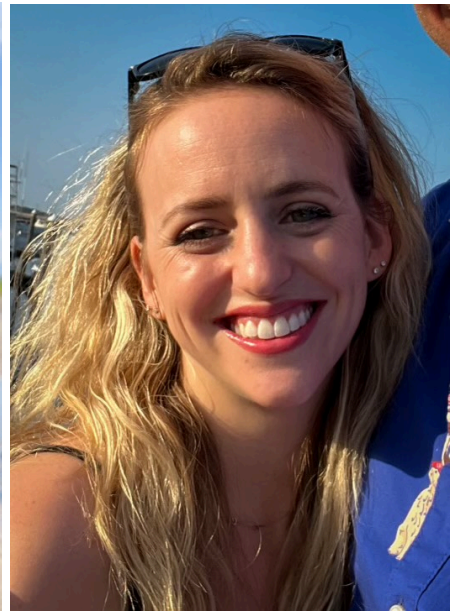




Michael Loftis



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Caitlin Williams

1. Tell us a little bit about yourself:

ML - I am a work from home IT contractor who grew up in a small town. I drive a school bus as well as volunteer at the fire department.

KO - I am a 20-year resident of the Clinton community, a father of two boys that attend Clinton School and a wildland firefighter for the US Forest Service. I love spending time in the outdoors hunting and fishing and watching my boys play sports.

CW - I am an attorney, small business owner, and a mom of three young children.

2. What is your vision for the education in this community?

ML - Giving each and every child the best opportunity to succeed. Helping them to all grow and learn.

KO - I envision all the kids in this community receiving a quality education that prepares them for high school and beyond. This means working with kids at whatever level they are at and helping them to learn and grow.

CW - My vision is for this community to prioritize children's education and well-being and invest in the tools necessary to facilitate that.

3. What do you see as a school board member's roles and responsibilities?

ML - The board acts as a check and balance for the school. To work with the administration and staff for the success and education of our children.

KO - The school board should serve the community and their needs and provide accountability, in addition they should provide oversight/support to the professionals who manage the day-to-day operations at the school.

CW - I see the school board as the liaison between the community and its learners, and is responsible for navigating the budget.

4. Why are you running for the school board? If elected, what are your priorities?
ML - School boards need to be engaged and involved board members. A board needs to work with the school administration to best achieve the school goals.
KO - I want to give back to the community and be a part of ensuring our school and community's success. If elected my priorities are to be part of the solution not the problem and ensure the Clinton Elementary students are set up for success in life.
CW - I am looking to be more involved with my community and my children's school. My priorities are child wellbeing, teacher satisfaction, and safety.
5. What particular skills or experiences have prepared you to be a board member?
ML - I've run my own business for nearly 20 years. I've served on a few boards for private companies along the way.
KO - I believe I can draw upon my career in wildland fire from working with a variety of people from different backgrounds to achieve the same goals often under stressful circumstances. But my firsthand experience of having two kids attend the Clinton School for the last 5 years has given me insight to what happens at the school and the challenges the school faces.
CW - As an attorney I am a critical thinker, competent mediator, and thoughtful listener.
6. How would you foster a good working relationship with the administration and staff?
ML - Make every effort to understand before voting. Do my best to understand the administration and staff needs and how the board can help meet those needs.
KO - The best way to foster a good relationship with anyone regardless of the situation is to work towards open and direct communication. Be present for them.
CW - I believe effective communication and willingness to find creative compromise are key to negotiation and conflict resolution.
7. What is your role in communicating with the public?
ML - To reinforce the needs of our kids, the staff, and administration. Help raise awareness of the needs the public can assist in meeting.
KO - Trying to be a conduit for the people of the community and the school board, once again maintaining open and direct communication.
CW - I understand and embrace the duty of the school board to reflect and advocate the values and priorities of the community.
8. Are you interested in training to learn School Board Policy and expectations of board members?
ML - Yes
KO - Having never served on a school board I would have to learn all the expectations of board members and I'm happy to do so in order to serve the community.
CW - Yes! I am always eager to learn.