

Julie O'Connor

My name is Julie O'Connor, and my husband, Patrick Meehan, and I have four children and live in Field Park. We have two children in high school, one at McClure, and one at Field Park. I have had the privilege of serving on the D101 School Board for the past four years and find it a rewarding way to serve the community.

I am not pursuing a specific topic or agenda in connection with the election, but I support the School Board's vision of continuous improvement to support student growth. If re-elected to the School Board, I would continue to be an engaged Board member, committed to helping our district do the best we can today for our students, families, staff and community members, and to plan responsibly for the future.

I grew up in the western suburbs and attended Hinsdale South High School. I graduated from the University of Illinois in Champaign with a B.S. in accounting, and a law degree. I have been a practicing attorney for more than 25 years, and currently serve as the general counsel and head of regulatory affairs for The PrivateBank and Trust Company in Chicago, Illinois.

My background and work experience position me well to understand and fulfill the responsibilities of the School Board, including strategic and policy considerations, oversight of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, and budget and finance matters. I am willing to commit the time and effort necessary to work to address the challenges that District 101 may face, including declines in State funding, and how to best prepare our students for success in an ever-changing world.