



CANDIDATE APPLICATION FORM
FOR SANTA ROSA CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
TRUSTEE AREA 2

Please fill out and return by 4:00 p.m. on March 25, 2026, to the Superintendent's Office (110 Stony Point Road, Suite 210, Santa Rosa, CA 95401) or email to Melanie Martin at mmartin@srcs.k12.ca.us

Date: 03/23/2026

Du Fosee Shaun A
(Last Name) (First Name) (Initial)

Email Address: [Redacted]

Business Address: Phone:

Home Address: Phone: [Redacted]

Are you registered to vote at this address? Yes XX No

Number of Years Residing in Trustee Area 2 of the District: 11+

Occupation: Labor Consultant

Employer Name: Mastagni Holstedt, A.P.C. Contact #: [Redacted]

Do you have or have you had children in the district's schools? Yes No XX

If yes, what school(s)? My wife and I have 1 child entering 7th grade next school year.

Please answer the following questions using additional paper if necessary.

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

See attached

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

See Attached

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

See attached

4. How does the board's role differ from that of the Superintendent?

See attached

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

See attached

6. Briefly describe your commitment to public education and our local school district.

See attached

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

See attached

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

See attached

9. Do you have prior experience on a governing board, specifically a school district board?
Please list prior experience.

See attached

10. Have you worked on any school committees or participated in any school activities recently? *Please list them.*

See attached

11. Describe any other community, business, or faith-based activities you have participated in. Describe your role, and whether your work was volunteer or employment-related.

See attached

Question 1: Why do you want to be a school board member?

I am motivated by having three children that will ultimately attend SRCS, I have firsthand experience in working within a system that is built on a legacy of poor and inadequate investment in our educational system.

I believe that with my long experience in dealing with significant budgets (upwards of \$14 billion dollars in one case) as a labor leader and consultant, sitting as a trustee on a credit union board and on a large benefits trust I bring a unique perspective to the table. I have experience in creating and implementing policy for large organizations. These experiences have taught me the value of collaboration. It is only through working with all stakeholders that we can be successful at our mission of the education of children and young adults.

Question 2: What do you see as the basic purpose of the public schools?

To provide a high-quality education to our students that will be in positions of not only leadership but contributing to every part of our community and society at large. To provide this educational opportunity in a safe and nurturing environment, to allow our students the freedom to explore what excites them and to find the passion that will inform their future selves.

Question 3: What is the role of the school board in the fulfillment of that purpose?

To provide the direction that the district will follow and then provide the necessary resources to carry out that purpose, to include the best facilities, staff and administration. To be the body where the “buck” stops. To ensure that effective communication is done with the school community and the community at large, and finally, to provide clear and effective guidance to administration on achieving the ultimate goal of providing that high quality educational experience to our students.

Question 4: How does the board’s role differ from that of the Superintendent?

The Board provides the direction/policy, and the Superintendent implements that vision through teamwork and coordination with the executive management team. While the Superintendent is in charge of the day-to-day operation of the district, the position is accountable to and under the control of the Board of Trustees.

Question 5: What should be the relationship between the board members and the administration in the handling of school concerns?

The Board and administration will work together in a collaborative fashion to address significant concerns. The Board will be kept informed of school concerns in a timely manner even if not to participate in the resolution. The board should have in place administrators that are able to handle issues as they arise.

Question 6: Briefly describe your commitment to public education and our local school district.

I am fully committed to doing whatever I can to enable our students to reach their full potential and goals. I am currently volunteering in coaching a 6th grade girls basketball team in one elementary school district and pick up trash and mow grass at another elementary school district on a regular basis.

At this point in my life I understand that there is no higher calling than the educational opportunities that we can provide for our students, beginning at the TK level.

Question 7: What do you see as the strengths of the school district?

First and foremost, it begins with the quality staff at our schools, they make it happen on a daily basis.

We also enjoy an incredibly supportive community that has provided the district with resources to enable the education of our students.

Question 8: What do you see as the area(s) most needing improvement in the school district?

Setting a cohesive, clear and understandable direction, based on facts, for the district that has buy-in from the school community that will be required to implement the direction and from the larger Santa Rosa community that will be required to support said direction.

Question 9: Do you have prior experience on a governing board, specifically a school district board? (please list prior experience)

20 years on the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Law Enforcement Association, including 10 years as president.

18 years on the Board of Directors of the Peace Officer Research Association of California, including 4 years on the Executive committee and 4 years on the Insurance and Benefits Trust

2 terms on the Central Democratic Committee of Sonoma County as Congressman Mike Thompsons representative

3+ years on the Board of Trustees of Grange Credit Union

10 Years on the Board of the Sonoma County Alliance

4+ years on the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Association of Retired Employees

Question 10: Have you worked on any school committees or participated in any school activities recently? (*Please list them*)

Coached 6th grade Girls Basketball Team

Attended Outdoor Education with my son (Alliance Redwoods)

Attended field trip to Sonoma County Water Agency

Attended School dances and fundraisers and PTA meeting

Question 11: Describe any other community, business, or faith-based activities you have participated in. Describe your role, and whether your work was volunteer or employment related.

I participated in the County's Day of Caring as a volunteer several times, doing work at the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, Shiloh Ranch Regional Park, And Riverfront Regional Park.

On a continuing volunteer basis, collect trash at Jack London Elementary school.