

### Post Falls School District #273 Trustee Zone 1

	Brad Harmon	Neil Uhrig
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	No Response Received	My name is Neil Uhrig and I am running to retain my seat as Post Falls School Board Trustee in Zone One. I am running for this office because my two children are students in the Post Falls school District and I want to be more involved in their education. I want to continue a culture of Trojan Excellence by which we run a fiscally responsible district, we provide safe schools, and we set high standards for student achievement.
2. How could your school district be improved? Please provide your top 2-3 ideas.	No Response Received	1) Increase our math proficiency numbers. While our student math numbers are higher than the state average, they still need some work. 2) Decrease our reliance on levies. The Post Falls School District presently has the lowest levy rate in the region, but I recognize that our community pays enough in taxes. Finding ways to lower levy rates is a central component of my candidacy. 3) Addressing aging infrastructure. We have a handful of school sites that are over 60 years old and they have higher maintenance costs. The Board needs to develop a plan to address our aging buildings without passing the costs on to our taxpayers.
3. What is your educational philosophy and how do you plan to implement this philosophy as a member of the board of trustees?	No Response Received	My philosophy is based on communication between parents and educators. Parents need to be able to share what they want to see taught to their kids and educators need to share how they plan to do it. As a Trustee, I will continue to provide guidance and vision for the school administration based on this philosophy.
4. What role should "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)" have in the education of children?	No Response Received	DEI is a form of racism, and it should have no role in public education. Period.
5. What is your view on the growth of Charter Schools?	No Response Received	Charter schools are a great way to provide educational choice to families. Personally, I really like the Post Falls school system and I feel my kids are getting the best education possible through our district, but each family has different needs and charter schools provide options.
6. Should children be allowed to access obscene materials through school libraries? Please base your answer on the federal definition of obscenity as it applies to minors.	No Response Received	Obscene materials should not be made available through school libraries. During my term in office, we have established a policy for the removal of obscene materials. I have spent my professional career investigating child exploitation and I want to provide a safe environment for our students to learn.  I recognize that some material might not be seen as obscene under the law, but it might still be considered obscene to some families. To address this, we have established a system of notifying parents via email about every book checked out by students.
7. Do you support or oppose bathroom and locker room usage based on preferred gender identification? Why or why not?	No Response Received	I oppose bathroom and locker room usage based on preferred gender identification. If you were born a boy, you need use the boy's bathroom and locker room. It's a matter of safety.

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<b>8.</b> How should counselors work with parents to resolve issues with their children?	No Response Received	Counselors should be communicating closely with parents about issues with their children and parents need to be the final decision maker for their kids.
<b>9.</b> What is your opinion on students being able to change their gender without parental notification?	No Response Received	This is ridiculous; students should not be changing their gender without parental notification. Until a child turns 18, parents are in charge, and they make all final decisions regarding their child. It's a sad state of affairs that some states in the United States allow gender change without parental notification.
<b>10.</b> Do you support the 1619 project? Why or why not?	No Response Received	The 1619 project is an effort to politicize American History on the topic of slavery. Any attempts to inject politics into the classroom cannot be tolerated. As such, the 1619 project cannot be allowed as curriculum in Idaho and is not used in the Post Falls School District. As a Trustee, I will continue to work to keep ideology out of our schools.
<b>11.</b> In what circumstances should students be able to receive mental health assistance without parental notification?	No Response Received	Parents should always be notified, as it is their ultimately responsibility to make health care decisions for their child. Idaho Code does allow for law enforcement to immediately take a child to the hospital in cases when they are imminently in danger of committing suicide or homicide. Under the law, parents are included in this process at the earliest possible moment. Outside of these emergency situations, parents should be the first call when the school receives a request from a student for mental health assistance.
<b>12.</b> Who has responsibility for the education of children?	No Response Received	It is the duty and responsibility of parents to educate their children. This can take many forms. I choose to use the public school system for my kids. Other parents choose to homeschool, while others choose private, charter, or Christian schools, which are all valid ways of learning.
<b>13.</b> What should the goal of education be?	No Response Received	The purpose of education is to provide students with important skills that they need to become successful adults. I do not believe that public education should be solely a training ground for college. Not everyone needs to go to college. That is why programs like KTEC are so important. Through the vocational tech programs at KTEC, our kids are graduating with skills that will get them a career right after they graduate. And they are doing it without huge student loan bills. A public school education should prepare students to be ready to survive in the real world when they turn 18.
<b>14.</b> Do you support or oppose the legalization of marijuana? Why or why not?	No Response Received	I spent 18 years as a police officer, and I am against the legalization of marijuana. Our society has a serious drug problem and any efforts to legalize drugs only will lead to more addiction and more crime. Instead of legalizing drugs, we need to focus on efforts to help people get off drugs. I don't want to see Idaho become like Spokane where there is a marijuana store every other block.
<b>15.</b> What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?	No Response Received	<p>Presently, I am the Chairman of the Post Falls School Board and I have been on the Board for three years. Professional, I have spent 20-years in law enforcement, 18 of which was with the Post Falls Police Department as a police officer. I finished my career with the PFPD as a Detective Sergeant. I also spent 6 years as the School Resource Officer at Post Falls High School. Today, I work for the U.S. Secret Service as a digital forensic examiner. In that role, I spent much of my time investigating those that harm children online.</p> <p>Over the years, I learned a lot about how the school district operates and how decisions are made. With this experience, I feel I can be very effective in working with district leadership to provide support to our students.</p>