



## Nipun Yamdagni

### Biographical Information:

- A. **Address:** W308N5583 Windrise Circle Hartland WI 53029
- B. **Years in District:** 9 years. 2 kids at Swallow School.
- C. **Education**
  - A. Bachelors Biomedical Engineering (BS) - 2003-2007 - University of Wisconsin - Madison
  - B. Masters Biomedical Engineering (MS) - 2007-2008 - University of Wisconsin - Madison
  - C. Masters of Business Administration (MBA) - 2012-2015 - Northwestern University - Kellogg School of Management
- D. **Recent Awards:**
  - A. CEO Award - GE Healthcare - Subscription Software Growth
  - B. COO Award - GE Healthcare - Global Service Sales Growth
  - C. CIO Award - GE Healthcare - Finance Simplification
- E. **Current Profession:**
  - A. Senior Director - Commercial Operations @ GE Healthcare
  - B. 15.5 years of experience developing strategy, leading large teams and managing programs at a multi-national company. Experience in IT, Services, Supply Chain, Finance & Sales/Commercial, including financial modeling/forecasting, business strategy and organization design.
- F. **Community Activities:** Project Manager of Swallow School Adhoc Finance Committee

### Statement of Purpose:

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

I have lived in the Swallow School district for 9 years with my family. We specifically chose this school district because of its excellent reputation and we've been very happy with our decision. Our two children absolutely love their school, their teachers and this community.

I believe serving on the board is an opportunity for me to help preserve what makes Swallow great, while seeking ways to continually improve the school where my kids spend the majority of their waking hours.

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

### Education

I firmly believe that an excellent education is one of the best gifts that parents can give their children. My family and I immigrated to the United States when I was seven. The key reason my parents came to this country was so that I could have a better education and have more opportunities. The gift of an excellent education truly is THE best gift that my parents gave me and they did everything in their power to provide it. My wife and I are committed to do the same for our kids.

### Fiscal Responsibility

The board has a responsibility for the holistic financial picture of our school and its impact to the community. It needs to be fiscally responsible on matters of cost and revenue. It also needs to be fiscally responsible in maintaining (and growing) property values, as there is a strong tie between a school's academic performance and the property values within its district.

## **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?**

1. Strong academic performance and equal focus on social/emotional needs of children
2. Amazing teachers
3. Strong community support

I have learned not to be complaisant; there is always room to improve. I have led numerous initiatives where input from multiple stakeholders needed to be collected and balanced to provide the most optimal results.

I would love to apply the same as a board, so Swallow continues to be a destination school for families and for teachers.

## **What do you perceive 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 top issue facing our district is the budget deficit. It's a risk to our children's education, teacher morale & staff retention. It's also a risk to property value.

I work as a Senior Director of Commercial Operations at a large multi-national company. In the last 15.5 years, I was either accountable for a large budget and/or responsible to help grow revenue. I have seen multiple cycles of budget and revenue challenges and I don't hesitate to dig into the details to try

to find solutions. I will apply this skill to help find solutions to the school's deficit. That is also why I volunteered for the Adhoc Finance Committee.

I believe the second biggest issue is the recent increase in mistrust between the community and the board. It is essential that we build that trust back. I fundamentally believe that we all have the best interest of our children at heart, and that disagreements over policy should not translate into distrust of personal character. I will work hard at this goal by partnering with other members of the board, Swallow staff and the community.