

ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CANDIDATE APPLICATION AND INFORMATION SHEET

***\*\*Please note: Candidates must reside within the boundary of the Alameda Unified School District to qualify for this appointment. AUSD Boundaries only include the City of Alameda. Candidates please ensure your home address is included below so that your residency can be verified.***

**Please complete and ensure your application packet is received on or before 5:00pm on Monday, December 6, 2023 at:**

Heather Little, Board President  
c/o Pasquale Scuderi, Superintendent  
2060 Challenger Dr.  
Alameda, CA 94501

OR emailed to [klonergan@alamedaunified.org](mailto:klonergan@alamedaunified.org)

*Application packets should include a completed version of this form, a resume, and a letter of interest.*

Date: 6 Dec 2023

Spehr	Alanna "Alex"	
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Middle Initial)

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: Computer technical support

Employer or Name of Self-Employed Business: not currently employed

No. of Years Residing in District: 6

Do you have children in the district's schools? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, what schools? \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you have prior experience serving on a governing board, including a school district board?  
Please list your prior board experience.

Nothing on a School Board.

2013-2014 Secretary on Board of a religious organization in Oakland.

2022-2023 Secretary on Board of a religious organization in San Francisco.

2022-2023 Member of Restoration Advisory Board for Alameda Naval Base closure and transfer to city

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2. Have you worked on any school committees or participated in any school activities recently?

Please list them.

2022-now [REDACTED] Garden Committee

2022-now [REDACTED] Garden Lunch Volunteer Coordinator

2021-2022 [REDACTED] PTA member

2022-now [REDACTED] PTA member

3. Describe any other community or business activities in which you have participated. describe your role, and whether your work was volunteer or employment-related

I've done various organizing work for the KDE Free Software Project. Volunteer.

I've done a little bit of volunteer work at my kid's Dutch School (after school program).

I've done bike and transit advocacy work on the Central St and Grand St projects.

I've done advocacy for the city's housing element plan. I've done advocacy for native plants.

4. Why do you want to be a school board member?

I hope that you have more qualified candidates, but I thought that would be the case in the last School Board election too. I am worried there will only be Moms for Liberty applicants!

I would like to help improve our schools and give kids the best education possible.

5. What do you see as the basic purpose of the public schools?

To teach kids reading, writing, mathematics, science, arts, and critical thinking.

6. What is the role of the school board in the fulfillment of that purpose?

The school board acts in the best interest of students and implements a vision and mission that is compatible with the State Education Code.

7. How does the board's role differ from that of the superintendent?

The superintendent oversees the day to day administration. The board oversees the superintendent.

8. What should be the relationship between the board members and the administration in the handling of school concerns?

They should work together for the best student outcomes.

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9. Briefly describe how you believe you will contribute to the educational process.

I'm willing to learn and work for what kids need.

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10. What do you see as the strengths of the school district?

We have lots of willing parent volunteers. For the amount of money per pupil we have, we have some impressive programs.

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11. What do you see as the area(s) most needing improvement in the school district?

We need more support and funding for Special Education. Inequities from decades of treating some schools better than others.

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12. What other pertinent information would you like the board to consider?

I haven't been with the PTA/school volunteering for that long, but have seen some of how things operate and hope that I could help the schools to be the best they can.

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Thank you for completing the Candidate Application and Information Sheet.

Please note that the information provided here becomes public information and may be open to public inspection, including through a California Public records Act Request.

If you have questions about this application, please contact  
Kerri Lonergan: [klonergan@alamedaunified.org](mailto:klonergan@alamedaunified.org) or 510.337.7187