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District 87 Board of Education Accepting Applications for Board Member to Fill Vacancy

BLOOMINGTON, ILL. - The Bloomington Public School District 87 Board of Education will be filling a vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Mary Yount who recently submitted her resignation to the Board. Mrs. Yount was elected to the Board in 2009 and was then re-elected to four-year terms in both 2013 and 2017.

“At this stage of my life, our four children are all out of the house with three out of state. I would like time to visit them and my grandchildren, along with caring for elderly family members,” said Mrs. Yount. “Having four children in the district gave me some insight on what was going on in the schools. Parents also had opportunities to approach me as I was active in all of our children’s schools. Now that our children have graduated, I would miss that connection. I feel very honored to have had the opportunity to serve on the District 87 school board with so many caring, like-minded people, who wanted to bring the best educational opportunities to our children and to support the many administrators and staff members who interact with our students. It has been a joy and a blessing to be part of such a great organization. Thank you to all who make District 87 great!”

Mrs. Yount, a retired nurse, volunteers with the BHS Promise Council and the local mission committee at E-Free Church in Bloomington which partners with Sheridan Elementary.

“I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work closely with Mary over the last decade to help the entire District 87 community,” said Superintendent Barry Reilly. “Mary has been a strong leader, fierce advocate for students and staff, and an excellent steward of the tax dollars coming from our community. She has definitely left a very positive mark on the district and she will be missed.”

The Board is now accepting applications from eligible community members to fill her seat for the remainder of the term, through April 2021.

Persons interested in the position should send a letter expressing their interest along with a résumé and an overview of why they believe they can be an effective school board member to Wilma Gleason, Board Secretary, at 300 East Monroe Street, Bloomington, IL 61701. Applications must be received by September 10, 2019.

An eligible candidate must be a United States citizen, at least 18 years of age, a resident of Illinois and District 87 for at least one year, and a registered voter. Reasons making an individual ineligible for Board membership include holding an incompatible office and certain types of State or federal employment. A child sex offender, as defined in State law, is ineligible for School Board membership.

The Bloomington Board of Education will conduct interviews with qualified candidates after the deadline and will seat the new member at its September 25, 2019, Board meeting. For more information, call Wilma Gleason at 827-6031, ext. 1013.