



Messenger

Manitowoc Public School District Staff Newsletter

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2015-2016 Retirees

LINDY BACKUS

BS	1999	UW-Green Bay (Elementary Education)
ME	2007	UW-LaCrosse (Professional Development)

Lindy started working at Riverview School in 2000. She has been a kindergarten teacher at Riverview for her entire 16 years of service with the Manitowoc Public School District.
(16 State of Wisconsin)

CHERYL BREITENFELDT

Cheryl came to the District in 1985, working as Resource Room Manager at Monroe and then Franklin Schools. In 1990, she transferred to Riverview School, where she was an Instructional Aide and worked in the Library. In 1991, she became the Library Media Manager at Riverview and she has held that position since then, in addition to Bus Duty and Noon Duty positions. Cheryl retired from the District in January 2016 with 30 years of service to the District (and 30 years with the State of Wisconsin).

BARB BUNDY-JOST

BS	1984	Silver Lake College (Art)
ME	2001	Lesley College (Educational Technology)

Barb started working in the MPSD as a part-time art teacher in 1986. In 1988, she became full time and taught at Jefferson, Washington, and Lincoln Schools. She also worked Multi-Media and served as the Art Department Chair. In 2007, Barb left the school district. She returned in 2009 and is retiring from the MPSD with 28 years (30 from the state of WI).

SUSAN DEROCHE

BS	1982	UW-Oshkosh (Secondary Education/Math)
ME	2000	Lesley College (Technology in Education)

Susan DeRoche began working at Lincoln High School in 1986, teaching math and acting as assistant swimming coach. From 1987-1989, Susan was also assigned to the ESWAS Program (Essential School within a School) where she tutored students. Before coming to the MPSD, Susan taught a variety of math classes in Valders for 4 years. (She is retiring with 30 years of service with the MPSD and a total of 34 years with the State of Wisconsin.)

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CHERYL GORSUCH

BA 1974 UW-Green Bay (English/Speech-Drama)

Prior to teaching in Manitowoc, Cheryl taught English, Speech, and Reading in Mauston, WI for 2 years; and Language Arts in Indianapolis, Indiana for 7 years. She began teaching English at Lincoln High School in 1999. Cheryl retired from the MPSD in January 2016, with 17 years of service (19 years with the State of Wisconsin).

MARIANNE HAAG

Marianne became a Teacher's Aide with Noon Duty responsibilities at Stangel School in 1992. In 1997, she transferred to the position of CDS Aide, and transferred into that same position at Jackson School in 2008. She is retiring with 24 years of service to the District and the State of Wisconsin.

CAROL HAAS

Diploma 1972 St. Paul Technical College

Carol worked as a special education paraprofessional in St. Paul, Minnesota before beginning employment with the MPSD in 2003 as a substitute paraprofessional. She was hired as a Special Education Aide at Lincoln in 2004. She has also worked as a job coach, and CWD Aide at UW-Manitowoc. Carol is retiring from the MPSD with 12 years of service to the District and the State of Wisconsin.

PAUL (BIFF) HANSEN

BS 1978 Silver Lake College (Elementary/Special Education)

Biff Hansen began working for Riverview School in April 1977, when it was operated by Manitowoc County Handicapped Children's Education Board (MCHCEB). In 1994, Biff became a teacher in the Manitowoc Public School District, when the MPSD took over Riverview School. In July 2006, Biff became the Assistant Principal at Lincoln High School, where he is has remained. Biff will retire with 38 years of service to the district (MPSD records are 39, but the State records are 38 years). (They use different calculations/hours/for the MCHCEB carryover.)

ANGELA JANDA

BS 1980 UW-Platteville (Criminal Justice/Psychology)
BS 1984 Silver Lake College (Special Education – LD)
MA 2006 Silver Lake College (Teacher Leadership)

Angela began teaching grade 2 at Franklin School in 2001. In 2003, she transferred to Jackson School. She has taught multiple grade levels and will retire with 15 years of service to the Manitowoc Public School District and the State of Wisconsin.

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SUSAN KREY

BS 1996 UW-Green Bay (Elementary Education)

Susan Krey began teaching at Monroe Elementary School in 1998. She is retiring with 18 years of experience in the District, and the State of Wisconsin.

STEVE KLEINFELDT

BA 1975 Lewis University (Romeoville, IL) (Elementary Education)
MS 1985 Northern Illinois University (Educational Administration)
Certificate of 1988 – Illinois State University (Educational Administration)
Advanced Study

Steve worked as an intermediate grade level teacher, principal's assistant, assistant principal, and then principal in Illinois, before coming to the MPSD. In 1990, he became principal of MPSD's Jefferson School. He moved to Jackson School in 1990, where he has remained. He is retiring with 26 years for MPSD and the State of Wisconsin.

CHARLES KURTH

Charlie Kurth became a delivery driver for the district in 1981. After 3 months, he became a custodian at Lincoln. In 2003, he became the Head Custodian at Lincoln, where he remained until his retirement. Charlie retired from the District in January 2016, with 35 years of service to the District and the State of Wisconsin.

TRUDY LECLAIR

BS 1994 UW-Green Bay (Elementary Education)
MA 1998 College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, MN (Distance Education)

Trudy began working in the District in 1995, teaching Title I Math at Franklin School. She taught a variety of grade levels before transferring to Monroe School in 2003. Trudy is retiring from the District with 21 years of service, and 21 years with the State of Wisconsin.

MARLENE MANGIN

Marlene began working as the night custodian at Riverview School in 1982. She has worked at Riverview her entire career with the MPSD. She is retiring with 22 years of service to the District and the State of Wisconsin.

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STEVEN METZGER

Steve began working as a part-time custodian at Madison School in 1991. After working at Madison and Wilson Schools, he became the night custodian at Wilson in December 1991. In 1994, he became a night custodian at Lincoln. After 3 years in that position, he became the district's Delivery Driver in 1996. He returned to the night custodian position at Lincoln in 1996, which he held for the next 11 years. He transferred to day custodian at Lincoln in 2007, and switched back to nights in 2013. He retired in January 2016 with 25 years of service with the District and the State of Wisconsin.

CLAYTON NEI

BA 1989 Mount Mary College, SD (Business Mgt & Administration)
MS 2008 UW-Stout (Industrial Tech. Education)

(Clayton was on military leave for 2006-07 school year/seniority still accrued)

After joining the Army National Guard in 1983, Clayton began his teaching career in Watertown, South Dakota in 1989. He came to the MPSD in 2001 to teach Technology Education. He has taught at Washington, Wilson, and Lincoln Schools. Clayton is retiring from the District with 15 years of service with both the District and State of Wisconsin.

BONNIE NOWORATZKY

Bonnie began working in the District as an Instructional Aide at Jefferson in 1991. In 1994, she became an Office Support until 2000, when she became the Secretary at Jefferson School. She retired in January 2016 with 24 years of service to the District.

GENE SCHNELLE

BA 1998 Silver Lake College (Biology/Math)
MA 2004 Marian College (Education Technology)

Gene began teaching in the MPSD in 1999, and has taught math and science at Lincoln, Washington, and Wilson Schools. Gene is retiring with 17 years of service to the district and the State of Wisconsin.

JEFF SCHULZ

Associate Degree 1992 Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Green Bay, WI
(Facilities Systems) (Graduated with "High Honors" (3.9GPA))

Jeff started working for the Manitowoc Public Schools in April 1995. He had been working as a plant engineer in Appleton for 4 years after his promotion from a maintenance supervisor position that he held with the same company for 4 years. Before that, he worked as a maintenance coordinator/supervisor, and carpenter. Jeff retired as the District's Buildings and Grounds Director in December 2015, with 20 years of service. (20 years Wisconsin)



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ANNE SWANSON

BS 1980 UW-Stout (Early Childhood)

Prior to coming to the MPSD in 1997, Anne taught kindergarten in Gillett, WI for 6 years. She also volunteered as an EMT in Valders and then become an aide at Stangel School. She has taught Early Childhood and 4K at Riverview. She is retiring with 19 years in the District (25 years in the State of Wisconsin).

AMALIE WARDMAN

Amalie started working for the District in 2003 as an English-As-a-Second Language (ESL) Assistant at Jefferson Elementary School. She has worked at Jefferson since being hired. She is retiring with 13 years in the District and the State of Wisconsin.

MARY WILHELM

BS 1971 Silver Lake College (Teacher Certification-Grades 1-8/Art)

Mary began working for the district as a Chapter I Home Visitor in 1990. She worked out of the administration building until 1995, when she moved to Riverview. She has worked in that capacity until her retirement. Mary is retiring with 26 years of service to the MSPD and the State of Wisconsin.