



BONNIE BERRY

I am Bonnie Berry and my husband, and I have been Peru District residents for almost 40 years. My son and daughter were graduates of Peru Central School and now live in the district with their families. My four grandchildren attend Peru Middle School and High School.

I graduated from SUNY Plattsburgh in 1969 with a Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education and N-9 Mathematics and began my career at Peru Intermediate School as a fifth grade teacher starting that September. I went on to receive a Masters Degree and a certification in Literacy as well as a CAS in Administration.

I retired in 2006 but was back to work in September of that year as the assistant principal at the Peru secondary school until February. I also began work for CVES as a trainer facilitator with the assessment coordinator on data analysis and curriculum mapping and a short time as the Tobacco Program coordinator to complete the grant. I have substituted as both the Elementary and HS principal at NAC and principal and Director at CVES Special Education Division.

During my almost 40 years in Peru, I was a 5th and 6th grade teacher, AIS instructor, Teacher Center Director on leave from Peru, and Administrator for both the Primary and Intermediate schools. I facilitated the Staff Development Committee, was trained as a mentor with the mentor intern program, coordinated some of the grants and was the technology coordinator for the district. I also taught technology courses for SUNY Plattsburgh through the Teacher Center and was a technology instructor for Clinton Community College in the inmate higher education program.

In 2011, NYS received the Race To The Top grant and I became a member of the North Country Network team and participated in the NYSED training in Albany on the deliverables of Data Driven Instruction, Common Core and APPR. I have visited schools and trained staff and administrators across the North Country. I continue my learning with workshops offered by New York State School Boards Association and Rural Schools Association.

I bring a vast amount of knowledge of current educational issues and varied experiences to the board as well as a strong work ethic and a person not afraid of the challenge. I pride myself on being fair, equitable and truthful. I listen and try to work out solutions to problems or

situations before they become detrimental to an organization or person. I know the culture of the Peru School District. Our school is the hub of the community and we need to make it accessible and a place of learning for all.

I also feel it is a citizen's responsibility to do something for their community –I volunteer for Breast cancer support groups as a survivor and the Relay for Life. I have previously served on the City of Plattsburgh and Town of Peru Zoning Boards and the town of Schuyler Falls Planning Board. I have served for 10 years on the Board of Education and participated in the construction, audit, safety, and technology committees. I feel I still have much to offer the District and community and would like to continue to serve the community as a board member. Our board should reflect the community and I add the representation of a retired educator and trainer, a senior citizen and a grandparent.

An effective board member should possess the following attributes: effective communicator, consensus builder, community participant, decision maker, information processor, leader and team player. I believe I have those attributes and my reputation confirms it.

I would be honored to continue to be a Peru Central School district Board member and carry on the strong traditions we have had and move forward insuring that our district prepares our students to be fulfilled, empowered individuals and contributors to our community.