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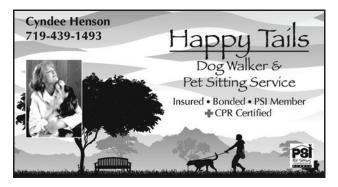
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teachers and a strong support network from parents. Because of these strengths, our students internalize and model positive behavior supporting each other. Needs: board/community collaboration and sustained sources of funding. For those not aware, the environment recently at board meetings has been less than optimal. For several months, this resulted in students no longer being able to attend our board meetings, which is simply sad. And for any organization to flourish and grow, there must be funding streams that are consistent and known in the out years so we can invest in long-term strategic planning.

#### **Sherri Hawkins**

Our district has many strengths which is why so many people choose to live here. Our teachers are outstanding and do a tremendous job: high school math teacher named Colorado Teacher of the Year in 2015; an elementary school received a National Title 1 Distinguished School Award (reading); both high schools ranked on the U.S. News & World Report's annual list. Another strength is our Exceptional Students education. Parents come here for the education and support we provide for students with special needs. I have seen how this support translates into support for every student. A third strength is our focus on the whole child. This means we focus on all the arts, on the basics, and on preparing students for the next phase whether it be the next grade or the post-graduation world. Some areas of improvement are class sizes and community engagement. My kids have been in classes that I think are too large, especially for elementary grades. I saw how difficult it was for teachers to really present material so there was understanding by all students. I think we can always improve community engagement. LPSD is a large part of the community; united we can make both great.

### **Christopher Taylor**

No response was received from this candidate.

#### **Tiffiney Upchurch**

Our district has so many excellent qualities; it is difficult to narrow down to two to three strengths. I feel our exceptional teachers, our supportive parents, and our motivated students are what make us a district of distinction. I believe we can improve on being more intentional in meeting the growth needs of our students with disabilities and twice-exceptional students, incorporating increased alternative learning opportunities, and a better understanding of policies. All of these strengths and weaknesses focus on the need to put our kids first through collaboration.

Question: What particular experiences or skills would you bring to the board?



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#### **Thomas De Angelis**

As an Air Force Academy graduate, I bring the demonstrated ability to serve the needs of our kids, schools, and taxpayers ahead of any outside interest—just like I did on my many deployments into the Middle East and in business board rooms today. Through all this, I have and continue to manage across different constituencies to balance stakeholder needs. I know the transformative power of public schools for kids of all abilities! I grew up in a family of 10 kids, with as many as 13 with foster parenting, who represented the spectrum of abilities: English Language Learners; special educational needs; artistic and athletic; average students to National Merit Finalists/perfect SATs. Public Education was the common thread that gave each of us the support and tools to maximize our potential. I bring a rich professional experience that is critical to facing down significant growth and difficult investment choices. Examples include: current business executive managing a \$120 million revenue line and budget of \$50 million; deep financial expertise in private industry and government; Masters of Business Administration; Division 1 athlete, All-Conference athlete, and team captain.

#### **Sherri Hawkins**

I have a background as an educator and a coach. I grew up in a family of educators and value public education. I empathize with teachers and staff and the multiple challenges they face daily. I take their needs into consideration in board decisions. I'm a parent of two kids who attend L-P schools and have many more years in the district. I have a vested interest in continuing the excellence that is LPSD. I understand the parent perspective and take their needs into account when making decisions. My coaching philosophy influences my leadership philosophy. I view the board as a team and emphasize the value of working together as a team to achieve a goal. I know it is important to allow everyone on the team to have a chance to be heard and be valued. It is important to be consistent while listening and evaluating feedback from others. I lead by not micromanaging and by letting the experts provide data that lead to informed decisions. Just as I balance the strengths of my players on the court, I am always balancing the needs of taxpayers, parents, teachers, students, and the community.

### **Christopher Taylor**

No response was received from this candidate.

### **Tiffiney Upchurch**

With my combination of leadership experience in complex public organizations that include education, nonprofit, and business along with my inclusive ear, pragmatic and principled voice, strong community relationships, and my passion for education, I believe I am well qualified to be a collaborative champion on the board; prioritizing every child, building trust through transparency and accountability, partnering with parents, educators, and stakeholders, and ensuring our continued excellence. I have been actively engaged in our exceptional district and community since moving here in 2009. My support has extended from the classroom to the district, including Teacher Appreciation Chair, SAC Chair, PTO Secretary, and DAAC. As a member of the DAAC I have a strong understanding of district goals, vision, and direction. My passion for education is not limited to my experiences in D-38. Over the past 25 years my





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