

# School Board Recognition Month

Ohio Governor John Kasich proclaimed the month of January 2013 as School Board Recognition Month in our state. As citizens who serve students and represent their communities, individual school board members face complex and demanding challenges. Ohioans should recognize the vital contributions of these men and women and focus attention on the crucial role these elected public officials play in the education of our students.

School Board members contribute hundreds and hundreds of hours each year leading their districts. Whether crafting policies, hiring top-notch administrators, listening to staff and student concerns, or recognizing outstanding programs, board members always keep their eyes on the prize of student achievement.

Four County Career Center is joining with other districts throughout the state to recognize the important contributions school board members make to their communities. The Career Center is appreciative of their school board members who assure that the school is providing the best career and technical education possible for the students.

The districts Board of Education for 2013 include (FRONT - LEFT TO RIGHT) Cindra Keeler, a board member for Bryan City Schools for five years and Career Center board member for five years; Nona Liechty, a board member from Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center for three years and Career Center board member for three years; Chris Oberlin, a board member for Defiance City Schools for seventeen years and Career Center board member for sixteen years; Carol Kleck, a board member for Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center for twenty-three years and Career Center board member for sixteen years; Dr. LeAnn Fritch, a board member for Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center for nineteen years and Career Center board member for nine years; Jennifer Bonner, Career Center Treasurer; (BACK - LEFT TO RIGHT) John McCalla, a board member for Hicksville Exempted Village for five years and Career Center board member for three years; Larry E. Long, a Board member for Napoleon City Schools for five years and Career Center board member for three years; Brian Baker, a board member for Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center for eighteen years and Career Center board member for seven years; Larry Fruth, a board member for Wauseon Exempted Village for nine years and Career Center board member for nine years; Larry Martin, a board member for Montpelier Exempted Village for seventeen years and Career Center board member for three years; Kenneth Esterline, a board member for Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center for thirty-one years and Career Center board member for twenty-one years; and Tim Meister, Career Center Superintendent.

The Board of Education elected John McCalla as President and Larry Long as Vice-President for 2013. Four County Career Center serves twenty-two school districts in Defiance, Fulton, Henry and Williams counties.

