



- **How long have you lived in Hudsonville?**
26 years ago, we moved from Rochester, NY to Hudsonville. We moved to the area when I accepted a promotion with my employer. We investigate the surrounding communities and the primary reason we moved to Hudsonville was due to the school district.
- **What experiences do you have with local governance?**
My experience in local government is through attending school board meetings as well as township meetings. The meetings have provided valuable insight.
- **What do you see as the primary work of the board?**
The primary work of the board of education is to support all students. The board needs to work collaboratively with the superintendent to achieve the goals and objectives set forth in the planning sessions. The board evaluates the superintendent's performance to his goals and objectives while focusing on how to assure the curriculum aligns with the district's purpose.
- **Why are you running for the Board of Education? If elected, what will be your priorities?**
I am running for the school board because I have a personal interest to assure all students can leverage every learning aspect that Hudsonville provides to the student body. My priorities are to support the students, staff, administration and the community.
- **What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve as a board member?**
Throughout my career I have worked with cross functional teams to move agendas forward. Understanding, analyzing and researching each group's position is imperative to finding common ground. Possessing a high degree of emotional intelligence helps groups to be successful. While leading high performance teams, I have learned over the years that a group or organization can be highly effective when they treat each other with dignity and respect.
- **In what school district or community activities/organizations have you been involved?**
I have been highly invested in the Hudsonville community over several years. I have been on the Hudsonville Athletic Boosters for 10 years. I served as the Vice President and President of the Hudsonville Hockey Association while our two sons played Hudsonville varsity hockey. I have coached youth hockey over 20 years in the area as well as coaching boys' and girls' youth soccer.