

Good News Report

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Gail Ann Briggs has completed thirty years of dedicated and faithful service to Unit 5 as a member of the Board of Education. Currently in her eighth term, Gail Ann was first elected on April 10, 1976. She has served as President of the Board four times, Vice-President five times and Secretary three times. During her service, she has rarely missed a Board meeting, Citizens Advisory Council meeting or Board committee meeting. In addition, she has very frequently attended district, school and community events to which Board members are invited but not required to attend.

Gail Ann has actively represented the Board of Education as a delegate to the Illinois Association of School Boards and within the IASB Corn Belt Division. For eleven years, she served on the IASB Board of Directors, including six years as a member of the Executive Committee and three years as the Legislative Committee State Chair. In 1981, Gail Ann was honored as a recipient of the Illinois State Board of Education Those Who Excel Award of Excellence. She achieved Master School Board Member status with the IASB in 1989 and has maintained that designation for sixteen years.

Superintendent searches and interim superintendent appointments, referendum campaigns, standing committees/councils/boards, ad hoc committees, various task forces, formal presentations at division, state and national conferences, and policy reviews have all benefited from Gail Ann's diligent and faithful attention to detail, consistent hard work and sound judgment.

Service on a Board of Education for thirty years is extremely rare. Gail Ann has dedicated the majority of her adult life to the success of the students and staff of Unit 5. Congratulations and heartfelt appreciation from the Unit 5 community to Gail Ann Briggs, Board of Education member.