

Peggy Kelly Letter of Intent

I am Peggy Kelly, a wife of 55 years, mother of 3 and grandmother of 8, who grew up in New Orleans, Louisiana the older of two girls. I married my high school sweetheart before college graduation and we settled in Boulder County.

After earning a BS in Nursing from the University of Colorado, my career began in a local hospital on a surgical floor. Following the birth of our first child, I worked for the Boulder County Health Department as a visiting nurse and then as a school nurse under contract with the Boulder Valley School District. I left nursing after the birth of our second child and eventually started teaching middle school science, high school English and Old Testament Survey in a private school.

Currently, my husband and I live on a small farm in the county with the usual dogs, a barn cat, a large flock of chickens and a productive vegetable garden. Temporary animal residents include two heifers who are due to calve in December.

Besides a degree in nursing and being a Registered Nurse, my background includes training in Physical Assessment of Adults, training as a Level 1 Responder with Crisis Response International as well as chaplaincy training with this organization. For the past 5 years I have been teaching United States Constitution classes in the area and heading Women's Ministry in my church.

My interest in serving on the SVVSD Board came as a result of having grandchildren in the district and not knowing what was being taught in their schools or how policy was being made. Our two older children graduated from Niwot High School but also had some home schooling as well as private schooling.

I have a passion for children of all ages and stages, especially those with any kind of disability. I believe that schools exist to partner with families in nurturing and educating children of all backgrounds and abilities, providing safe environments where kids can explore interests, develop their talents and be challenged to achieve their best, all as they enjoy being learners in an environment that protects their childhood innocence.

Strong families create strong communities. Strong communities build strong schools. Strong schools predict our future.

I have wide experience outside the district, truly understand the needs of the families that may not feel connected with the outstanding, high-achieving programs, and can bring a fresh perspective. I am not afraid to ask questions. I believe the district has shown much success and can demonstrate even more.

I believe our responsibility continues to be to the children, to see them fully prepared as citizens and leaders.