

PITTSBURG UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES



CANDIDATE APPLICATION AND INFORMATION SHEET

****Please note: Candidates must reside within the boundary of the Pittsburg Unified School District to qualify for this appointment. See map online [PUSD District Boundary Map](#) for more information on District boundaries.**

Please complete and ensure your application is received on or before March 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at:

Pittsburg Unified School District
ATTENTION: SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
2000 Railroad Avenue
Pittsburg, CA 94565

OR emailed to janetlopez@pittsburgusd.net

Date: 3/7/2022

Mansur _____ Saji _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Initial)

Business Address: _____ Phone: _____

Home Address: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Occupation: Project Coordinator

Employer or Name of Self-Employed Business: _____

No. of Years Residing in District: 13

Do you have children in the district's schools? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what schools? _____

1. Do you have prior experience serving on a governing board, including a school district board?
Please list your prior board experience.

N/A

2. Have you worked on any school committees or participated in any school activities recently?
Please list them.

N/A

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3. Describe any other community or business activities in which you have participated. describe your role, and whether your work was volunteer or employment-related
Volunteer coach for the city of Pittsburg flag football league. I contributed time as a presenter to the African American Baby shower project held annually at faith based sites in Pittsburg. I completed an internship with the International Rescue Committee supporting job and language training.

4. Why do you want to be a school board member?
As a Bay Area Native and a product of public schools I feel its important to contribute to the community I live in as well supporting educational opportunities for the cities youth. Hopefully I can help the board make informed decisions and promote equitable education.

5. What do you see as the basic purpose of the public schools?
Our public schools need to explore all assets and resources available in order to meet the needs of the community. Our schools need to promote opportunities for students to pursue higher education or technical skills.

6. What is the role of the school board in the fulfillment of that purpose?
The school board is the liason between community voices and governmental process. In collaboration with the community the board should consider community sentiment and needs as it navigates buearacritic procedure.

7. How does the board's role differ from that of the superintendent?
Board members are to represent public interest and present perspectives to the superintendent. The board works to reach consensus allowing the superintendent to make informed decision. The superintendent has multiple boards to consult and makes decisions for the group at large.

8. What should be the relationship between the board members and the administration in the handling of school concerns?
The reallationship should be informative, much as like the relationship with public board members should be avialable to hear administration concerns however the relationship should not be one that reaches the level of influence.

9. Briefly describe how you believe you will contribute to the educational process.
I've spent my professional carrer improving internal communication and creating efficient administrative

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Processes. I will bring the perspective of a parent and the experience of professional administrator to the board to create positive changes.

10. What do you see as the strengths of the school district?

I believe the district is well suited to serve the diverse population in the area, there is a sense of community and a willingness to be forward thinking.

11. What do you see as the area(s) most needing improvement in the school district?

I think district could do more to include community voices and input, perhaps there are more options available in terms of informing the public.

12. What other pertinent information would you like the board to consider?

I hope the board considers the changing dynamics of the Bay Area as well as the changes to community while they consider equitable policy.

Thank you for completing the Candidate Information Form.

Please note that the information provided here becomes public information and may be open to public inspection, including through a California Public records Act Request.

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DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY
FOR GOVERNING BOARD TRUSTEE

Candidates must be 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the State of California, reside within the boundaries of Pittsburg Unified School District, a registered voter and not legally disqualified from holding civil office. (*Education Code 35107*)

I, Saji Mansur, attest that I qualify per the above requirements to be considered a candidate for School Board Trustee.

Saji Mansur 3/11/2022
Signature Date

MUST BE SUBMITTED ALONG WITH YOUR APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE BY 5:00 PM ON MARCH 11, 2022.