

Hello, my name is Aimee Cardinal and I am running for the two (2) year Fletcher School Board (the "Board") position. I have been on the Fletcher School Board since November 2017 when I was appointed by the Board to fill a vacancy. As a first-year board member, I came onto the board during a challenging budget year, not knowing how all the numbers effect not only the education of children of Fletcher but the residents of Fletcher as well. At Town Meeting in 2018, I was elected to a three (3) year term. In the 3 years since being elected, I have received training from the Vermont School Board Association ("VSBA") and learned a great deal of the processes that goes into running a school district. I am the Board Clerk for the Fletcher School District ("District") and have the responsibility of reviewing the expenditures for our District and it is a responsibility that I take very seriously and enjoy. I feel I have learned a great deal and wish to be re-elected and continue to serve the District. During last 3 years, I have also been serving on the FWSU ("Franklin West Supervisory Board") as a School Board Director representing Fletcher. This year while on the FWSU Board, I was elected to serve on the FWSU Finance Commission which worked with the other districts in the FWSU to present a fiscally responsible budget for approval by the FWSU Board. Participating in the Finance Commission has also helped me gain additional knowledge of how the FWSU budget impacts our Fletcher School budget.

I am a 1992 graduate of BFA Fairfax and have stayed in the area since then. In 1995, my husband and I built our first home in Fairfax and welcomed our son there in 1999. Then in 2002, we bought land and built our current home here in Fletcher where we welcomed our daughter in 2004. Currently my daughter is in the 11th grade at BFA Fairfax and my son graduated from BFA Fairfax in 2017.

While raising our children here in Fletcher, I worked full time as a Paralegal in Burlington (and continue to do so), was an Auditor for the Town from 2005 until 2011 when my second term was up. Over the years, I have helped when the ladies at the Town needed help with the printing of the Town Report or counting ballots during elections. I also have volunteered my time with FOFE (Friends of Fletcher Elementary), 6th grade fundraising, school sports fundraising, and currently volunteer my time at the local church here in Town with the suppers, the rummage sales and bake sales. I very much enjoy being around people and getting to meet the residents of Fletcher, Fairfax and other surrounding towns that attend these functions.

I am running again for the two (2) year Board position so that I can continue to be involved in the community and to look out for the best interests of our small community which I am proud to be a resident of.

Voting will be March 2nd and conducted this year using an Australian ballot due to the state restrictions around the Covid-19 protocols, as decided by both the Select and School boards.

Please request your ballot no later than March 1st by following the instructions here:

<http://fletchervt.net/.../02/Local-Election-Voter-Notice.pdf>

Please join us for an informational meeting on the school budget to be held, Wednesday February 24th at 6pm.

The link and call-in information can be found at the FWSU website found here:

<https://www.fwsu.org/fes-board>.

Information on candidates virtually can be found on the town website: <https://fletchervt.net/our-new-website/>

The 2021 Fletcher Town Meeting warning can be found here: <https://fletchervt.net/2021-combined-town-school-warning/>