



## New MSN Leaders, Athletic Director Named



Dr. Nathan Carter

In a unanimous vote at its May 25 regular Board of Education meeting, the Community Unit School District 95 Board of Education approved Superintendent **Dr. Brian Knutson's** recommendations of **Dr. Nathan Carter** as Principal of Middle School

North, **Mark Richter** as Assistant Principal of Middle School North, and **Rolando Vazquez** as Athletic Director at Lake Zurich High School.



Mark Richter

Dr. Carter replaces current Principal **Keir Rogers**, who has accepted a new leadership challenge with a school district in Evanston, IL, while Richter, currently a teacher at Middle School North, will replace **Travis Lobbins**, who has accepted a principalship in another Illinois school district. Vazquez replaces **Gene Curran**, who is leaving the district for a similar



Rolando Vazquez

position in Hoffman Estates, IL. Dr. Carter, Richter, and Vazquez will begin their new

positions on July 1. In addition, Richter will serve as the district's summer school principal this summer.

"We are excited to have Dr. Carter joining our team," said Dr. Knutson. "He has a strong and collaborative leadership style that will work well with the staff, students, and parents of Middle School North. Likewise, Mark Richter is a known leader and a wonderful teacher at Middle School North who is well liked and respected by staff, students and their parents. I know that together, the two of them will bring dynamic leadership to Middle School North."

Dr. Carter is currently the principal of Daniel Wright Junior High School in Lincolnshire, IL. He has also held similar positions in other schools in Lincolnshire, as well as teaching positions in Highland Park, IL and Buffalo Grove, IL. He holds an educational doctorate degree in curriculum and instruction from Loyola University in Chicago; a Master's degree in educational administration from Northeastern Illinois University; and a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Clarion University, PA.

Richter, currently a sixth grade reading and language arts teacher at Middle School North, has also taught at nearby Waukegan High School and Stevenson High School. He holds a master's degree in educational leadership from DePaul University, as well as a second master's degree in communication from the Univ. of Illinois, where he also obtained his bachelor's degree in speech communication.

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Reminder:  
All D-95  
Schools  
and offices  
will be  
closed May  
29 for  
Memorial  
Day.

## D-95 Sells Vacant Land near Spencer Loomis/North

At its May 25 regular Board of Education meeting, the Community Unit School District 95 Board of Education approved the sale of approximately 59 acres of property located adjacent to Spencer Loomis Elementary School/ Middle School North to Nichols Grove Properties, LLC for \$4,500,000.

"This sale allows us to move forward by converting unused and unneeded land into needed revenue that can be used to maintain our current facilities," explained Superintendent **Dr. Brian Knutson**.

In May of 2002, the Board of Education declared the property to be excess and autho-



rized that the property be advertised for sale. The Notice of Sale was advertised in a newspaper for three weeks, announcing that bids would be considered at a minimum sale price of \$4.2 million. During that time period, several inquiries about the property and a few offers were received that, taken with their included contingencies, would bring in

less than the posted price of \$4.2 million. The school district then ceased to actively market the property.

Recently, attorneys representing developers had contacted the school district with various offers. Tonight's agreement exceeds the original posted amount and brings those discussions to a close.

## Leaders Named *cont.*

Vazquez, currently the Athletic Director at Waukegan High School, will work with student athletes, coaches, parents, district staff, and the community to continue the strong athletic tradition at Lake Zurich High School.

"I am excited to have Mr. Vazquez joining our team at Lake Zurich High School," said Dr. Knutson. "Working with Principal Michael Egan, the staff, students, and community, I know he will be able to continue moving our athletic program forward to great success."

In addition to his current role as Athletic Director at Waukegan High School, Vazquez has served as its Dean of Students. He has also served as an Assistant Principal at Jack Benny Middle School, and as a physical education teacher at Abbott Middle School. He has a Master of Science degree in general administration from Lewis University, Romeoville, IL, and a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education, with a minor in business, from Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL.

## IF Firefighter Challenge



Above, an Isaac Fox student practices his aim during the annual Isaac Fox Firefighter Challenge. The School raised \$4,148.80 that was donated to the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance for Burn Camp.

## Strategic Plan Approved

Last night, May 25, during its regular monthly meeting, the Board of Education approved the framework for the 2006-2011 Strategic Plan. The unanimous vote followed a presentation by Superintendent **Dr. Brian Knutson, Crystal Steker, Sandie Edwards, Julia Becich and Jim Jennings**, who shared with the Board and the community the various elements of the plan and how, through the district's strategic plan, we can continue to improve learning opportunities for children and continue to make the region a top place to raise families.

The mission of the school district remains unchanged: *The mission of Community Unit School District 95 is to inspire all students to be passionate, continuous learners and to prepare them with the skills to achieve their goals and flourish as responsible, caring citizens in a global community.*

The district is now recruiting volunteers to serve on Action Teams that will develop the steps necessary to successfully implement the five strategies of the strategic plan. The five action teams include:

- **Trust & Collaboration**
- **Recruitment/Retention**
- **Community Commitment**
- **Staff Commitment**
- **Curriculum & Learning Opportunities**

Action teams will begin meeting in October, with their final product expected by early January. The finished action plans will then be reviewed by the Strategic Planning Steering Committee before being submitted to the school district and its Board of Education.

To join one or more of the five action teams, simply contact Jennings at (847) 540-5489, or email him at [jim.jennings@lz95.org](mailto:jim.jennings@lz95.org), with your name, contact information, and action team preferences.

## Two LZHS Teachers Named to CLC Honor Roll



**Mary Ann Eiserman**

Two Lake Zurich High School teachers have been selected for the Lake County High School Teachers Honor Roll, a program of the College of Lake County (CLC) that recognizes the excellent work of Lake County's high school teachers in preparing students to enter college. English teacher **Mary Ann Eiserman** and history teacher **Bob Knuth** were chosen for the honor, which is determined by nominations by CLC students.

Knuth was chosen even though he has been on active duty all school year serving in the U.S. Army Reserves.



**Bob Knuth**

"Our students were truly enthusiastic about these outstanding faculty members," said Dr. Richard W. Fonte, President of CLC, in a letter to Superintendent Dr. Brian Knutson. "Your nominated instructors, and the many other wonder wonderful teachers at Lake Zurich High School, are our partners in providing educational excellence. This is our opportunity to express a heartfelt "thank you."

As part of the honor, Eiserman and Knuth, along with the other members of the High School Teachers Honor Roll will have their names published in the Daily Herald on May 27.