

**ROBERT A. BORON**  
CANDIDATE FOR OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Candidate Name:** Robert A. Boron  
**Website:** None  
**Occupation:** Attorney, Robert A. Boron, Ltd.  
**Education:** B.A. News Editorial Journalism, Drake University, Dec. 1973  
J.D. DePaul University, May, 1977

**Civic Involvement:**

Member, Stakeholders' Interview Committee for replacement of the retiring Superintendent of the Glenbrook High Schools, November, 2018; Member, Northfield Township High School District 225 (Glenbrook High Schools), April, 2003-August, 2017 (Vice President 2007-2017); Illinois State Bar Association, New Lawyer Mentor, 2015-2019; Vice President of Youth Programs, Congregation Beth Shalom, Northbrook, 1999-2003; North Suburban YMCA, youth martial arts instructor, approx. 1995-2003; Northbrook Baseball coach or assistant coach, approx.1992-2004

**1. Why are you running?**

I have always believed it is important to contribute back to the community for a cause about which you're passionate. Education and youth development have always been my passion, and the areas in which I've concentrated my efforts, culminating in election to the Glenbrook High School District, where I served as vice-president for approximately ten years. My primary goal, shared with the all of the members of that board, was to enable each student to develop to the outer reaches of his or her potential. Oakton Community College serves as the next step in student development. I believe my skills and experience, developed over more than 14 years on that board, along with my prior participation in youth activities, would translate well to the college level. My election to the board would continue my commitment to the education community.

**2. What are your qualifications?**

My most relevant qualification is serving for more than 14 years on the Glenbrook High Schools' school board, including about ten years as the board vice president. I served for the entirety of my terms as the Board Spokesperson, due to my backgrounds in law and journalism. I also served during my entire term on the facilities committee, where we administered four separate facilities with more than 1.3 million square feet under roof. I also served for my entire terms on the District's policy committee, where I either wrote or was involved in revision of, every school district policy since 2003. I have been directly involved in negotiating two superintendents' contracts, and interviewing for four principal positions and for numerous other administrators. I have been involved in real estate acquisition, construction and maintenance, budgets, bonding issues, collective bargaining agreements, implementation of numerous computer systems, employee benefits programs, annual curriculum reviews, personnel issues and student discipline. My participation on that board also allowed me to remain current with

education's ever-changing legal landscape. During my tenure on the Glenbrook board, our district passed a \$94-million referendum with one-half being used for facilities and life safety issues, and one half being used for employment and programs. Ultimately, the cost to taxpayers was under provided estimates. The Glenbrooks have maintained a AAA bond rating, and at one time, our district was the only public school district in Illinois awarded a "Strong" management rating by Standard & Poors. My legal practice involves litigation, so that I am able to bring that perspective to numerous issues which confront every educational institution. I believe my ideas, perspectives and experience will serve me well in addressing the many issues, and dealing with the many personalities, that any educational institution of this size necessarily involves.

### **3. What do you hope to accomplish during your tenure on the board?**

It is important to remember that individual accomplishment is secondary to the mission of a board member. It is more important to be one respectful member of a board of seven members. I do not believe this district is in disarray by any means. Nevertheless, any organization can be improved, and with my years of experience, I do have ideas and perspectives which I can bring to the board. My practice has been to bring ideas and concerns first to the administration, rather than engaging in "ambush politics" and individual headline-grabbing. I do believe that board member visibility is important and must be increased, as that allows constituents to contact me with issues, questions and concerns, and allows me to provide direction and guidance for their individual issues. Sometimes the individual assistance I can render for one person can change a life.