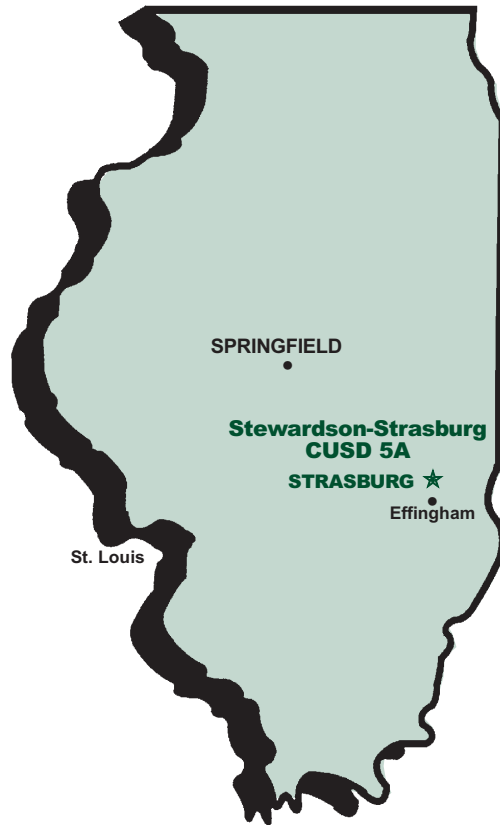


Announcement of vacancy for the position of

Superintendent of Schools



**Stewardson-Strasburg
Community Unit School District 5A
Strasburg, Illinois**

June 30, 2009

The Board of Education of Stewardson-Strasburg Community Unit School District 5A is seeking a Superintendent of Schools. It is anticipated that the new superintendent will be selected by November 12, 2009 and will be expected to assume the post no later than July 1, 2010.

Stewardson-Strasburg Community Unit School District 5A and Illinois Association of School Boards are equal opportunity employers.

APPLICATIONS

All nominations, letters of application, inquiries, credentials and copies of legal proof of administrative qualifications should be addressed as follows:

Illinois Association of School Boards

2921 Baker Drive

Springfield, Illinois 62703

Telephone: 217/528-9688, ext. 1118

Please mark any correspondence and/or envelopes
“**Stewardson-Strasburg.**”

To receive consideration, applicant's file must be completed by **October 2, 2009**, and must contain:

- 1. Formal letter of application** indicating desire to be a candidate for the position and an up-to-date résumé.
- 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 superintendent in the state of Illinois (copy of administrative certificate*).

5. Candidates should write a brief 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.

*Information on certification can be obtained by writing the Illinois State Board of Education, Division of Professional Preparation, 100 North First Street, Springfield, Illinois 62777; 1-800/845-8749 or visit the ISBE website at www.isbe.net.

SELECTION

Illinois Association of School Boards has been employed to secure candidates and screen applications. Dr. Douglas P. Blair, Senior Director, Executive Searches, Illinois Association of School Boards, has been appointed search/screening consultant and screening/committee coordinator.

APPLICANTS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO CONTACT BOARD MEMBERS UNLESS CALLED FOR AN INTERVIEW.

TIMELINE

October 2, 2009 — Deadline for receiving applications and credentials.

October 15, 2009 — Selection of candidates for interview.

October 23-24, 2009 — Interview of candidates.

November 12, 2009 — Board appoints new superintendent.

The date that the new superintendent assumes duties is negotiable, but no later than July 1, 2010.

SALARY AND CONTRACT

It is anticipated that the total compensation package will be about \$120,000. 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.

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 work cooperatively with the board of education.
- Ability to maximize financial resources in support of educational programs of the district.
- Ability to interpret complex educational and financial data to the board, staff and community.
- Ability to involve appropriate members of the staff in support of desirable educational changes.
- Ability to analyze current situations, initiate appropriate action and inform the board of education when advisable.
- Ability to involve parents and other members of the community in appropriate aspects of the educational process.
- Ability to work in the area of human relations. A “people person” with personnel management qualities.
- Ability to lead the board in development of both short- and long-range district goals.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE DISTRICT

TYPE — Pre-K-12

SIZE — 113 square miles, 445 students, two principals, 40 teachers, 20 support personnel.

OFFICE — The district office is located at RR 1, Box 67, Strasburg, Illinois, within the high school office. The elementary office is at the south end of the same building.

CENTRAL OFFICE PERSONNEL — Superintendent, one bookkeeper/secretary.

CURRICULUM — The district provides a comprehensive pre-K-12 core curriculum that is aligned with Illinois learning standards. Technology is integrated into the curriculum; computer labs are located in the high school and grade school. Programs in college prep, tech prep, vocational education, special education, pre-school education and Title I are offered. The district also operates a cooperative work program. The district received a 2008 Bright Star Award recognizing high performance of our students. The district actively seeks competitive grant funding from both state and federal sources.

FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM — Breakfast and lunch are served in one common cafeteria for pre-K-12 grades.

TRANSPORTATION — The district owns 12 buses and operates eight routes daily. Transportation is provided to public school students attending at Stewardson-Strasburg, Effingham, Windsor and Mattoon and to parochial school students attending at Stewardson. The district employs a full-time mechanic for caring for the fleet.

FINANCIAL DATA —

Assessed Valuation	\$ 27,387,577
Bonds Outstanding	\$ 1,255,000
Total Budget	\$ 3,586,495

TAX RATE —

Education	2.0000
Operations5000
Transportation2000
Working Cash0500
Tort Immunity3650
Bonds & Interest5668
Special Education0400
Social Security1095
Fire Prevention0500
Lease5000
TOTAL	3.8712

FACILITIES — The district operates one pre-K – 12 building; 1951 – high school (9-12), enrollment 157; 1969 – grade school addition (pre-K-6); 1996 jr. high addition (7-8), enrollment pre-K-8 288.

MEMBER OF — Illinois Association of School Boards, Illinois Association of School Administrators, Illinois Principals Association, Illinois High School Association, Illinois Elementary Association, Eastern Illinois Area Special Education, Eastern Illinois Education for Employment System and Southeastern Purchasing Cooperative – Cafeteria.

DISTRICT WEBSITE — www.sscusd.k12.il.us

INFORMATION ABOUT THE AREA

LOCATION — Stewardson-Strasburg CUSD 5A is located on Illinois Route 32 North, three miles north of Stewardson and three miles south of Strasburg in Shelby County. The facility is 12 miles north of Effingham and 10 miles west of I-57.

SERVICES AVAILABLE — Shelby Memorial Hospital, Shelbyville; St. Anthony's Hospital, Effingham; Shelby County and Effingham County Health Departments.

RECREATION — Outdoor recreation includes Lake Shelbyville; Lake Sara, Effingham; Wolf Creek State Park, Sullivan; Eagle Creek Resort, Findlay; Hidden Springs State Park, Strasburg and Fox Ridge State Park, Charleston. Shelbyville and Effingham have bowling, swimming and golf courses. YMCA, hunting, sports, games, movie theaters and shopping are in the area. There are libraries in Windsor, Shelbyville and Effingham.

CHURCHES — Many denominations are located in the area.

FRATERNAL AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS — Lions, American Legion and Home Extension, other organizations are available in the nearby communities.

COLLEGES — Eastern Illinois University, Charleston; Lakeland Community College, Mattoon; Kluthe Center of LLCC, Effingham and Sparks College, Shelbyville.

INDUSTRY IN THE DISTRICT — Agriculture and related businesses in addition to small businesses.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Name	*Years	Occupation
Leroy Helmuth, President	6	Machine Operator
Candie Kessler, Vice President	10	Store Owner
Jennifer Burton, Secretary	2	Medical Field
Gary Collins	2	Retail
Bob Schlechte	New	Management
Chad Smith	New	Police Sergeant
Gina Vonderheide	New	Attorney

*Years served on Stewardson-Strasburg CUSD 5A Board of Education.

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