

Meet School Board Candidate Darin Clark

Address: 1130 Four Winds Way, Hartland, WI 53029

Spouse: Angela Clark

Children: Jackson 6th, Nolan 4th

Years of District Residency: Five

Education: Bachelor's Degree - Indiana University - Bloomington

Current Profession: The Home Depot, Regional Merchandising Manager

Community Activities: Swallow School District Board Member

1. Why have you chosen to seek election to the Swallow School Board of Education?

I have been serving on the school board for the last three years, and I am very proud of what the teachers, administration and board have accomplished together for our children and community. I am seeking reelection to ensure our residents, parents, kids and teachers continue to have a voice in the direction of our school. I believe we have an exceptional school and community and I want to ensure that continues for many years to come.

2. What personal philosophies and experiences do you have that will help you best represent the Swallow electorate?

I believe our children learn best in a positive environment and we should leverage available and appropriate technology to support our students. My philosophy is that we should hire and retain the best teachers and administrators, be fiscally responsible, stay on the forefront of educational curriculum and technology, keep our facility modernized, and be open and forthright with our community.

3. What do you perceive to be major strengths of the District at this time and what strengths, experiences, and qualities do you possess that will support continued District efforts in these areas of strength?

I think the district strengths are the teachers, administrators, parents and engaged community. Our teachers and administrators work tirelessly every day to improve the lives of our children through education. It is the responsibility of the school board to support our teachers and administrators, create an environment conducive to educational excellence and set a direction that drives success. Besides my 3 years of Swallow School Board experience, I have 20+ years serving in various leadership positions and corporate settings. This experience has provided me with leadership skills to understand the importance of a talented staff, experience listening to interested community members, and setting strategies for new directions and emerging requirements.

4. What do you believe are the major issues facing the District at this time and what strengths, experiences, and qualities do you possess that will better position the District in navigating these issues?

The major issues facing the district are adjusting annually to declining enrollment, balancing the short-term and long-term budget and ensuring the priority of the recently approved referendum money provides the best solutions in a timely manner for our teachers, students and community. My time already serving on the School Board is invaluable; I am already up to speed on issues and challenges facing the district. My business

experience similarly provides me with decades of experience solving challenges of the community while balancing funding and competing obligations.