

***Announcement of vacancy for the position of Superintendent of Schools
Jasper Co. Community Unit School District 1
Newton, Illinois***

The Board of Education of Jasper Co. CUSD 1, Newton, Illinois, is seeking a Superintendent of Schools. It is anticipated that the new superintendent will be selected by mid-March and will be expected to assume the post July 1, 2010. The superintendent selected will succeed Ron Alburtus, who has served the district 18 years as a teacher and administrator at the elementary, middle and high school levels, including superintendent of schools the last three years. *Jasper Co. CUSD 1 is an equal opportunity employer and the Illinois Association of School Boards is an equal opportunity employment search agency.*

POSITION:	Superintendent of Schools
DISTRICT ENROLLMENT:	Pre-K-12 1,410 students
COMPENSATION PACKAGE:	It is anticipated that the total compensation package will be about \$140,000. The actual annual salary, fringe benefits, contractual terms and conditions will be discussed in detail with the final candidates and will be based on education and experience. It is expected that the initial contract will be for a multi-year period, as authorized by Illinois statutes.
QUALIFICATIONS:	Illinois Certification for Superintendent
APPLICATION DEADLINE:	February 12, 2010
INTERVIEWS:	Selected finalists will be interviewed February 26-27, 2010
STARTING DATE:	July 1, 2010

APPLICATIONS

To receive consideration, an applicant's file must be completed by **February 12, 2010**, and must contain:

1. **Formal letter of application** indicating desire to be a candidate for the position and an up-to-date resume.
2. **Personal information sheet** (obtained from IASB office or from website www.iasb.com to print and complete, or fill out online and print) completed in full.
3. **Set of up-to-date confidential credentials and transcripts** sent from applicant's university.
4. **Legal proof or other evidence** showing qualification to be a superintendent in the state of Illinois (copy of administrative certificate*).
5. **Candidates should submit a summary** of their achievements as they see them, administrative positions they have held, personal beliefs or goals in education and reasons for their interest in the challenge presented by the school district.

Interested candidates may send nominations, letters of application, credentials and copies of legal proof of administrative qualifications to, or obtain additional information from:

**Dr. Douglas P. Blair, Senior Director, Executive Searches
Illinois Association of School Boards
2921 Baker Drive
Springfield, IL 62703**

Telephone: 217/528-9688 ext. 1118

Fax: 217/528-2831

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PLEASE MARK ANY CORRESPONDENCE AND/OR ENVELOPES "JASPER CO."
Applicants are requested not to contact board members.

CANDIDATES AND THEIR QUALIFICATIONS — Candidates will be evaluated on their professional merits with emphasis on the following qualifications specified by the board of education:

- *Ability to analyze current situations, initiate appropriate action and inform the board of education when advisable.*
- *Ability to work cooperatively with the board of education.*
- *Ability to interpret complex educational and financial data to the board, staff and community.*
- *Ability to work in the area of human relations. A "people person" with personnel management qualities.*
- *Ability to maximize financial resources in support of educational programs of the district.*
- *Ability to lead the board in development of both short- and long-range district goals.*
- *Ability to select, assign and evaluate staff.*
- *Demonstrated understanding of labor relations and the management of the negotiated contract.*
- *Ability to involve appropriate members of the staff in support of desirable educational changes.*

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE DISTRICT AND THE AREA . . .

TYPE — Pre-K-12

SIZE — 460 square miles, 1,410 students, four principals, two assistant principals, 119 teachers, 111 support personnel and one special education coordinator.

OFFICE — The central office is located at 609 S. Lafayette Street, Newton, IL 62448.

CENTRAL OFFICE PERSONNEL — One administrative assistant, one district bookkeeper, one assistant bookkeeper/food service director, one curriculum/grant director (also one of the district principals).

CURRICULUM — Jasper County CUSD 1 offers a comprehensive pre-K-12 program. There are five attendance centers. Willow Hill Elementary is our kindergarten center. Grove Elementary has grades K-6 and Ste. Marie Elementary has grades 1-5. The City of Newton is home to Newton Elementary and Jasper County Junior High, with grades 1-6 and all 7-8 graders in the county. Newton Community High School is also located in Newton with grades 9-12 and the pre-K program. The district is a member of the South Eastern Special Education (SESE) Cooperative, which offers a full spectrum of special education services for students with special needs. The high school offers college prep, traditional general education and vocational courses. Guidance services, media services, chorus and band are provided for students at both the junior and senior high schools. Dual credit courses are offered for high school students. Technology is an integral part of the district. Students and staff have access to computer labs. All buildings are networked and have Internet accessibility. The junior high and high school belong to athletic conferences and offer a wide range of extracurricular activities for students.

FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM — The district operates a cafeteria program with a kitchen located in all attendance centers. Breakfasts and lunches are served daily.

TRANSPORTATION — The district has 26 regular routes, 10 special education routes and two pre-school routes, transporting approximately 1,100 students daily. The district has one transportation director, one fleet supervisor, 1.5 mechanics and three secretaries.

FINANCIAL DATA —

Assessed Valuation	\$ 220,317,174
Bonds Outstanding	\$ 3,578,382
Total Budget:	\$ 15,378,530

TAX RATE —

Education	2.00
Operations .....	.50
Transportation .....	.20
Working Cash .....	.05
Municipal Retirement .....	.0454
Tort Immunity .....	.2542
Bond & Interest .....	.1949
Social Security .....	.0454
Special Education .....	.04
Life Safety .....	.05
Lease .....	.05
TOTAL	3.4299

FACILITIES — Willow Hill Elementary – Kindergarten Center (91); Grove Elementary – K-6 (145); Ste. Marie Elementary – 1-5 (89); Newton Elementary/Jasper County Junior High – 1-8 (575); Newton Community High School – 9-12 (452); pre-K (44) and SESE classes (14).

MEMBER OF — Illinois Association of School Boards, Illinois Elementary School Association and Illinois High School Association.

LOCATION — Newton is located in southeast central Illinois, approximately 200 miles south of Chicago and 25 miles southeast of the junction of Interstates 57 and 70. Newton is the county seat for Jasper County, the largest district geographically in the state of Illinois. Population of Newton is 3,069 and the county total population is 10,117.

SERVICES AVAILABLE — Three hospitals are located within approximately 25 miles. There are five doctors in the community and two dentists along with emergency medical services. The Jasper County Health Department provides nursing services for the district. Newton is the home of the Jasper County Fairgrounds and the home of the Burl Ives memorial. Newton hosts the Holly Jolly Christmas annually, in memory of former resident Burl Ives.

RECREATION — Stone’s Throw Golf Course, Sunrise Youth and Community Center, Illinois Wildlife Connections, Sam Parr State Fish and Wildlife Area/park, Newton Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area, Embarras River, Prairie Ridge Interpretive Site, Jasper County Boys and Girls Park, Peterson Park, Earl Dufraim Park, Fairview Drive-In, youth baseball, softball, soccer, junior football and Boy Scouts.

CHURCHES — Located in Newton are the Calvary Baptist Church, Central Christian Church, First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Free Methodist Church, Good Shepherd Lutheran, Grace United Methodist, Kedron United Methodist, Life Tabernacle, New Life Christian Center, Newton Christian Church, St. Thomas Catholic Church, Potter’s House Ministry, Scott Avenue Christian Church and Southern Baptist Church. Most denominations are located in Jasper County.

FRATERNAL & PROFESSIONAL

ORGANIZATIONS — Rotary Club, Newton Woman’s and Junior Woman’s Club, Masonic Lodge, American Legion, 4H, Jasper County Economic Development Co-op, Jasper County Shrine Club, Knights of Columbus and American Cancer Society.

COLLEGES — Eastern Illinois community colleges including Frontier Community College, Lincoln Trail, Olney Central and Wabash Valley are within driving distance; Eastern Illinois University, Charleston; Southern Illinois University, Carbondale; and University of Illinois, Champaign.

INDUSTRY IN THE DISTRICT — Evapco Inc., GSI Group, Ameren’s Newton Power Plant, Norris Electric, TPS Enterprises. Inc., Skyline Steel and McDaniel Inc.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Name	*Years	Occupation
Fred Huddlestun, President	14	Farmer
Gordon Millsap, Vice President	8	Shipping Manager
Melinda Barthelme, Secretary	6	Nurse Practitioner
Holly Farley	1	Nursing Instructor
Mike Knepper	1	Minister/Farmer
Anthony Richards	2	Sherwin-Williams Warehouse Technician
Gregg Weber	6	Farmer

**Years served on the Jasper Co. CUSD 1 Board of Education.*