



## Candidate Biographical Info | 2025

**Full Name:** Laura Jacobi Van Hook

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**Is this your first time running for public office?**  No

**If not, how many terms in current/previous offices?** I have served two years on District 90 School Board. Prior to that, I served four years on the OTHS District 203 School Board.

**What position are you running for?** School Board Member

**Current Profession/Occupation** Instructor at SIU Edwardsville Department of Teaching and Learning

**Please list public offices previously held:** School Board Member District 90, O'Fallon Township High School School Board

**In 300 words or less, please tell us other information you'd like the public to know about you. This is not required, but you may want to address: 1. The most significant challenges facing the office you're seeking and what you'd do to overcome them. 2. What single change you'd make in your area of responsibility. 3. Why you feel you're more qualified than your opponent(s)**

Some of the challenges I see facing our schools today are teacher recruitment and retention. As a board, we can continue to work on offering competitive salaries and professional development opportunities. Another issue I see are the aging facilities. Our administrative team has done a needs assessment to address these ongoing issues. All of these issues and more can not be addressed by one member. We have to work collaboratively, as a team. I am a lifelong educator and have served on two school boards. I have a passion to serve District 90 and the O'Fallon community.