

Terry Messenger

“When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary...” Where have I seen these words before?? Some really smart guys had a pretty good idea what was essential to bring about meaningful change in their world. The idea that action trumps rhetoric still holds true in our time, as well, and this notion can be applied to a specific challenge facing municipalities today: the duty of the community to assure that our children have access to the necessary educational tools required for achievement in an increasingly competitive society. Successful educators understand that effective motivation and instructional techniques are crucial during the developmental period prior to high school graduation. The resulting academic preparation should be the foundation upon which a student’s ambitions can be achieved, including immediate entry into the work force, military service, trade school, college, or any other career path they may choose. In an effort to help ensure the education provided by USD #289 is equal to this task, I have chosen to vie for position #3 on our local school board.

Having lived in Wellsville since 1969, I possess a 46 year vested interest in this area. From my father owning and operating a business on Main Street, to my current four year tenure serving as an assistant WHS boy’s basketball coach, I have had unbelievably positive experiences living here. While enrolled at WHS in the 80’s, my time was spent in an eclectic array of activities such as physics team, basketball, debate, track / field, computer programming, and football. After graduation, I earned my BS in Finance from Emporia State University, and promptly established a sole proprietorship in Wellsville, conducting business in the residential construction field for over 14 years. In 2010, I completed a secondary education program, also via ESU, and now hold a Kansas teaching license with certifications in six scholastic subjects: 6-12 business, 6-12 language arts, 5-8 science, 5-8 mathematics, 5-8 social studies, and K-12 physical education.

My intention is to fully utilize the diversity of my experiences, talents, education, and common sense to carefully evaluate the current status of the Wellsville School District. Ultimate goals are to reinforce successful programs, alter / eliminate ineffective policies, and maximize the efficiency of the district to facilitate the highest level of productivity from our teachers and students. Be assured, I will not allow unbridled political correctness to inhibit my ability to vote my conscience or adversely influence my support for suggestions / strategies I believe will prove advantageous for the long-term viability, prosperity, and accomplishments of our Crimson and Blue Eagles.

I encourage you to be a positive influence in the community by casting thoughtful, informed votes in our local, state and federal elections. Therefore, if accountability, diligent oversight, comprehensive issue deliberation, and carefully formulated objectives / conclusions are goals you believe a competent school board member should embrace, please darken the oval next to “Terry Messenger” in the voting booth on April 7th.

Thank you.