

incumbents lost their seats, he said, while four years ago three incumbents were re-elected. What matters most is what a board member does in office, he said.

Pfaff concluded by listing some of the district's achievements during the time he has served on the board:

- The district has had a balanced budget for the last six years, and all operational debt is paid off.
- Property taxes have been lowered because the district

- has refinanced bonds.
- All financial audits have been clean.
- The district's Advanced Placement program has achieved honor roll status for four years, and is one of only 17 districts in the country to rate that highly.
- The district has been Accredited with Distinction by the state of Colorado every year the state has provided that assessment.
- The district has the highest on-time graduation rate in the state

Clawson's opening statement

He is a Colorado Springs native with five children and his family has lived in the district for five years, Clawson said in his opening statement. His children have had a "phenomenal experience" in the district's schools, he said.

Clawson has been an executive vice president and president of the Boy Scouts, stewarding 10,000 children and 4,000 adult volunteers. He has also served with United Way and with the Boys & Girls Club, he said, and, as a lawyer, has been active in the effort to implement restorative justice principles in the legal system.

He has no political ambitions, Clawson said, adding that "kids are the focus" of his campaign, and that he views teachers as key to education. He wants to attract and retain the best teachers in D-38, he said

Bastin's opening statement

Dale Bastin has served in the armed services for 25 years, 16 of them overseas, he said in his opening remarks. His two children have attended D-38 schools for five years, he said.

During much of his military career his children attended Department of Defense-run schools in Germany, Belgium, Canada, and several states in the U.S., giving him experience with many different educational systems, he said.

He is currently an entrepreneur, along with his wife, he said, and his degrees are in natural resource management and economics. He does not have a strong background in education, he said.

Bastin's approach will be to listen to voters, educators, students and other stakeholders, he said. He is not running for a seat on the board because he feels he has all the answers, he pointed out, and his goal will be to continue the excellent education the district offers.

The questions and where to find the candidate's answers

For reasons of space, OCN can't print the complete responses from the candidates. Rather than summarize responses, we provide the questions below, list the candidates who answered them, and give the time in the online video where you can hear the answer to that question. The online video is at: <http://ustre.am/1r4Vy>.

"Share some of the ways in which you do or would work with all education stakeholders to provide the best education for every student." Answered by Bastin and Clawson at 18:20.



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