

# Career Tech Matters

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**T**odd Stevens has served on Pickaway-Ross' Board of Education since 2008 but his history with the school goes back to our founding, when his father, Nelson, was our first board president.



At the January board meeting last week, six members were sworn in for a new three-year term. Front row, from left, are Bob Bower, Richard Everman and Darrell Cottrill. Back row, from left, are Steve Mullins, Randy Drewyor and Todd Stevens.

So it's no wonder that Todd credits his parents with his sense of service.

In addition to being a member of Pickaway-Ross' board, he also is on the Circleville City Schools Board of Education, serving as vice president.

He has been on Circleville's board for 11 years. When the opportunity was presented to join Pickaway-Ross' board, he welcomed it.

"It was the way in which my parents brought us up," Todd said. "It's easy to sit back and criticize. It takes more effort to step up and be part of the solution."

Todd is just one of Pickaway-Ross' board members. He serves alongside President Byron M. Lloyd, Vice President Jeff Hartmus and members Bob Bower, Dan Bradhurst, Dr. Marilyn J. Carnes, Darrell Cottrill, Randy Drewyor, Richard Everman, Steve Mullins and Byron Welch.



Also serving on the board are, above from left, President Byron Lloyd, Vice President Jeff Hartmus, Dan Bradhurst, Dr. Marilyn Carnes and Byron Welch.

Todd isn't alone in giving of his time to two boards. Richard, Bob and Byron Welch serve on the Pickaway County ESC Governing Board; Jeff and Steve are on the Chillicothe City Schools Board of Education, as was Randy until October, when he moved out of the district; and Byron Lloyd and Darrell serve on the Ross-Pike ESD Governing Board, as did Marilyn until she moved out of the district.

Our board members are among nearly 3,500 who "spend countless hours studying issues, reading reports and advocating for schools. When constituent concerns arise, board members are always 'on call' no matter where they are," according to the Ohio School Boards Association.

It is their time and service that we honor in January, designated as School Board Recognition Month by Gov. John Kasich.

While the governor's proclamation lauds board members for their service and partnership, I think Todd says best what being a board member is all about.

"It's a way I can contribute to my community."

Thank you, Pickaway-Ross Board of Education members, for contributing to our community.

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