

# Hello and Thank You for your interest and time to read the answers to the questions my running mates were asked on Sunday March 19th, 2017.

These were the questions as received via e-mail. After watching the taping which I have attached each candidate answered these questions and in very similar order so I will just go through one by one.

## **“Sample questions-**

- 1. So do you think that you should be re-elected to the School Committee?/ Why do you think the residents of Framingham should elect you to the School Committee?**
- 2. What is most important issue facing our local schools?**
- 3. What is your connection to our local schools?**
- 4. What is it about Framingham that makes it the sort of town you are happy to advocate for?”**

- 1.) Experience, having already sat on this committee for three years I have knowledge of how the committee is supposed to run. As of this last year I feel as we have all have taken part in professional development from IBB for negotiating contracts to how to work as a true team especially in times of crisis. This knowledge is invaluable to the job we are actually asked to do, which is 3 fold, Budget, Policy and Supervision on the Superintendent. I have been the Convener of the Policy Sub-Committee for just a little under two years now and have passed 36 policies through the committee. I have written 6 resolutions which is how we as elected officials can make a change in State and Federal laws that will not only support our students, but all stakeholders, which means every taxpayer in this town. And I have sat for 3years on the Buildings and Grounds Sub-Committee and am pleased to say finally was able to get attain the MSBA support which we needed so badly.**
- 2.) We talk so much about Social Emotional Learning, our school space availability is disappearing at a more rapid rate than anyone could have dreamed of, and equity. Each one is a huge problem having cause and effect on the other which in my opinion has to do with one major factor, budget! There is just not enough money to meet the needs of our population. The Town of Framingham as a whole has been more than generous and supportive with the amount they fund to the education budget as the funding we get from the State and Federal levels does not come close to meeting the needs of our population. Five out of the 6 documents I have brought forward for legislation has had to do with more support for our Special Needs Students, our ELL population as well as our McKinney Vento and other homeless students at the same time directing the State and Federal government to live up to what they have promised and mandated but not at the expense of the average taxpayer. To make private, out of district placement, schools liable and transparent to the taxpayer just as public schools have to be. They are funded by taxpayer money just the same way our public schools are yet it can cost close to 1 million dollars for just one student and not one person is required to answer for where their money goes.**
- 3.) I have a son who will be going FHS next year as the class of 2021. When he started in Kindergarten he was at Stapleton where I got involved with the PTO. The year I became President my son was transferred to McCarthy and there I stayed behind the scenes of the PTO and became a Town Meeting Member sitting on the Standing Committee for Education. I then recieved a call from a friend saying they needed someone to run for School Committee and that they knew from the beginning was my original plan. Aside from that I am a Graduate of FSHS 84' and my husband is a FSHS 82'. We are original and proud to be original Flyers.**

4.) **The people! Everyone answers they love the diversity. When I moved to Framingham in 1970 there was a building freeze. This town did not look anything close to what it does today. There really was no diversity to speak of. OK, we had the “Italian section” and that was the extent of it. As the building freeze ended Framingham became the place to be. Affordable, halfway between Boston and Worcester. Two major cities with plenty of work. Houses were built, apartment buildings burst up out of nowhere. The people came in multiple colors yellow, purple, orange. They spoke different languages they ate different food. And, we welcomed them. They became our neighbors our friends our family. We became a diverse interesting multicultural happening place to be. It was all because of the people who lived here and were accepting of others and that’s the way we still are. Who wouldn’t want to be here, who wouldn’t want their children to be raised here. Who wouldn’t want their children to have friends who look nothing at all like them and don’t even notice it or think about it.**