



DR. TIM CURL SELECTED TO FILL SEAT ON NEWPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

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NEWPORT – Dr. Tim Curl, a Newport native and graduate of Newport High School with career experience in education, has been selected to fill an unexpired term on the Newport Board of Education.

Dr. Curl fills a board vacancy created by the departure of former board member Julie Smith-Morrow, who in November was elected to the Newport City Commission. Under state law, when a school board vacancy occurs the replacement is selected by the sitting board members.

"I am humbled and honored to have this opportunity to give back and to work with my fellow board members and Superintendent Tony Watts and his administrative team on policies and procedures to help move the Newport Independent Schools forward," Dr. Curl said. "I attended Newport schools and both of my kids graduated from Newport High School, so this is very special to me."

"I want to thank the board for selecting me," he said. "I feel good that a panel of my peers believe that I have something to contribute to the board and to the district. With my love for the community, this is very special and I pledge to do my best."

"We are excited to welcome Dr. Curl to the Newport Board of Education," said board member Melissa Sheffel. "He has deep Newport roots, has a background in education and has tremendous passion for the community and the Newport schools. Dr. Curl will be a wonderful addition to our board."

Dr. Curl ran for the board of education last year but was not elected. He said he will step down from his seat on the Newport Board of Adjustments now that he has been selected to the board of education.

"It is going to be a learning process, but I am excited and anxious to get started," he said.

Dr. Curl spent more than 40 years in nursing, nursing education, critical care nursing and home health nursing. He was the former Dean of Nursing for Beckfield College and FORTIS Colleges and Institutes.

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