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Her background includes organizational development for General Motors Corp., as well as work with Sharon Davis Consulting and Wayne Sharon Davis Consulting and Wayne Sharon Davis Consulting and Wayne Sharon Housestyn Dainting, and production for General Motors and worked in human resource management for Saturn Corp., doing seearch out of her home initially as a part-time contract employer. One issue was looking at new relocation policies for dual-career employers, with an eye toward best practices of other companies.

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Her first thought in possibly running for school board came when she attended a coffee for candidate Pam Christian in 2001. Talk centered on the need for more women to run for office. If elected, she'd use a 'bridge-building approach' in the same way she handles her involvement with McMR. She believes her skin is thick enough to handle the personal attacks that will come with the kind of controversy the district has wenthered over the past year-such as the decision to pilot a smell new formal such as the consultation of the same way the side of the control of the same way the district has wenthered ord-district schools of choice program.

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A total 20 early elementary students from outside the district are expected to be enrolled at William Grace and Flanders Elementary, Officials have said the revenues brought in by those students will outweigh the cost of educating them, and the move is designed to help provide more revenues at a time when the elstrict faces serious budget woes. "We need to look at many sources of revenue generation, Bolsen said. The board's position is that they don't want it to be a widespread program. They want it to be manageable." While willing to be the "swing vole" on occasions when the board is split, she also calls herself a collaborative team member who would work with other board members. Communication helps consensus building, site said.

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the community is necessary to give us a successful school dis-trict. You do it up front and always."

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Bolsen was raised to believe in equality, at a time when the cummunity was largely sepregated. She calls berself an independent thinker based on her continued emphasis of her beliefa. She acknowledges parents in districts that haven't had excellent systems like farmington may desire charter schools, but believes warking on problems is a better way to ensure every child receives an excellent education.

"Work on changing the problems in public schools is better than looking for an alternate method," Bolsen said. "Charter schools aren't measured on the same basis as public schools, so you don't have the knowledge of how those schools are performing." ways. Rolsen was raised to believe in

COMMITTEE WORK

As an active community mem-ber, Bolsen believes recruiting

parent involvement in board committees and activities may not be as difficult as some might think. It's a mindset to recruit people, People do want to be involved.

With her contacts, she can both encourage and include more people on committees, she said, Bolsen doesn't support fellow enablidate John Goshorn's suggestion that school board meetings be moved to different locations to encourage the public to attend. It's not fiscally responsible and not customer-ficused, it costs about \$700 every time you have a school board meeting in a different location, I tooks and ellipse and the customer-ficused. It costs about \$700 every time you have a school board meeting in a different location, I tooks and ellipse wanted to use an elementary gym, the students confident use that even tion; Busen and. If you wanted to use an elementary gym, the students couldn't use that gym that day. It ties up staff all day. She suggesta inviting different school buildings each time and emplassing their participation that evening at board meetings.

CHANGES AHEAD

During this four-year term, Farmington Public Schools

Superintendent Bob Maxifeld is expected to retire. Bolsen favors whatever search method the board used when they hired Maxifeld. There might be pros and cons on going outside of the state, but any good executive could probably adapt. It would depend on the candidate pool. Herause Bolsen couldn't recall what the exact increase in Maxifeld's income was last year, she couldn't comment on criticism of a recent salary increase that took him to an 511/5.000 package from an income of \$11/67.500 package from an income of \$11/67.500

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While tough financial decisions lie ahead, Bobsen favors protecting the basics in the classroom. Rather than focusing on what should be be cut from the budget, she believes the district should look at other sources of revenue. That could be done a number of ways, maybe by hustness sponsorship and renting cut the Farmington Training Center. The whole community benefits by a good school system. It's in everyone's best interest. She'd lisk to encourage more students to attend the FPS system to deter an enrollment decline, improve academic performance and maintain state aid revenues. Bolsen expects to spend about \$5,000 in her campaign. Kim Janowski serves as her campaign treasurer. Bolsen holds art M.B.A. from the University of Detroit Mercy, and a bachelor of arts degree from Michigan State University. College of Urban Development, Racial and Ethnie Studies. She's a graduate of Farmington High

School. She was a fellow in the Multiethnic Leadership Development Program at Wayne State University. She was named 2000 Farmington Halls Citizen of the Year and was past president of the Business and Professional Womens Club. She accretion to the Crime Prevention Task Force for the Enrichment of the Business and Professional Womens Club. She accretion the Crime Prevention Task Force for the Enrichment of the Hillside Elementary Diversity Committee, the FFF Pracher of the Year Committee and the Hillside Elementary Diversity Committee, the FFF Pracher of the Year Committee and Committee and was a Battle of the Eack Coordinator. She was a Michigan Metro Girl Scout leader for six years, he a soccer booster and served on the Nardin Park United Methodist Pastor Parish Relations and Missions committees.

Bolsen and husband Rick Sundquist reside in Farmington Hills. They have three daughters, Lauren, Adrian and Carolyn.

