

# **Election 2017**

## **Profiles of Candidates**

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**Salina City Commission**

**USD 305 School Board**

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**Salina Area Chamber of Commerce**

The Salina Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to make available these candidate profiles for **Salina City Commission and USD 305 School Board**.

As the leading business organization in Salina, the Chamber takes a vital interest in local elections, most importantly, the candidates running for office and the issues facing our community.

The Chamber feels it is extremely important to inform you of the candidates, their background, past experience, their reason(s) for seeking public office, and their priorities if elected.

In addition, the Chamber and League of Women Voters are sponsoring a **Candidates Forum** prior to the general election **November 7**. **It will be held Tuesday, October 17 from 6-9pm in Sams Chapel on the campus of Kansas Wesleyan University**. The first session will feature candidates for USD 305 School Board. The second will feature candidates for Salina City Commission. The forum offers a great opportunity to meet the candidates, become familiar with the key issues, and ask questions. It is free and open to the public.

We hope the information is helpful, and we want to encourage you to vote November 7.

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# USD 305 School Board

## Candidate Profile

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**Campaign Treasurer:** Mark Bandre'

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**Occupation:** Higher Education Administrator

**Work History:** Since May 1, 1989, I have served private colleges and universities in progressively more responsible roles including time at Baker University, Bethany College, Tabor College, Ohio Wesleyan University, Hendrix College and Kansas Wesleyan University. Six of these years were spent in admissions, over 15 years in financial aid, and over seven years as a vice president.

**Most recent political and/or community experience/elected office(s) held:**

Since September 2016, I have served on the Salina Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. While this candidacy for USD305 school board is my first run for an elected office, I have been involved in every community where we have lived through coaching and officiating youth sports.

**I am seeking public office because:**

I believe it is important to be involved in the community where we live and try to utilize individual skills for common good. With many years of experience in higher education, I have seen students begin college with varying levels of preparation. Whether a high school graduate chooses to immediately enter the work force or enroll in some form of higher education, it is extremely important that the public schools deliver that person ready to contribute and with the ability to continue learning. If elected, I look forward to collaborating with parents, teachers and administrators towards continued progress in maximizing the ability of our students to learn and our teachers to facilitate learning.

**If elected, the top three issues/positions I will advocate are:**

1. Making sure the best possible person is hired as the next superintendent of schools for USD305.
2. Working with all involved local and state officials towards improvement of the school financing system. Salina has done a great job supporting our schools but finances will always be a crucial part of the collective ability to do the best possible work for our students.
3. Supporting all efforts that help students and families plan ahead, both academically and financially, for the next steps in our graduate's lives. Financial literacy, vision for what is possible for each individual and the realization of dreams are all parts of the educational process where improvement can occur.

# USD 305 School Board

## Candidate Profile

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**Occupation:** attorney

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Attorney with Hellmer, Denning and Thompson, 1989-2000;  
Attorney with Denning and Young, 2000-2006;  
Attorney with Kennedy Berkley Yarnevich & Williamson, 2006-present

**Most recent political and/or community experience/elected office(s) held:**

Three terms, USD 305 School Board, 2001-2012.  
Board of Trustees, Salina Education Foundation, 2010-present, chair, 2016;  
Smoky Hill Educational Service Center Board, approx 2008-2011, chair in 2010;  
Central Kansas Cooperative in Education Board member, approx 2009.  
Heartland Early Childhood Services Board member, approx 2004-2008.  
Ashby House Board member, approximately 1995-2000;  
Salina Parks and Recreation Board and Advisory Board, approx 1985-1990;  
Salina Downtown Lions, approx 1985-2010;

**I am seeking public office because:**

I have experience in leadership from my prior 3 terms on the school board and I believe I can be a steady influence on a board that will have many new members due to the election cycle.

**If elected, the top three issues/positions I will advocate are:**

1. Searching for the best possible Superintendent for our school system.
2. Attracting and retaining quality teachers.
3. Ensuring that all students attending USD 305 schools feel accepted, welcome and safe.

# USD 305 School Board

## Candidate Profile

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**Occupation:** Retired Registered Nurse

**Work History:** Started employment at Salina Regional Health Center as charge nurse medical surgical unit and emergency department; Nurse Manager of a 30 bed orthopedic/surgical unit; Director of Medical Surgical area; Director of Emergency Dept. Director of Intensive Care; and most of my career at SRHC as Patient Services Supervisor of Nursing for all units. I was involved in policy/procedure processes; employee issues; writing job descriptions and bylaws; formulating budgets; strategic planning locally, state, and nationally in many organizations; and program planning.

**Most recent political and/or community experience/elected office(s) held:**

Salina League of Women Voters-Board Member chair of fund raising for league, Phi Beta Psi Sorority Zeta Omicron Chapter---President (primary support for cancer patients and families locally and nationally for cancer research), Saline County Native Daughters of Kansas---Vice President, Saline County Democratic Women---Secretary, SRHC Service Auxiliary---Board member, KU School of Medicine/Nursing---Board member, Noon Network Ambucs Salina, Kansas Czechs Inc.---Board member

**I am seeking public office because:**

I want to serve and be involved in providing the best education possible for our children and youth as our future is in their hands. We must continue to make the investment needed for our public schools to be among the best in providing students a valuable, safe, and positive educational experience so that each student obtains knowledge and skills to the development of our communities. I will strive to bring to the board experience in developing and maintaining a positive workplace environment conducive to learning for the entire team. I fully support the mission statement and strategic plan for USD 305.

**If elected, the top three issues/positions I will advocate are:**

1. A strong, positive leadership
2. Qualified, adequate teacher positions all filled; an increase in non-academic but necessary personnel (social workers, nurses, counselors)
3. A budget that continues to meet the needs of our schools while remaining resilient to sudden change {change in state budget, etc.}.

# USD 305 School Board

## Candidate Profile

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**Occupation:** Insurance Benefits Consulting

**Work History:** I worked in the Heating/Air Conditioning field after graduating High School and Tech school here in Salina. I was a reserve deputy for the Saline County Sheriff's Office and in 1999, I began working at the Geary County, KS, Sheriff's Office as a Patrol Officer. In 2000, I was able to move my family back home and I began working at the Saline County Sheriff's Office where I worked until 2011. During this time I served in many rolls including, Patrol Deputy, Narcotics Investigator, DARE/GREAT Officer, Patrol Lieutenant. I also had an insurance business I built on my off time. In 2011, I left the Sheriff's Office and have been dedicating my efforts to my insurance business. I currently work with Insurance Agents as the Aflac District Manager to help them develop and grow their Agencies and operate my own Agency (Fletcher & Associates) specializing in employee benefits.

**Most recent political and/or community experience/elected office(s) held:**

I have never been elected to public office, but have served on boards of many local community organizations. I served many years on the Council of Education for St. Mary's and Sacred Heart High School. I currently work with local HR managers serving on the board for the Salina - Society for Human Resource Management organization.

**I am seeking public office because:**

I want to see our school district continue in a positive direction. I believe this happens with the involvement of community members providing leadership and helping build the vision for the future. I am currently a parent of students in the district, a property owner in the community and a business owner. I believe I have a vested interest in the continued success of our school district and the students and staff who are served.

**If elected, the top three issues/positions I will advocate are:**

1. Students are always the number one priority, I will look at each decision and how it affects students and their abilities to be successful.
2. A qualified and respected staff will provide a quality educational learning environment for students. It will be my goal to provide the staff with the tools they need to be successful in their mission to educate the students.
3. Schools are funded with public monies, collected as taxes from local citizens. I believe public funds should always be used in the most responsible way. Understanding that this includes using a big picture prospective, and not always the cheapest way to get by.

USD 305 School Board  
Candidate Profile

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Campaign Treasurer: Heather Fuller

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Occupation: Branch Manager at Rose Hill Bank

Work History: Former Farmer and rancher.

Most recent political and/or community experience/elected office(s) held:


Colby School Board for 4 yrs., Northwest Technical College Board of Control for 4 years, Natural Resource Conservation Services - Chairman for 4 years.

I am seeking public office because:

I believe it's very important to provide the best education possible to the students of our school district.

If elected, the top three issues/positions I will advocate are:

1. Communication - increase the level of communication throughout the school district.
2. Teamwork - concentrate on the school district working together to provide the top level education to all students.
3. Leadership - to make sure all school employees are leaders and role models for all students.

  
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# USD 305 School Board

## Candidate Profile

**Name:** Gabe Grant

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**Occupation:** REALTOR with Coldwell Banker Antrim-Piper Wenger REALTORS since July of 2013

### **Work History:**

#### **Most recent political and/or community experience/elected office(s) held:**

I am a recent graduate of Leadership Salina and currently serve as vice-president of the Salina Emergency Aid/Food Bank, as past president of the Salina Multiple Listing Service, and as a board member for the Salina Symphony.

#### **I am seeking public office because:**

I firmly believe finding a way to serve the community you live in is important for any citizen and a strong public education system is important for any community's success and growth. I want Salina to be the best community it can be and this is a way for me to help our city achieve that goal.

#### **If elected, the top three issues/positions I will advocate are:**

1. A free public K-12 education should ensure sure each and every child, no matter their background, is able to choose what comes after high school graduation. Whether entering the workforce, moving on to career or technical training, or attending a community, state, or Ivy League college or university, it is important every child had the opportunity and the support to be prepared and ready to succeed in that next step.
2. District and building administration should see teachers as partners in the mission of the district. Student successes are only bettered when teachers are in an environment where they feel they can affect change, are supported, and are set up for success.
3. We should find ways to increase diversity of faculty and staff across the district. Students only benefit from being in environments that look like the community in which they live and where they are presented with a range of worldviews, challenged, and encouraged to grow. This is not an item with a short-term solution, but that does not mean it shouldn't be discussed and solved.



# USD 305 School Board

## Candidate Profile

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**Occupation:** Minister of Music, Quality Control, and Administrative

### **Work History:**

\*Music Minister for 32 years.

\*2006-2009 - KLA Environmental Services, Inc. - Technical Information Specialist

\*2010-2012 - Independent Avon Representative

\*2011-Present - KLA Environmental Services, Inc. - Technical Information Specialist

### **Most recent political and/or community experience/elected office(s) held:**

\*Current Board Member - USD 305 Board of Education

\*Current Member - Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

\*Current Member - Salina Adult Education Center Advisory Board

\*Current Member - MLK Ad Hoc Committee

\*Current Member - Kansas Legal Services Advisory Board

### **I am seeking public office because:**

As we watch current events unfold, it is evident that we are all intertwined within the only true race there is...the human race. It is my belief that if we are not part of the solution, we are part of the problem.

Therefore, serving on the Board of Education is stepping up to the obligation each of us has, in our own way, of ensuring every child receives a quality education. Sitting on the Board for the past 18 months, I have been part of the solution. I want to continue the work I have begun as a voice for the children, and families, of USD 305.

### **If elected, the top three issues/positions I will advocate are:**

1. Bullying: Bullying is affecting our students on many levels. I will work to ensure adherence to, and review of, current protocols and future needs, to protect and provide a safe harbor for the precious lives entrusted to us.

2. Communication: I will promote communication between the Board and the community that is transparent, fosters equity, and encourages dialogue.

3. Superintendent Search: Although the Interim Superintendent's contract has been extended, a permanent Superintendent must be chosen. I promise to be an active, conscientious participant, so that we do not merely maintain the course of USD 305, but reinstate its forward progress.

# USD 305 School Board

## Candidate Profile

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**Occupation:** Technical Support Analyst

**Work History:** Asurion (work at home division) - May 2011 - present

**Most recent political and/or community experience/elected office(s) held:**

Sunset School PTA - 2nd year as Vice-President; completed Citizen's Academy through Sheriff/Police Dept; currently going through CERT training. Also, while I attended KSU-Polytechnic, I was Student Government Senator for Arts/Sciences/Business Department.

**I am seeking public office because:**

Hoping to make an impact on Salina's future, which are the kids, by being a voice advocate. To represent different groups in the community. I have a personal interest in the school system since I went to school here and so did my children. I believe in making education better. We can all learn from it.

**If elected, the top three issues/positions I will advocate are:**

1. Bullying-needs to stop and rules put in place.
2. School bond issues - keep the improvements coming.
3. Parent involvement - showing them it is okay to stand up with concerns.

# Salina City Commission

## Candidate Profile

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**Campaign Treasurer:** Owen Freiburger

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**Occupation:** Real Estate Broker

### **Work History:**

Thirty-four successful years working in the field of development, finance, construction, affordable housing and sales of real estate in Kansas.

Broker/Owner of NextHome Pro Realty facilitating real estate transactions across the central and western part of the State.

### **Most recent political and/or community experience/elected office(s) held:**

Two consecutive terms as Chairman of the Salina Planning Commission. Presently serving the City as Vice chairman of the Planning Commission and liaison to the Salina Board of Zoning Appeals.

### **I am seeking public office because:**

Salina is at the crossroads. Great change is happening as a result of many people's input and participation. More than anything, I value the process. I understand how important it is to involve everyone. I have studied the issues during my tenure on the Planning Commission and I am prepared to continue that work at the funding level as a Salina City Commissioner. I will carefully and diligently monitor future City business, as well as strive to engage as many as possible in the process.

Most importantly, I offer a proven impartial voice to the Commission -- a voice that represents all citizens and constituents of Salina.

### **If elected, the top three issues/positions I will advocate are:**

1. Careful oversight of government spending and appropriation.
2. Furthering the appeal of Salina as a viable and sustainable city of the future, a place of growth and prosperity.
3. Total transparency and active engagement of Salina's citizens.

# Salina City Commission Candidate Profile

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**Campaign Treasurer:** Dale Heuszel

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**Occupation:** Financial Advisor, Owner, Founder, Hampton Financial, LLC

**Work History:** Hampton Financial, 2011 to present; Financial Advisor, Branch Manager, A.G. Edwards and successor firms, 2003 to 2011; Senior Vice President, The Bond Market Association, 1996 to 2003; Legislative Director and Legislative Assistant, U.S. House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, 1992-1996.

**Most recent political and/or community experience/elected office(s) held:**

Salina Area Chamber of Commerce Board (2015 Chair), Salina Regional Health Foundation Board (present), Sunflower Adult Day Center Board (present, past Chair), Salina Education Foundation board (past Chair), Salina Art Center board, Coronado Area Council Boy Scouts of America board, Kansas District Tennis Association board.

**I am seeking public office because:** I would like to provide a new voice to the Salina City Commission. I will listen to the voters and the citizens of Salina. I will work to grow our great city. I will try to improve relations between the city and the Saline County Commission. Economic development efforts should emphasize retention and expansion of current businesses, as well as workforce development. Salina must also continue to prioritize quality of life issues and attract and retain individuals, families, and businesses to our community.

**If elected, the top three issues/positions I will advocate are:**

1. Economic development/workforce development
2. Downtown revitalization and Salina 2020
3. Improved relations between the city and Saline County Commission

# Salina City Commission Candidate Profile

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**Occupation:** Director of Maintenance Sacred Heart High School

## **Work History:**

20 years Philips Lighting

10 years with Computerland of Salina

15 years GE /Cameron

## **Most recent political and/or community experience/elected office(s) held:**

50 years with the Boy Scouts

Parish Council President St. Marys/Sacred Heart

Member of 20/20 vision board

Life member Knights of Columbus

Member of the Salina Ambucs

## **I am seeking public office because:**

I want to see Salina Grow I want to see better Jobs More industry better housing better streets. A place where my Grand Kids can grow up live and Stay

## **If elected, the top three issues/positions I will advocate are:**

1. Better Paying Jobs Manufacturing
2. affordable Housing
3. Better steward of the taxpayers Money

# Salina City Commission

## Candidate Profile

**Name:** Melissa Rose Hodges

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**Occupation:** Community volunteer

**Work History:** Volunteer for school, church, civic, and nonprofit boards; former business manager for Salina Women's Clinic and Kanza Fencing; and former executive director of Salina Downtown, Inc.

**Most recent political and/or community experience/elected office(s) held:** Salina City Commission, Commission liaison to Salina Community Economic Development Organization; Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and Building Authority Board

**I am seeking public office because:** As a lifelong Salinan, it's been an honor to serve as one of your Salina City Commissioners. My husband Boo and I returned to home to raise our family. It's time for me to do my part to ensure that Salina is the kind of community where our children and grandchildren will want to return to raise their own families. My late father-in-law, former mayor Dr. Merle Hodges used to say that "good people make good government." I believe that good government begins at home. Each of us is responsible for shaping our community and overcoming generational challenges. With your help, I'm ready to continue to do mine.

**If elected, the top three issues/positions I will advocate are:**

1. Improving economic opportunities. With the creation of the new Salina Economic Development Organization (SCEDO), we are much better positioned to address the fact that despite a low unemployment rate, nearly 20% of our neighbors live below the poverty line and over 60% of our children qualify for free or reduced lunches. SCEDO is tasked with developing and implementing a strategic plan to identify emerging industries, support business expansion, and partner with our educational institutions to build a workforce with the education and skills needed to be ready for our targeted livable wage jobs.
2. Balancing infrastructure maintenance while supporting new initiatives. Between streets, water lines, and sewer mains, Salina has over \$80 million in deferred maintenance. We will have to balance infrastructure repairs without jeopardizing projects like the new south water plant; remediation of the Schilling Air Force Base contamination; Smoky Hill River renewal; and STAR bonds downtown redevelopment. It will be a challenge to continue to build up the general fund while meeting these obligations and being aware of impacts on our bonding limit and rating.
3. Promoting diversity and inclusivity. As an employer, the City should be a leader in establishing policies which reinforce that discrimination in any form against our friends, neighbors, and fellow employees is unacceptable and has no place in Salina. We should be prepared to take the lead in discussions about important issues and to implement policies and programs that address them.

These problems face almost every community. It's our job to ensure that every Salina voice is acknowledged, empowered, and enlisted in solving the challenges we will face in the years ahead.

# Salina City Commission

## Candidate Profile

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**Occupation:** President/Owner Land Title Services, Inc.

### **Work History:**

Land Title Services, Inc., 2002 to present; Vice President, Bennington State Bank 1995 to 2002;  
Treasurer Security Savings & Loan Association 1979 to 1995

### **Most recent political and/or community experience/elected office(s) held:**

Salina Education Foundation Board (2000 Chair), Salina Area Chamber of Commerce Board (2008 Chair), Salina Airport Authority Board (2015 Chair), Salina Regional Health Center Foundation Board (2017 Chair), Salina YMCA Board and Salina Downtown Inc. Board. President or Coronado PTO, Salina South High School Booster Club and Chairman of SculptureTour Salina.

### **I am seeking public office because:**

- \*I wish to create a professional working environment between city government and its many partners.
- \*I bring a banking and business background which will help me analyze the financial issues associated with this position.
- \*Salina has been good to me and my family. I feel good about the many options the city offers to its citizens. My plan would be to build on those positive aspects and create a better place to live.

### **If elected, the top three issues/positions I will advocate are:**

1. Finalize the downtown renovations and capitalize on the momentum created by these projects.
2. Assist in formulating policies which will support commercial and residential development.
3. Work with local employers and appropriate entities to help find a qualified workforce.

# Salina City Commission Candidate Profile

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**Occupation:** Owner: United Broadcasting Group

**Work History:** Own:

studio1117 Recording Studios

Recording Services and Supply (audio equipment)

Premiere Media (content production)

Partner in an investment group with residential rentals.

Guitarist and singer in "The Soul Preachers" Band

I've been involved in each of these businesses a minimum of 15 years and some over 30

**Most recent political and/or community experience/elected office(s) held:**

Mayor City of Salina

Salina City Commission

Salina Planning Commission

Salina Heritage Commission

Stiefel Theater Board

North Central Regional Planning Commission

Salina NAACP (Life Member)

North Salina Community Development (non board)

Arts and Humanities (liason)

Salina Housing Authority (liaison)

Salina/Saline County Health Board (liaison)

**I am seeking public office because:**

To make Salina an investment worthy community. To lower taxes with reuse of existing infrastructure wherever possible & using smart growth thinking for any new development.

Raising wages is an absolute must. Salina is 20% below the the Kansas average with wages and we rank 38th in income generation. For a city our size & our abilities, that is not acceptable.

I want to continue the projects I helped start while in office like the new Economic Development Organization and fixing our infrastructure.

**If elected, the top three issues/positions I will advocate are:**

1. Create an atmosphere for higher wages in our community through our new EDO that I helped setup as Mayor.
2. Lowering taxes by smart use of existing infrastructure. We can't build more without gaining population or taxes go up. It's simple math. I want to fix existing streets and have nice looking parks.
3. Support opportunities that add to the quality of life for the entire community.



# Salina City Commission

## Candidate Profile

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**Occupation:** Kansas State Polytechnic - Student

**Work History:**

Navy Marine Corps Relief Society

Insurance Agent

Funeral Director

Instructor for English as a Second Language

Volunteerism

Community Emergency Response Team

Citizens Academy

**Most recent political and/or community experience/elected office(s) held:**

Solid Waste Management Committee

**I am seeking public office because:**

Volunteerism is my motto. I seek to serve and in that, being served myself. As a committeeman for the Salina/Saline County Solid Waste Management Committee, I seek fair, economical and equitable solutions for community recycling projects and long term solid waste storage.

As a commissioner, I can further evaluate and resolve public concerns, promote public initiatives and provide impartial distribution of public moneys to the community.

**If elected, the top three issues/positions I will advocate are:**

1. City Economic Development
2. Seek Improvements to City Infrastructure
3. Seek Reduction of City taxation and Liabilities