

- **What is your vision for education in this community?**
- I believe in the importance of preparing the students in the next chapter in their lives. I believe in inspiring all students to follow their passion. My vision would allow all interest to be nurtured for the students. The education we should be providing should inspire students to find passions that drive them and the education to cultivate them. This is more than general education.
- **What makes an effective school board member?**
- I believe somebody who's willing to do the research, listens to all sides, and makes an informed decision is what makes an effective board member. If you're unwilling to listen to an argument that may disagree with your own- you miss the point of having a board. It takes open minded individuals who may need to think outside of the box to find resolutions.
- **What motivated you to run for a school board seat, and what tools from your personal and professional world will lead to your success in this role?**
- I became motivated to run for school board after working on the referendum campaign last year. I made several Videos, attended meetings, and went door to door to educate the town. I started to immerse myself and educate myself on how the funding was being sent down to the schools. Disheartened at the broken system and disheartened about how left and right everything has become- I wanted to make a difference. I have five kids who are going through the schools. I want to grow in a community that is putting their all into the school district. Because the community Will thrive and grow based on the school's growth.
- **What do you believe the school district's role is in the community, and how do you intend to maintain relationships with all members of the community?**
- The first responsibility of the school is the kids. Our job is to nurture all the special talents the students have and send them off in the world armed with the best knowledge and experiences for the next step in their life. Other responsibilities vary and are listed in the handbook for the board. I believe the school should be a safe place for the students and the community. And it is important that the businesses and the community support the school in all aspects. Maintaining relationships is done best through trust and transparency and follow through. Respect needs to be given to the Community members as well as the staff who are undervalued and overworked. I give a special nod to how well the district did in the middle of covid and was able to support the community and Families during such an impactful time.
- **How does a school board positively impact the educational environment and culture of the district's children and staff?**
- Let me be frank- The school board has many decisions to be made that will impact every student and staff. As with many decisions, if we are going to budget below our means, when we cut, we devalue the environment. At the same token when we add, we must take away from some other passion in the educational system. This is a major challenge. Of course, we can encourage the staff and the students with such a bleak budget at our heels. The board recognizes the talent of the students and staff rightfully so. I hope the culture of

appreciation of our educators continues to be part of East Troys community culture.