

General Election - AC School Board

Candidate Questions

Tyler Hinton

What are your top three priorities for the AC Board of Education?

My top three priorities are being financially responsible with taxpayer dollars, continuing to hire and retain quality staff, and student/teacher ratio and class size at the elementary.

Early childhood education programs lay crucial groundwork for students throughout their K-12 journey. As a member of the Adams Central School Board, how would you suggest improving our children's early educational experiences?

Our early childhood education program is an area that I need to increase my knowledge on and plan on doing so if elected. Ensuring that our children are started off on the right path and given the tools that they need to succeed early on is vital to their success in later years and I will help in whatever ways I can to make sure that continues.

With budgets being tight, what strategies do you suggest to reduce spending while ensuring that the quality of education remains high for all students?

I think it's important to know that in general, 80 to 85% of a school district's budget is spent on salaries and benefits. That doesn't leave a lot to work with. Therefore, it's important to scrutinize every new expense that comes up and look to find new ways to maximize what we do have. A school's job is to educate and mold our youth into well rounded individuals that are a benefit to society. If certain expenses aren't helping us do that then they need to be looked into.

What other potential areas for collaboration between the Adams Central School Board and local organizations would you endorse?

I think involving our students with local organizations is a great idea. It gives them some ownership in their community and allows them to see what opportunities are out there for



them after they graduate. I believe there is room for collaboration between the school and local organizations that would not cost the school and taxpayers extra money.

What relevant experiences or education do you have that would make you a strong fit for this position?

I believe it is important to see all sides of an issue. Being a taxpayer, parent of AC students, and spouse of an Adams Central staff member allows me the unique opportunity to see several different sides. Part of my work for Nebraska Public Power District is making decisions that have large financial impacts. Every decision I make is made while keeping the ratepayer in mind. This is very similar to the school board and taxpayer relationship.