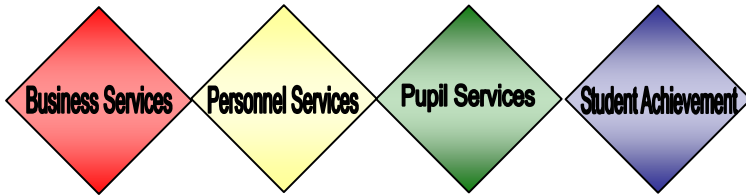


School District of New London



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MONTHLY UPDATE

By: Joseph Marquardt
Director of Business Services

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Introduction

I thought it would be appropriate to use my first update to give a little background about myself as I make the transition to New London.

I am proud to say I grew up on a dairy farm in Chippewa Falls, WI. I have always felt that the family farm experience did a great deal in shaping who I am as a person today.

After leaving home and graduating from UW-Whitewater, I was a Business Education teacher at Badger High School in Lake Geneva, WI for five years. Besides teaching, I coached football, baseball and was an advisor for the Senior Project, a community service project and graduation requirement. During my five years at Badger, I also earned my Masters Degree in School Business Management from UW-Whitewater.

In June 2009 I had the opportunity to become the Business Manager in Clinton, WI. Clinton is about half the size of New London and is located near the Janesville/Beloit area in Southern Wisconsin.

Clinton is a great school District and I appreciate the opportunity they gave me but moving closer to family has been a goal for my wife and I since we were married.

Family

The biggest parts of my life (wife and family) will remain near Lake Geneva until June. My wife, Becky, is a Business Education teacher at Big Foot High School in Walworth, WI and will remain in her position until the end of the school year.

In June, Becky, Brett (2 ½) and Chase (1) will make the move to a home to be determined in New London.

New London is a great opportunity for me to become the Director of Business Services. The community is very attractive to bring my wife and family to begin another adventure. Everyone has been gracious to me in my short time getting to know the District – I

would like to thank everyone for what has been a seamless transition to date.

News of the Moment

In the next few weeks I will be busy immersing myself into the position trying to understand as many facets of the District as I can. Mr. Yerkey has been very helpful to answer questions as I encounter them.

I hope to meet as many new people as possible. However, no name tests until at least February please ☺.

Budget

We have already begun the 2011-12 budgeting process. I know we will be working collaboratively during the next few months to do what's best for the students of New London. As an administrative team, we hope to present some projections and valuable information to help keep everyone informed.

Sugar Bush System Check

Layne-Northwest completed their most recent arsenic removal system check and everything is functioning properly. All drinking water meets the standards necessary for consumption.

Final Comment

This will be a challenging year for all school districts in the state to balance a budget. One belief that can never be lost is trying to do what is best for our kids in every situation. They are our business.

Please, never hesitate to contact me with questions.