

Potential Questions for First Selectman Candidates

1. What do you think the schools are doing right to prepare students for a successful future? Likewise, what do you think could be improved upon and how would you make that happen? (3-minute response)
2. How will you ensure schools cultivate engaged and informed citizens, ready to work together across difference and actively participate in our democracy? (2-minute response)
3. How would you build consensus and support in the community around the work of the school district? (2-minute response)
4. If you were to send a newsletter to every Bethel household, around what three issues would you focus your update? (30-second response)
5. What are your qualifications for running for First Selectman? (30-second response)
6. Do you like the non-binding "Too High/Too Low" questions included in our referendum ballot? Why or why not? (1-minute response)
7. How would you balance having good schools with affordability? (2-minute response)
8. How would you work within the community to get more people, including those Bethel households without school-aged children, involved and supportive of issues facing our schools? (2-minute response)
9. What role, if any, do you think students should have in the political process? (1-minute response)
10. Looking forward, what do you think are the biggest issues on the horizon over the next 5 to 10 years and what would you do to address them? (2-minute response)
11. With increasing school enrollments, what additional measures beyond current practices would you implement to validate residency requirements? (1-minute response)
12. As more families move into our great town we are facing two significant challenges: 1) larger class sizes 2) increased expenses for support services needed for our growing ESL and special needs populations. Supporting this growth adequately (including hiring the needed teachers & support staff) can only be accomplished with an increased budget. Will you support this need this spring when budget season comes along? (2-minute response)