

Bettendorf Community School District
2017 Board Candidate Profile



Name	Kendra Marinaccio
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Occupation	Computer Aided Drafter
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate of BHS 1995 • Associate of Arts – General Studies (AA); Hawkeye Community College, Waterloo • Associate of Occupational Studies in Computer Aided Drafting and Design (AOS-CADD); Hamilton Technical College, Davenport
How long have you lived in the district?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have lived a total of 20 years in the Bettendorf Community School District. • I was a student in the BCSD for 7 years, after graduating from Bettendorf High School, I went away to college and worked in multiple states before I felt the yearning to come back home where I've been for the last 10 years.
Family	Even though I don't have children I am passionate about giving my time to my community. I am an avid volunteer for the Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois and St. James Lutheran Church. I have many friends that have children in the district that I support by attending games, concerts, and school activities from all schools in the district.
School/District activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have attended many band and orchestra concerts, chorus concerts, athletic games, and other various school functions to support the children that I know from my friends and my Girl Scout Troop. I have volunteered for 2 years with the Mark Twain PTA for Fun Night. • While in High school, I was in Latin Club, Debate Team, German Club, Orchestra and Pit Orchestra, Color Guard, and Symphonic Band. I was also Bobby Bulldog for 2 years at the football and basketball games, and participated in shot-put. I received a well-rounded education from the BCSD including multiple activities from fine arts, athletics, and academic clubs. • During my last two years in High School, I was given permission for a one-on-one class with Mr. Burr. I met with him before or after school 3 days a week for Latin Levels 3 and 4 due to not enough students to hold a regular class. Mr. Burr didn't give up on me continuing my education in Latin.
Are you a Bettendorf High School graduate? If so, what year?	Yes, 1995
Other experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I'm an active member of St. James Lutheran Church in Bettendorf. I have held many volunteer leadership roles from Sunday School teacher to Chair of Stewardship, and a member of the Church Council. I have also been a member of various committees and special activity planning groups, and the Pastoral Call Committee. • I'm a Lifetime Member of Girl Scouting. I just completed my 35th year as a member. I was a Girl Scout from elementary through High School graduation and earned my Gold Award. During my Senior year of High School, I was a member of the Girl Scout Board of Directors 1 year, then again as an adult for 3 years representing the interests of girls in Girl Scouting. I've also had many director and leadership positions including Service Unit Director (leading all adult volunteers in

	<p>Bettendorf), Donetta Schaffer Scholarship Committee Member for 6 years, Cookie Cupboard/Product Sales Troop Manager, and Troop Leader. I am a trainer for adult volunteers across the Council, and have been a National Delegate for two non-consecutive 3 year terms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I'm passionate about educating others. I'm not a professional educator, but I am a Master Level Trainer with the Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois, teaching and mentoring leaders as well as girls in leadership and personal development throughout Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois. I have been Director of Program Aides (6-12th graders) for 3 years at our local Bettendorf Sunset Camp, and have mentored many girls earning their High Awards doing sustainable and lasting projects that affect our community.
<p>What motivates you to want to become a board member?</p>	<p>I want the future to be better for our kids and their kids. Being a member of the school board will allow me to help more children in a lasting way. I am committed to serving others. My role on the board will allow me to leverage my skills in leadership and board service for the betterment of our community.</p>
<p>What skills or experiences qualify you to serve as a school board member?</p>	<p>I am a community minded person that tries to lead by example of doing the best you can every day. I believe that doing something for the benefit of another is worth every minute of my time.</p> <p>I am a listener. I listen before I speak. I ask questions to verify I understand information. I make every effort to make the best decisions based on what is needed while keeping financial concerns in mind.</p> <p>I have served a total of nine years on three Board of Directors/Councils: Mississippi Valley Girl Scout Council (now Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois Council), Quad City Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction, and St. James Lutheran 35-year member of Girl Scouts of the USA and have held various positions including Service Unit Director, Council Trainer, Director of Program Aides at Bettendorf Sunset Camp, and over 10 years as a Troop Leader. I have served three non-consecutive three-year terms as a National Delegate for Girl Scouts of the USA, and been on a National Task Force for the Promise and Law.</p> <p>In these roles, I have had the responsibility of understanding fund allocations, budgeting, property management, and interpersonal skills and compromise. There have been many times of differences of opinions on boards, and I would want that, occasionally. Having a board that always agrees with everything isn't what we need. We need an unbiased board that can look at all facts and make policy decisions based on fact alone.</p> <p>I have a strong code of ethics that was built into me as a military dependent of doing what is ethical even in the face of adversity, and treating everyone with respect.</p>
<p>What specific strengths would you bring to the board?</p>	<p>I am not easily influenced by specific agendas nor pure passion, I believe it's important for discourse to fully vet ideas using data and a review of all points of view before making decisions. My decisions on the board would be governed by the facts and what is the best option for the community and our students.</p>