

Greetings! As some of you maybe aware, this past month's election left New London Local Schools with a vacancy on its Board of Education. The Board of Education serves as an essential component to a strong, innovative, student centered school district. Although there are no specific qualifications for being a board member, the Ohio School Board Association cites four main pillars of leadership as suggested by the National School Board Association, that board candidates should strive for. They are:

1. Vision

- Keep students as the focus
- Adopt a shared vision based on community beliefs to guide local education
- Demonstrate a strong commitment to the shared vision by using them to guide decisions

2. Structure

- Employ a superintendent and a management structure that enables people
- Establish processes to manage systems
- Develop long-term plans and revisit them annually
- Review and adopt policies and allocate resources to support teaching and learning
- Set high instructional standards
- Encourage an innovative learning environment

3. Accountability

- Monitor progress through quality assessments and reports
- Evaluate the superintendent and treasurer performance
- Evaluate progress toward long-term goals
- Report district progress to the community

4. Advocacy

- Seek resources to expand opportunities
- Advocate for families and children through strong partnerships
- Lead celebrations of student achievement
- Promote school board service as a meaningful way to contribute to society

If you are interested in being part of a dedicated team of professionals that are centered on student achievement, the New London Board of Education is accepting candidates. Please submit a resume and letter of interest to Mr. Ken Long, President of the New London Board of Education at 2 Wildcat Drive, New London OH 44851 by December 8, 2017. The Board will screen all submissions and interview prospective candidates on December 18, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact any current board member or myself.

Thank you, and until next time....GO WILDCATS!!!

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