

Kym Kennedy  
BUSD#2 Governing Board Candidate

**Education:**

- B.S.N. University of Washington
- M.A. in Literature and Writing, Union Institute and University
- Postmaster's Certificate in College Teaching, Capella University
- PhD Candidate in Adult and Postsecondary Education, Capella University

**Current Employment:**

- Associate Faculty Member, Cochise College English Department
- Part-time reporter, *The Bisbee Observer*

**Current Campus and Community Service:**

- Bisbee Rotary Club, Secretary
- Rotaract Cochise College, faculty co-advisor
- Honor's Committee, member
- Creative Writing Committee, member

**Some Past Community Service:**

- Habitat for Humanity, Board member
- Curry County Board of Realtors, Ethics Committee Member
- Women's Safety and Resource Center, Community Training Program Liaison with Southwestern Oregon Community College
- Volunteer teacher for College 101, a program to introduce at-risk high school students to college

I have a lifelong and enduring passion for education at all levels. Though I currently teach college, I understand the importance of K-12 education in preparing our children for college careers and life careers. I work at keeping current with the research and information about education at all levels. Education is the foundation for creating American, indeed world, citizens, who are prepared to critically evaluate and take on the tough challenges of our modern world.

Bisbee Unified School District #2 has encountered some challenges over the last year. The American education system has encountered serious challenges for many years, but it is time to build on the successes--there are many--and to move the district forward in a positive manner. With the hiring of a new high school principal and new teachers and the dedication of the faculty, staff, and administration who have remained, we are in a unique position to collaborate—Governing Board, parents, students, faculty, staff, administration, district, and community--to build a strong, resilient, flexible, and responsive educational system that will support and educate our students to be the best they can be.

I am not a politician. I had a daughter go through the public school system in a relatively small community, and I know some of the frustrations, fears, and concerns of a parent. I promise to listen, always. I promise to do my homework and research. I promise to ask questions when necessary, even the hard ones. I promise to go out in the field to the schools, if necessary, for

fact-finding and deeper understanding. I promise to work in a positive, can-do manner with my colleagues on the board and in the district.

The Bisbee community is known for coming together in mutual support to get even tough jobs done. We are so fortunate to have that community willingness, support, and commitment. I have faith that my work with the BUSD#2 Governing Board along with the input and support of the parents, faculty, staff, administration, and the whole community will move this school district forward into a bright and strong future.

I thank you in advance for your vote.