

School Board Elections are November 4, 2025. Chris “Skip” Child from District #2 is running unopposed. Stephanie Lehs is running against Incumbent Caleb Baker for Director at Large.

MEET THE SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

Caleb Baker

I have proudly served on the WC School Board for the past four years, including the last two as board president. My family has a long legacy with the WC School District, spanning five generations. My great-uncle was a board member, and my grandmother broke barriers as both the first female principal and the first female superintendent in the state of Iowa. My mother dedicated 33 years to teaching at WC, and my mother-in-law also retired after 20 years of teaching here.



In 2001, I chose to serve my country by joining the military. Afterward, I attended Hawkeye Community College for police science and UNI for history education. Ultimately, I chose a different career path. I went on to work 17 years as a contractor and have spent the last 12 years farming. My wife, a 2003 WC graduate, and I are proud to have two sons currently attending WC, continuing our family's deep connection to the district.

The most pressing challenges our district will face over the next 3–5 years are student enrollment, class sizes, and employee retention.

Since taking the oath of office, my vision has focused on what's best for our students, what's best for our faculty, and the kind of school I want to help build.

All students are welcome at WC, and we are proud to continue opening our doors to new learners while providing them with an exceptional education. We take great pride in our dedicated educators and in offering a high-quality curriculum designed to meet the needs of every student.

I believe our board operates with a high level of transparency. I've always welcomed questions, concerns, and feedback from the community and will continue to do so. While many issues arise behind the scenes at WC, I'm committed to keeping communication open and working collaboratively with administration, staff, and parents. My goal is to provide honest, clear, and timely responses to help build trust and keep everyone informed.

I plan to continue working closely with administration to ensure WC remains innovative and forward-thinking. I'm excited to see the completion of the solar project, the rebuilding of our extracurricular programs, and the continued growth of our charter program.