience with legal issues involving public entities. My wife is a retired teacher and I have learned a great deal from her about the educational process and its continually changing requirements. Our son has attended Dexter School for 11 years and I have witnessed the needs and efforts necessary for a quality education.

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