

**School District of Janesville Board—responses to League of Women Voters - Janesville question.**

**Spring Election – April 3, 2018**

**Three seats open - Candidates: Steve Huth, Carla Quirk, Greg Ardrey**

**In 200 words or less:**

**Consider students, staff, offerings, facilities and our community. In 3 years (following this coming term) what would you like to be able to say about the Janesville School District?**

**Steve Huth:** Three years ago, I chose to run for the School Board after being approached by friends, educators and business leaders and was elected as a Write in candidate. The decisions made by the local Board continues to have a lasting effect for the future of our children and directly impacts the economic vitality of the region. I chose to run for a second term to continue the work to facilitate an educational course for Janesville and our region. My background working with educators and community leaders and my drive toward economic vitality for our region is an asset as we move forward as a Board making the adopted Promises a reality.

In three years, we will have aggressively implemented strategies moving our students toward the goal of 90% reading at or above grade level in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. This Promise is the core to all Student and School Success Board goals. We will have partnerships across the community to ensure students are prepared for a seamless pathway beyond high school. We will be considered a Destination District by systemically involving the entire community to address the remaining promises including Finance and Health and Safety approved by the Board in 2018.

**Carla Quirk:** What an honor it has been to serve on Janesville's Board of Education. In these next three years, I'm looking forward to working with Superintendent Pophal, the leadership team, and the school board, to build on the school district's promises. With our committed, collaborative efforts, we will continue to provide our students with the tools necessary, to prepare them for the future. Thank you for your past and present support, moving into these exciting next three years.

**Greg Ardrey:** It has been a great honor and privilege to serve almost 10 years on the Board of Education for the School District of Janesville. When I was selected and then elected to the board, I had a vision for more individualized education for all students. I quickly realized that many other things needed to be completed before we could fully embrace my vision. We have had many changes to help bring better focus on students and their educational knowledge. We are finally setup to really drive a more personal learning environment and application for students.

In three years, we will have come a long way of meeting the promises that were developed in 2017. The most important promise that we will have improved on is having 90% of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders reading at or above grade level. We will be in the middle of systematically meeting this promise along with the support of parents and our community partners. We will have improved the graduation rate to above 90%, by helping students truly be career and/or college ready. We will have continued to be fiscally responsible, while improving our infrastructure (buildings and information technology).