



Greetings Fellow Clarkston Residents

My name is Bruce Fuller, and I am running for the Village council as a write in candidate. My interest in taking a seat in local governance is motivated by my affinity for this community and my desire to see that it maintains its unique character. I believe that there are significant issues of property development that, if not done correctly, could have a detrimental impact on the quality of life in the village. I also believe that our mayor, and our council have worked diligent to maintain a quality environment which makes Clarkston a great place to own a home and raise a family. I wish to support those ongoing efforts.

My wife Gayle, and I, have resided in the village for thirty-four years. We raised our three children here. Our youngest, still lives in the village, in a downtown apartment.

I retired last year after spending thirty-five years in education. I was an elementary teacher for fifteen years. I was employed in Seattle Washington, Capac, and Hamtramck. My primary professional goal was to be a building principal. To best prepare myself for that role, I taught second grade, fifth grade, and special needs students. I also had the opportunity to teach middle school wood shop for three years. I coached our elementary boys basketball teams. I coached a middle school boys and girls track team, and for several years coached a little league baseball team. During my teaching years, I also took on numerous carpentry jobs.

During my administrative tenure, I worked for the Swartz Creek Community schools as the principal of an elementary school. I loved my job and miss the daily opportunity to work with staff, students, and parents; to develop ways to improve student outcomes. In addition to my building responsibilities, I was asked to lead several district initiatives. This included serving as the president of the Principal's Leadership Team. I was the chief negotiator of administrative contracts for our group. Following my initial negotiation experience, the district asked me to serve as the co-lead in teacher contract negotiations. These opportunities gave me the chance to work collaboratively to find workable solutions to issues that, at times, could be passionately maintained by both parties at the bargaining table. The district leadership employed me as the director of federal programs. These are the dollars allocated to districts to improve student achievement and teacher professional development. Our budget exceeded \$500,000. It was my responsibility to develop district and building improvement plans, allocate monies based on those plans, to maintain budgets, and to work with state officials on the auditing of our programs. During this period, our district used this federal money to build and support numerous programs to support student achievement. This meant budgeting and accounting for the employment of several staff members, purchasing countless instructional materials, and establishing professional learning opportunities for our staff. Our achievements were significant. One positive outcome realized by the students in my school were M-STEP science scores which were the highest in Genesee County, and in the top 5% in the state of Michigan. This led to the first passage of a bond issue in Swartz Creek in decades. The bond allowed the district to add STEM facilities to each elementary building so that they could create programs based on our model of instruction.

I am ready for a new challenge. I look forward to serving this great community.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Fuller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.