

Amy Roe-Ryan



I grew up in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, in Sault Ste. Marie, where I graduated from Sault Area High School and Lake Superior State University, with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Biology. I earned my MS and PHD from Clemson University, S.C., in Environmental Toxicology with a focus on Wildlife Toxicology. After graduate school, my husband and I moved to central New York in 2004 and we have lived in LaFayette for 17 years. In my spare time, I like to read, garden, hike, and kayak with my family.

I love my job as a habitat restoration biologist with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, but now that I am a parent with 4th and 6th graders, what really inspires me is giving presentations to school age children about our natural resources: fish and wildlife and their habitats. Through my work as a biologist, I participate annually in the Cortland County Conservation Field Days and Envirothon, hosted by the Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation District. These outreach events expose 5th and 6th graders and high school students, respectively, to natural resource related topics. In my personal time, I am a member of the LaFayette Advisory Conservation Commission. I have also worked with my children's teachers and the LaFayette After School Program Director, Mrs. Oliver, to give presentations to students on erosion, bird migration, habitat requirements of New York State wildlife, and chatted with Big Picture students about a career as a biologist. I am a current member of the Grimshaw Association of Parents and Staff and the District Comprehensive Improvement Plan committee.

I have been filling in on the LaFayette Central School District Board of Education since February 2021, filling in for a mid-term vacancy. I was a candidate for a School Board position in May 2021, and I was appointed to a 1-year term to complete the mid-term vacancy. My goal in serving on the board is to advocate for our children. I believe that everyone can be at their best when they are treated with dignity and respect and are given the proper resources. The holistic education of our children will allow them to succeed academically, athletically, socially, and emotionally in whichever endeavor they choose. Our children's opportunities can be limitless with a solid educational foundation. I understand the need for a cost-effective approach to efficiently run a school district and I do not take the duties of appointment as a board member lightly. My overall plan is to be an advocate for a solid educational foundation for all our children. My plan to support and advocate for our students is to listen and learn from current board members, our Superintendent, Principals, Teachers, Staff, Parents, and Students. I want the best for each child, from pre-Kindergarten to High School Senior, and to nurture, challenge and inspire. I will listen to understand with an open mind set, as each child is important.

LaFayette is a wonderful community and it is an honor to work alongside so many dedicated community members in a volunteer capacity.