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Brian Nelsen Selected to Succeed Retiring Ashwaubenon High School Principal Mark Sheedy

Ashwaubenon, WI – March 21, 2013 – Brian Nelsen, the current Director of Pupil Services for the Ashwaubenon School District, has been selected to be Ashwaubenon High School’s next Principal. This appointment is the result of current AHS Principal Mark Sheedy announcing his retirement effective June 30, 2013.

Nelsen replaces Mark Sheedy, who has been the Ashwaubenon High School Principal since 1998. Sheedy is the longest tenured Principal in school history and his career in education spans thirty-five years. Commenting on Sheedy’s service to the school district, Superintendent Brian Hanes said, “Mr. Sheedy’s leadership has made a tremendous impact on students, staff and our community to say the least. While it is not possible to list all of his accomplishments, he is widely known for inspiring students to make their “mark” on the world as they complete high school. Mr. Sheedy has certainly made his “mark” at AHS! His outstanding instructional leadership coupled with an amazing personalized ability to connect with others will be greatly missed. We thank Mr. Sheedy for dedicating his life to AHS by attending numerous activities and for sharing numerous hours away from his family the past fifteen years. His legacy at AHS will live on and has touched the lives of all of us.”

Brian Nelsen was selected from a pool of internal candidates. He holds degrees in education from UW-Oshkosh and Marian College, and is working on his Ed.D in Educational Leadership from Edgewood College. In addition to his current role as Director of Pupil Services, he has served the school district as Principal at Parkview Middle School and Associate Principal at Ashwaubenon High School. Prior to that, he was a special education teacher in Pulaski and Green Bay schools. Nelsen and his family reside in Ashwaubenon.

According to Nelsen, “I am thrilled to be the next Principal at AHS. We have a high achieving student body who continually demonstrates excellence both in our academic and co-curricular programs, a talented staff who maintains high expectations for themselves and our students, and a network of supportive parents and community members. I look forward to partnering with our learning community to ensure each of our students is valued and provided the opportunities to reach their individual dreams and ambitions.” Superintendent Hanes added, “Mr. Nelsen is a highly qualified and capable individual for our high school principalship. His successful experiences as a high school teacher, Parkview Middle School principal and most recently Director of Pupil Services have prepared him very well for this position.”

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