Melissa Hulting I've been thinking about this a lot today. I can see how some would be concerned about a conflict of interest, but to make an blanket judgement that these people are not good candidates because their spouse is an educator means the author is making assumptions about the morals and integrity of the candidates that he may not have the knowledge to make. I agree with Mr. Cline that there are much easier ways to make some extra bucks that giving hours of time and effort on a school board. I think it is up to the voter to decide whether being married to a D64 teacher is a pro or a con, and there are so many other aspects of the candidates that have to be considered--will they be able to compromise with others on the board, are they familiar with current issues and concerns in education, will they be able to balance fiscal concerns with quality of education, facilities needs, etc. I work in the environmental field, and I will say that my husband as a result knows quite a bit about environmental issues because of our discussions at home, as well as his own interest as a citizen.

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