

Mark Hull

Bio:

My name is Mark Hull. I have been married to my lovely wife Megan for over 12 years. We have three sons (ages 3, 6, and 9). I grew up in Germantown Hills and graduated from both Germantown Hills Elementary/Middle schools and MTHS. I have an engineering degree from the University of Illinois and work at Caterpillar. I am a volunteer firefighter with Germantown Hills Fire Department and have done so for over 5 years. I have also been coaching GHAA youth sports teams consistently for the last five years as my boys have participated in various sports.

1. What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve as a board member?

I have spent my career working on teams, solving complex problems, digging into the details, finding innovative solutions, managing large budgets, and living out my values daily. I am also deeply rooted in the community and understand the values our community holds and have the strong character to represent those values on the Board.

2. What do you see as the primary work of the board of education?

The Board of Education's primary focus starts and ends with students. The Board is accountable for ensuring <u>all</u> students achieve their highest potential inside and outside the classroom. This is done by creating a vision for the district, setting educational and financial goals, and holding the superintendent accountable for executing on that shared vision to achieve the district's goals.

3. What is a school board member's role and responsibility?

A school board member's primary role is to advocate for the students that attend Germantown Hills District #69 and represent the taxpayers within the Germantown Hills School District.

4. What is your vision for education in the Germantown Hills School District Community?

Germantown Hills School District has a record of academic excellence and financial responsibility. Our community takes pride in the excellence of our schools, and I want to ensure that these two things continue to be a top focus going forward.

5. What do you see as the major issue(s) facing our school district? Public education?

Financial and political pressures will continue to be issues facing our school district. It is important that our district maintains a sharp focus on quality education and financial responsibility over the coming years. The Board of Education should work to keep our school and classrooms focused on education and not distracted by politics.

6. How does a school board balance the need to provide a quality education with the need to respond to the local taxpayer burden?

The key focus here is how we prioritize school spending. There is a difference between wants and needs. Taxpayer money should be prioritized to fulfill the important <u>needs</u> of the students, community, and faculty. The Board of Education should work to minimize taxpayer money that is spent on the non-critical <u>wants</u> that exist in local government and schools.

7. Why should you be elected to the Board of Education?

I'm deeply rooted in this community and very vested in its future. The school district and its students are one of the most important aspects of this community and I want to ensure the continued success of both. I share the core values of this community and its citizens and will ensure I firmly represent those values when making any decision on the Board of Education.