Candidate’s name __Janet Waugh____________________

1. As a State Board of Education member, which of the following organizations would you trust to inform your decision-making in regards to science? Check all that apply.
   a. American Association for the Advancement of Science X____
   b. The Kansas Policy Institute _____
   c. The National Academies of Science _____
   d. The Discovery Institute _____
   e. The American Institute of Biological Sciences _____
   f. Heartland Institute _____
   g. The National Science Teachers Association X____
   h. The Institute for Creation Research _____
   i. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change _____
   j. Marshall Institute _____
   k. Fox News Network _____
   l. Public Broadcasting _____

Other organizations you rely on for accurate information in the area of science: (Please name) Kansas Citizens for Science

2. Would you support retaining the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) for students in Kansas?

Yes. Prior to voting on these I checked with various science experts in Kansas and they were all very supportive.

3. What do you see as the role of the State Board and the Kansas State Department of Education in providing the necessary resources for implementing NGSS?

Teacher & administrator training should be offered throughout the state. As part of the training, best practices should be included.

4. What do you believe should be the role of the State Board of Education in writing curricular standards in science?

The actual writing of the standards should be done by a committee composed of educators and other individuals who are experts in the field of science. They should research and submit their recommendation to the State Board. After review and public hearings, the board makes the final decision on adopting them. I personally check with various individuals I respect and trust who are experts in the science field as well as various community members before I make my decision.

5. What is your view on providing an age-appropriate, medically accurate, comprehensive approach to sex education for the students of Kansas?

I support this approach to sex education and also support opt-out.

6. In your view, who has the primary responsibility for determining the licensing requirements for secondary math, science, technology, and engineering teachers, and why?
The State Board of Education has the primary responsibility for determining the licensing requirements for all teachers and administrators. We should continue working with our Universities to encourage them to recruit more students in the STEM field. Our major problem is lack of funding and salaries districts are able to pay their staff. We must continue to work with our legislature to encourage them to adequately fund out schools. We cannot be proud that our teachers rank 42nd in the nation in teacher salaries.

7. Do you have any other comments about science education you would wish to share with the voters of Kansas?
Science education is a top priority for our students and STEM is one of the largest needs in the business community. Science teachers so much about our world and our life that will prove invaluable to students in the future. It also teaches students how to think critically, research and problem solve. All of these will serve students well in whatever career they pursue.