



Board of Education Member Profile

Seth Holden

Name: Seth Holden

Board member since: 2020

Family: Wife: Nicole, sons: Miles and Oscar

Occupation: General Contractor/Musician

1. Tell us a little bit about yourself and your background.

I am a General Contractor and the owner of Holden Restoration and Remodel in which I specialize in the revitalization of older homes. I am also a musician and the drummer for the band "The Forefathers." I graduated from Fargo South High in 1996, received my bachelor's degree in Mass Communications from Minnesota State University Moorhead in 2009 and in 2011 received my Master of Business Administration from the University of Mary. I live in north Fargo with my wife Nicole, my two sons Miles and Oscar, our Siberian Husky, Ramsey.

2. What was the reason you ran for a Board position?

I believe that education is the foundation on which healthy communities, thriving societies, and strong democracies are built. I also believe that teachers are the cornerstones to that foundation and need to be treated as such. I believe that EVERY student deserves not only the best education, but also for them to have their basic human needs met while in our care as a school system. I ran for this position because I believe that we, as a district, as a state, and as a nation are falling short on the last two points.

3. What do you see as big challenges for the District going forward? Challenges for K-12 education in North Dakota?

The three biggest challenges I see moving forward are working toward a district philosophy regarding recess and teacher salary structure, dealing with our city's student imbalance problem and communication to stakeholders. I see adequate funding and school lunch debt as both state and national issues.



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4. Something you are proud of as a representative of the Fargo Public Schools:

I am proud that we were able to successfully navigate our district through a pandemic, that we were able to give one of our high schools a new, much needed name and that we were able to come to a teacher contract negotiations agreement while avoiding going to impasse. I am also very proud of our music programs and the recognition they get year after year.

