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Alhamdulillah, we migrated to Wichita in January 2003 with the intention of sending our children to Islamic School, living in a vibrant Muslim community, where we could be the spirituality enriched. My wife and I are physicians. I have been working in the Wesley health system and she has been working in the Veteran's hospital. We are blessed with 3 daughters and all of them went to AIS in their young age and greatly benefited.

I have a passion for education, I believe in Islamic education as well as a strong secular education, so that our future generation will have a strong footing in the society. I have served two terms as a member in the BOE and accomplished many things. Our school was accredited, we hired certified Principals and excellent teachers and incorporated a strong and up-to-date curriculum. AIS has progressed and expanded to High school since I left the BOE. I believe in the quality of the education rather than expansion. I believe we need to reevaluate the whole situation and figure out the best way we can make AIS a model school.

Alhamdulillah, as a young member of the community I played a pivotal role along with our late Br. Nabil Seyam and other community members to complete the Dar-Us- Salam Masjid project. I played a key role to resolve some personal and familial crisis in an amicable way without any further elaboration. As a chair of grievance subcommittee (under BOE) we established systemic approach to resolve any issue or conflict in an ethical and prudent way, which was very successful.

We would like to deal with any community issues with a holistic rather than piecemeal approach. We will emphasize the necessity of amalgamation of wisdom with knowledge and follow the correct methodology to solve any community affair. ISW is facing multiple challenges and we have to face them pragmatically. Our children are growing to teens, young adults and adults and the needs are changing constantly. Our migration will be fruitless if we fail to keep our next generation within the boundaries of Islam. I believe we need to have more frequent youth seminar and guest speaker and bring the young adults to different Boards.

We all want to see ISW in a solid financial situation, different ideas can be entertained, but we need to create some tangible assets for IWS, be a shopping mall, apartment complexes or medical clinic . We just can't depend on donations forever. The next generation will be in a different shape than we are here today. It needs motivation, co-operation, sacrifice and bold steps.

We would like to establish a feedback process from the community members periodically so that BOT can reflect on the will and wishes of the people. We would reinforce the accountability and transparency. We want to involve the whole community as much as possible, so that they can sense the value and ownership of the community.

In Shia' Allah I will work hard to bring the positive changes, if I get elected as BOT member.

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