

# Career Tech Matters

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**W**hen Randy Davies, president and chief executive of the Chillicothe Ross Chamber, was approached last summer about joining Pickaway-Ross' Board of Education, he was eager to accept the appointment.



It is a return engagement for Randy, who served on the board from January 2002 until July 2004 as one of three board members from the Chillicothe Board of Education.

"I believed in the mission and that it is a great asset to the community," Randy said of his initial term. "I wanted to be a part of it."



This time around he is just as committed to being on the board, saying that the missions of the Chamber and career center tie in perfectly.

**Randy Davies**

In the years since he left the board, he said a big difference that he sees is how technology has changed what programs are offered at Pickaway-Ross.

He is a perfect example of changing needs.

A Pickaway-Ross alumni himself, Randy completed the Accounting & Computing program in 1981, something that isn't offered here anymore but was perfect for him then.

"I chose to come here for the opportunity for advancement in building a career," Randy said. "I wasn't sure I wanted to go to college and I felt I could get at Pickaway-Ross exactly what I needed for my career."

Randy said he thinks that his role with the Chamber helps him make decisions in board meetings.



Treasurer Todd Stahr administers the oath of office to board members (standing, from left) Darrell Cottrill, Randy Davies, Richard Everman, Bob Bower, Todd Stevens and Andrew Vitatote at this month's board meeting.

"I work with employers and I know what they are looking for," he said.

Randy's support of career and technical education is echoed by his fellow board members: Bob Bower, Dan Bradhurst, Darrell Cottrill, Richard Everman, Jeff Hartmus, Byron Lloyd, Todd Stevens, Andrew Vitatote, Byron Welch and Tom White.

All of them have chosen to give their knowledge, leadership and time to benefit the Pickaway-Ross community.

Each January is School Board Recognition Month and this year's theme "School boards lead so students can achieve" is a fitting phrase for what our board members do.

As Gov. John Kasich wrote in his proclamation: "Through partnership with teachers, school administrators, staff and parents, school board members provide vital leadership and support for schools."

Please join me in thanking them for their service.

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