

PAW PAW PUBLIC SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION



Karen M. Ayres – Board President

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Term expires Dec 31, 2022

Karen graduated from Paw Paw High School, attended Spring Arbor College and Western Michigan University. She is employed by Mattawan Consolidated Schools. Karen and her husband Joel have two children – Jennifer and Jonathan - both graduates of PPPS. Karen’s grandchildren currently attend the district. Karen has served the district and community as past president of Paw Paw Girls Softball, on the Board of Directors for the Van Buren Girls Softball Association, as a parent volunteer in the district and long-time member of the Paw Paw Athletic Boosters. Karen has served on the PPPS Board of Education since 1991 – “a great opportunity to get involved and give back to an excellent school district and community.”



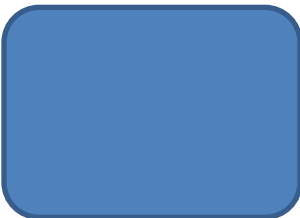
Aaron Mitchell – Board Vice President

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Term expires Dec 31, 2018

Aaron has lived in Paw Paw with wife, Heather, for ten years. They have two children who attend Paw Paw Public Schools. As a family, they attend Red Arrow Ministries, where Aaron is serving as an elder. Serving the community is critical to Aaron, as he is also a proud member of the Paw Paw Lions Club. Aaron has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Western Michigan University with a double major in Public Law and Secondary Education with a Social Studies certification. Aaron became a stay-at-home dad after the birth of his oldest child and is also the Deputy Clerk for Antwerp Township. He has coaching experience in AYSO soccer and JV baseball at Paw Paw. “After seeing the amount of state regulations and hoops that educators are forced to jump through, I chose to leave the education field. As a board member, my hope is to assist and facilitate our staff, and allow for them to do their job.”



Shane Criger – Board Secretary

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Term expires Dec 31, 2016

Shane is a Detective Sergeant with the Michigan State Police post in Paw Paw. He and his family have resided in the district since 2009. They have two children that attend Paw Paw Public Schools. Shane has been actively involved in the community, including coaching T-ball and serving on the district bond planning committee. Shane has served on the Board since being appointed in April 2014 “to assist in guiding the school in the right direction for the students, and to make Paw Paw a leader and innovator in education.”



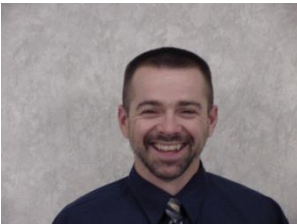
Patrick Lynch – Board Trustee

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Term expires Dec 31, 2022

Pat is a graduate of Watervliet High School and received his Pharmacy Degree from Ferris State College. He is the owner of Hills Prescription Shop in Paw Paw. Pat and his wife Carolyn have two children – Darryl and Colleen - both graduates of Paw Paw High School. Pat is past president of Kiwanis Club of Paw Paw and director of the Downtown Development Authority. Pat has served on the Board of Education since 2004 – an opportunity to support the community, learn more about the school system, and serve as a steward of public funds as they are used for education in the district.



Jody Williford – Board Trustee

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Term expires Dec 31, 2018

Jody served in the United States Army, 82nd Airborne. He received his Bachelors of Science Degree in Computer Engineering from Western Michigan University and holds several technical certifications. He is employed at Pfizer in an IT security position. Jody, his wife and three sons reside in Paw Paw, and two of his sons currently attend Paw Paw Public Schools. Jody is active with AYSO soccer, triathlon committee coordinator/member, and is a member of the Freshwater Church. Jody has served on the Board since 2010. As a board member he desires to continue to provide quality education for all children of the district, provide good communication between the district and community, and work with the Board to balance the complex issues and financial challenges of the school district.



Renée Richardson – Board Trustee

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Term expires Dec 31, 2020

Renée lives in Paw Paw with her husband Bill. They have four children and eleven grandchildren. She is retired from the Van Buren Intermediate School District after 42 years of service as the administrative assistant to the superintendent. She worked closely with the Van Buren County Association of School Boards in helping to develop policies and helping in the development of the organization. She has a passion to see that this organization thrives so that the county boards can work together in educating the children of Van Buren County.

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Amy Craddock

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Term expires Dec 31, 2020

Amy received her Bachelors of Science Degree in Accounting from Davenport University. She is employed at PNC Bank as a Business Analyst in the Retail Risk, Reporting and Analytics group. Amy and her husband Doug are both graduates of Paw Paw High School and have two children, Mara and Xander who attend Paw Public Schools. Community involvement is very important to Amy; her service includes treasurer of the Wine and Harvest Festival, the Christmas Committee Chair for the Paw Downtown Development Authority, Church Treasurer and the Youth Ministry Team Leader for RedArrow Ministries. Amy's appointment to the School Board began in August 2015. "It's truly an honor to serve on the Board of Education and have the opportunity to promote consistent excellence in our local education system."