

Candidate Responses – Orange County School Board

Jack Rickett

Question 1: Position Seeking:

JR: School Board

Question 2: Have You Previously Held this Position?

JR: No

Question 3: Will you be attending the August 23, 2023, Orange County Candidate Showcase?

JR: Yes

Question 4: How will you foster relationships between businesses and the school community?

JR: As a current small business owner, I will use current relationships to foster new ones and continue to strength existing through communication.

Question 5: Over the years, minority representation has decreased relative to administration and teaching staff. There is a growing concern among the African American community relative to the issue. What would be your proposal to help bridge the gap?

JR: Make it a priority!

Question 6: Our youth are our future. Agricultural education and organizations such as FFA plug students into the pathways available to grow, supply, and create within the agricultural sector. How would you like to see agricultural education be best supported in Orange County Public Schools? Are you in favoring of continuing these programs; what changes, if any, would you like to see? What experience do you have working with said programs?

JR: Our Rural community is enhanced by the work of the FFA. I support and will continue to support who we are and our rural character.

Question 7: Please further explain your interest in a position with our local School Board. What is your connection to Orange County Public Schools?

JR: I believe strongly in Public Education. Have been strong advocate of our teachers, coaches, staff and administration. they need our support now more than ever.

Question 8: What is your stance on CTE education and internship opportunities in the community and how will you support these efforts?

JR: Been an advocate for more than a decade, we just need the Will to get it done.

Question 9: What do you consider to be the greatest needs of the Orange County Public Schools that the School Board can resolve? If elected, what would be your top priority?

JR: Teacher Retention, CTE, Communication towards and about our schools and people.
