

Biographical Information

- A. Colin Chance
- B. W290N6238 Hawks Landing, Hartland WI 53029
- C. 4 Years
- D. B.S Marine Engineering Systems, US Merchant Marine Academy, 2005, Magna cum laude
Master of Business Administration, The College of William and Mary, 2013
- E. Training Squadron 27 Reserve Instructor Pilot of the Year 2022
Navy Air Medal
- F. Commercial Pilot, Boeing 767 First Officer, United Airlines
Commander, United States Naval Reserve, Instructor Pilot, Training Squadron 27
- G. Assistant coach and referee, Lake Country Chief's flag football 2023-2025

I am seeking election to the Swallow School Board because I have 3 children that attend the school and believe that I have the experience and education to help move Swallow forward for the next 3 years. I am retiring from the Naval Reserve and would be honored to be able to continue to serve by serving this community as a member of the Swallow School Board. My goal is to provide the best education possible for our kids, while operating within the financial constraints imposed by the taxpayers of the district. We moved here because of the combination of common values, excellent schools, and low costs to the taxpayer. If elected, my priority is to maintain the combination of academic excellence and superior cost control.

I am a firm believer in servant leadership. A leader's primary job is to set the vision and then identify and remove barriers to success for the people working in the organization. While serving in the US Navy, I was able to use my MBA to improve the operational performance of two different units without increasing the cost to operate the unit. It has been my experience that people are proud to be a part of high performing organizations, such as Swallow School, and will work to improve the organization when given the opportunity to. Most opportunities for incremental improvement are known within the organization and never move into view of leadership.

The Swallow district is currently highly rated within Wisconsin for the educational outcomes of the students. The facility and staff are first rate, and the facility is well maintained. The ratio of "Opt-In" to "Opt-Out" students is roughly 4:1, showing that by an overwhelming margin, parents are choosing Swallow when given the option.

The biggest challenges that Swallow faces are complacency and escalating costs. History is littered with high performing organizations that got comfortable and then slowly declined. A solid cure for complacency is striving for further excellence. Inflation has increased the costs of running the school. Staff salaries and utility costs are increasing across the state. Maintaining excellence while dealing with spiraling costs is challenging. I spent my professional life successfully dealing with this challenge.