Ben Perlman attended Dundee Elementary, Lewis & Clark Middle School and graduated from Central High School. He earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism and a law degree from Creighton University. He is currently a senior deputy attorney for the Sarpy County Attorney’s Office where he prosecutes a wide range of felony crimes.

Ben has three children, two of which are school aged and attend the Omaha Public Schools.

Perlman is looking forward to supporting the progress OPS is making in student achievement and would like to see the expansion of early childhood education, English Language Learners and dual language programs. He believes it is important for the district to continue its work toward closing the achievement gap and to lowering suspension and expulsion rates without sacrificing teachers’ ability to maintain control of their classrooms. Additionally, he would like to see communication and family engagement improve as well.

“It’s a privilege to serve on the OPS board, and during my term, I look forward to being a voice for students, teachers and families,” said Perlman.