

Candidate for School Board Position 7: Clayton JM Otwell

1. Why are you seeking this public office? (100 words or less) **I have lived in Wellsville for 16 years. My wife and I have 3 kids that are all in the school district from elementary to High school. I feel it is important to be involved in the decisions of the district.**
2. What do you believe makes you uniquely qualified to serve in this position and most distinguishes you from your opponents? (100 words or less) **I grew up in a small town and worked for local farmers throughout High School. I understand the struggles a small town faces when it comes to a school system. I played college football while getting a degree in physics from Washburn University and working nights. I now work for a pre-clinical drug research organization. All that provides me a diverse background and understanding to help tackle the challenges we as a community face to ensure we can provide the best education to our students.**
3. As a candidate, what are your top three policy issues? (100 words or less) **Teacher retention, nutrition, and budgetary.**
4. As the city considers future development projects, describe your views on how Wellsville should best manage and balance growth (100 words or less) **Not applicable to the position I am seeking election.**
5. Describe your position on whether proper staffing is in place to handle the growth that is coming to Wellsville; if not, what changes do you suggest? (100 words or less) **Proper student to teacher ratio would need to be retained as we grow. Additionally, future plans would need to be in place for additional space for classrooms.**
6. City candidates: describe your position on whether a City Manager or similar position would be appropriate for Wellsville or not. (100 words or less) **Not applicable to the position I am seeking election.**