



# Midview Messenger

Quarterly News from  
the Midview Local Schools

February 2006

## A Message from the Superintendent



Superintendent  
Howard Dulmage

Seems hardly possible that more than half the school year has passed and that I've been on the job in Midview for six months. When asked if I had anything to contribute to the Midview Messenger I jumped at the opportunity.

First, let me thank the many members of the community and staff who have welcomed me to the Midview Schools. The summer of 2005 was a difficult time for our schools, we all know that. When one steps into a difficult situation it is a great help to know that you at least have a 50-50 chance of stabilizing the organization. Your kind words of encouragement and your understanding of the task at hand means the world to me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I have lived most of my life in Lorain County. I am fortunate to have long-time friends and relatives living in the Midview School District. I played basketball at Grafton and Eaton High Schools and was a high school junior during Midview High School's first year. Some of the former athletes from Grafton, Eaton and Midview engage in friendly kidding about the scores of those games. They usually won!

I want you to know that our Midview Schools are not standing still. You get behind by standing still. That is the message we convey to staff and community. We are working hard to bring our beautiful elementary schools on line. Is everything 100% perfect? No! But, as with any building project of this magnitude, there is a "shake down" period and we are slowly but surely bringing the construction project to a conclusion.

This year it has been my goal to focus on, not the buildings, but what happens IN the buildings. Our new Director of Curriculum, Dr. Cathy Pugh, has been working hard to align what is taught at each grade level with the State Mandated Standards. If we don't teach the material, the students can't be expected to pass the State Achievement Tests in the lower grades or the Ohio Graduation Test that all students must pass to receive a high school diploma.

During the second semester, we will be working on a district-wide Wellness Policy for students and employees as well as reviewing the school district Safety/Crisis Plan. These plans are now required by State law and Mr. Bob Maxwell will coordinate efforts to involve parents and staff in writing these documents.

The Board of Education has directed me to form a Long Range Planning Committee to begin looking at what we want our Midview Schools to be in six months, 24 months and even five years from now. Mr. Robert Callaway, President of the Midview School Board, and Mr. Dave Zunis, Board Member, will serve on the initial committee as we design a process to achieve maximum input from interested members of the community. We will begin the process this month.

All of these things and many more are part of what is happening in our schools. There is much to do if we are to provide our children and grandchildren with opportunity. I promise you that I will do everything in my power to keep Midview open, honest and working for the most important of goals...our young people.

### The Midview Local Schools—Expecting More, Achieving More

**The Midview Board of Education has set the regular meeting dates for 2006 as the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. unless changed by motion of the Board. The meetings will be held at East Elementary.**



## Spotlight On...Board of Education

School board members make policy; approve contracts with employees; choose curriculum; adopt budgets; and select a superintendent, treasurer and business manager to administer the district. They do all these tasks with the emphasis on what's best for the children they serve.

Being an effective school board member is no easy task, particularly in today's climate of change and challenge. School board members need to be knowledgeable about many complex educational and social issues, and carry out initiatives and directives from both federal and state governments. To face these demands of governing our public schools, they give countless hours of personal time.

Through dedicated, responsible endeavors, school board members serve the public interest in public education — and serve the needs of our kids. They ensure that decisions about public schools are made as close to the needs of our communities as possible. Their public service is an excellent example for young and old alike of the tradition of volunteerism that is a hallmark of American society.

Let's say "thank you" to those who participate in what is perhaps the purest form of grassroots democratic principles upon which our republic was founded. School boards are working for kids and their communities!



### Jim Barnhart

1137 Hickory Street, 926-3218. E-mail forthcoming. Serving first term. Term expires 12/31/09. Director of Account Services, United Consumer Financial Services. Midview graduate. Bachelor of Business Administration from Ohio University.

Represents the following committees: Finance, Building and Grounds, Personnel & Negotiations



### Robert Callaway, President

311 Pemberton Drive, 365-2238. Rcallawa@lorainccc.edu. Serving first term. Term expires 12/31/09. Director, Institutional Effectiveness and Planning at Lorain County Community College. Doctorate, Higher Education Administration, Bowling Green State University.

Represents the following committees: Finance, Community Relations, Personnel and Negotiations



### William Goodspeed

1816 Grafton Road, 458-4231. E-mail forthcoming. Serving fourth term. Term expires 12/31/07. Owner, Goodspeeds Imperial Furniture Company. Midview Graduate. Two years of study in Business at Kent State University.

Represents the Building and Grounds Committee, and serves as the Midview representative on the Lorain County JVS Board of Education.



### Gary Wilson, Vice President

38490 River Ridge Ct., 458-5076. Wilsongf@alltel.net. Serving fifth term (nonconsecutive). Term expires 12/31/07. President of GW Associates Engineering Consulting Service. Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from University of Akron.

Represents the following committees: Community Relations, Curriculum & Technology



### David Zunis

591 Westin Way, 366-6564. dzunis@comcast.net. Serving first term. Term ends 12/31/09. Applications/Service Manager for Absolute Machine Tools. Midview Graduate. AAS Manufacturing Engineering Technology, Lorain County Community College. Certified Manufacturing Engineer Technologist, Manufacturing Engineering Certification Institute, Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

Represents the following committees: Curriculum & Technology, Athletic Executive Committee

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**Central Office Contacts, Board of Education Information** including Meeting Agendas and Minutes; **District Information** including Statistics, Report Card, Adequate Yearly Progress, and Policies; **District Curriculum** including Standards Guides for Families, answers to Frequently Asked Questions, and the *Curriculum Update* newsletter; **District Calendar**; **School Building Information** growing daily with Staff Contacts, including many E-mail addresses and online homework postings, Building Newsletters, and more; **High School Information** including Guidance schedule planner, graduation requirements, and testing, Athletics photos, scores, sportsmanship and schedules, Extracurricular Information, Alumni Information, Daily Morning Announcements, and more; **Lunch Menus**; **PTA Information**; **Weekly News Updates**; **Weekly Sports Updates**; **Midview Endowment Fund**; and an **Online Phone and E-Mail Directory**. There's so much to explore. Check us out soon and check back often for the latest news about your Midview Schools!