

BIOGRAPHIES FOR HOLY SPIRIT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Two will be elected for a three year term beginning July 2018.
Election will be held June 10th at Mass.

T.J. DUNPHY

Raised in Creston my family has had a strong connection to the Catholic faith and especially St. Malachy School. I am a graduate of St. Malachy (1989). My family has modeled a life of service and leadership from my Grandpa Gene Dunphy serving many roles in the church and community as has my father Tom. I have had the opportunity of teaching in several school districts and was an administrator, middle and high school principal at Griswold for 13 years before returning to my hometown. With my background one way I have been able to give back is by teaching religious education to 6th graders but feel being on the school board would also be a great fit. I am currently the News Director at KSIB, raise cattle, and help family members farm.



BETH KULOW-KNUTSTROM

Jared and I moved to Creston from rural south central Illinois in December 2010. In making a quick transition into the community, we quickly settled into new positions and community. Jared with BNSF and me teaching fourth, fifth, and sixth grade at Prescott Community School. Kinsley joined the family in August of 2011 and attends St. Malachy.

I taught in Prescott prior to moving into higher education, becoming the Director and Education Coordinator for Buena Vista University and later the Governor's STEM Manager for Southwest Iowa. For the past five academic years, I have served as the Dean of Student Services at Southwestern Community College.

Within the Creston community, I am very active in promoting Creston and Southwest Iowa as a great place to visit and live. I serve on a wide-variety of community and state-wide service boards and committees. It is my belief that a community is only as strong as the people who believe there want it to be.

Bringing in a wealth of education experience: 4th-8th grade classroom teacher, middle school administrator, college adjunct instructor, and college administration, I have 15 years of educational experience. I understand the state and national government policy making and have been a registered lobbyist for several years. I am excited for the opportunity to serve St. Malachy School as a member of the school board and to give back to the educational field that has provided me with a wide array of opportunities.

LORA PELLMAN

I am running for the St. Malachy school board and I would appreciate your support. I am a life-long member of Holy Spirit Parish. I am also a St. Malachy alumnus. My husband Brit and I have 6 children. Our 4 boys all graduated from St. Malachy school. Our daughters Megan and Olivia are currently enrolled in 8th grade and 6th grade. St. Malachy School is truly a part of our family.

I have served as a PTO officer and currently work with several committees within the school including marketing and recruitment, school improvement and the St. Malachy Foundation auction committee. I enjoy working with the administration, teachers, and other parents to improve, promote, and support the school. Our school has seen tremendous growth in the past few years and I look forward to being a part of the continued growth and success that the future holds.

I am a small business owner so I understand the complexities of budgets and what it takes to be fiscally responsible as well as how to market and grow in our community. I have the time and passion to devote to making our school thrive for future generations. Thank you for all that the parish does to support our school.

