About Patrick LaVeck, candidate for Clinton School Board:

I’m a married father of three, with two kids in the elementary school and the third little one a future student in the Clinton schools. We are Clinton transplants of almost seven years now, and we love living in this community. We moved to Clinton from Maryland, where we lived for a decade. I grew up and attended public schools in Northeast Ohio before going off to college. I completed my undergraduate degree at American University in Washington, D.C., receiving a B.A. in Political Science. Later, I received my law degree from the University of Baltimore School of Law. Professionally, I’m an attorney with a tech company that provides software solutions for the insurance industry. I enjoy volunteering as a coach for youth soccer, which is always a lot of fun, but also affords me the opportunity to connect with families and children in the school district.

My priorities will include supporting standards for academic excellence and monitoring student achievement, promoting a culture of trust between teachers, parents, and community stakeholders, and maintaining a responsible, fiscally sound budget. My approach will be guided by a commitment to mutual respect and a sincere belief that our schools are a reflection of the possibilities and expectations of the community.

The Clinton public schools have a reputation for being among the best in the area. They are a cornerstone of our community and a source of local pride in athletics and in the arts – but also for their crucial role in shaping a caring, kind, and prepared generation, whether that foundation serves them here or someplace else. I believe the Clinton schools are achieving these ends. At the same time, I share the experience of all parents who have witnessed the effects of learning loss on our children and the hardships associated with them re-acclimating to formal, grade-level instruction. We owe it to our students to continue to find solutions for remediation while recognizing the challenges this poses to students, parents, and teachers alike. Still, the opportunity exists for every child in the district to flourish.

I believe my background and experience prepares me well for the responsibilities of the School Board, from being thorough, a conscientious listener, collaborative, and a problem solver. It’s something I do every day professionally and that I intend to use in service of our community.