

I grew up in Columbus and graduated from Franklin Heights HS. I did office work after school until I joined The Columbus Police Dept in 1995. I began as a 911 operator and police dispatcher and then attended the training academy. I became a sworn police officer in 1999 and loved working in Columbus until my retirement in December of 2020.

I moved to Utica in 2004 when I married my husband, Scott. I cannot imagine raising my children anywhere else.

We have 3 daughters. Our eldest graduated in 2023 and the other two currently attend Utica HS.

I did work part-time as a cafeteria sub in the district for the last several years. I was involved in Utica Elem PTO when my kids were in elementary school. I have been involved in Girl Scouts, 4H, youth sports, FFA Alumni, Utica Athletics Boosters, and a previous school board member for 2 years.

I am involved with the Utica United Methodist Church where we plan many outreach opportunities for the community. Every week you will find me at the Utica Food Pantry where I have volunteered since 2015.

I believe in honesty, integrity and having transparency. Asking questions, learning, and wanting oversight is a trait that is hard to explain. I believe we all have room for improvement and one cannot improve unless evaluations are done and questions are asked. I promise to do my best to help make North Fork School District better for all children.

*Deb Paxton*