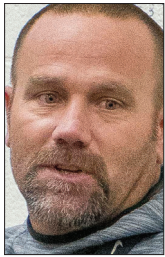




# Board of Education

## *East seat*



**Brian Hightower**  
*Challenger*

**Address:** 514 S. Main St., Granite Quarry  
**Age:** 49  
**Occupation:** Teacher  
**Education:** Bachelor's degree, Catawba College

*What is your opinion on consolidation?*

Hightower wants to consult with the community, but if the community opposes consolidation he would as well.

*Are you in favor of competency-based education?*

Hightower thinks it is a good idea, but not realistic. He said it would not be realistic for a teacher to teach so many levels, though it could work for K-5 students.

*What do you think the district should do with its renewal status?*

Hightower does not like the renewal status and thinks the district should get rid of it. He said he is not a fan of standardized tests, but thinks they set a standard.



**Kathy McDuffie Sanborn**  
*Challenger*

**Address:** 425 Eastland Dr., Salisbury  
**Age:** 61  
**Occupation:** Retired  
**Education:** UNCC master's degree, App State undergrad

Sanborn does not oppose consolidation and described it as a safety issue that also ties up money that could be better used in other places.

Sanborn is in favor of competency-based education and thinks it could benefit students by allowing them to achieve mastery at their own pace. She thinks staff has to have the capacity they need to implement it and families need to understand it as well.

Sanborn likes the flexibility renewal gives the district to make local decisions like setting its own calendar. She said she wants RSS to continue to operate a district with district-wide expectations and oversight.