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PWSSD Board Names Dr. Michael McMahon Next Superintendent

PORT WASHINGTON, WI — At its Wednesday meeting, the Port Washington-Saukville School District Board of Education unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Michael McMahon as the district's next superintendent.



Dr. McMahon comes to PWSSD after serving as Director of Teaching and Learning in the Grafton School District for the past three years. Before that, he was an elementary school principal in Grafton, following a school leadership role in the Wausau School District. He started his career in education as a fourth-grade teacher, serving in public schools in both Chippewa Falls and Poynette.

"I am beyond excited to serve the Port Washington-Saukville School District as its next superintendent. Spending a day in the district and meeting students, teachers, staff, and community members during the search process has solidified my belief that PWSSD is an exceptional place for students and staff. I am honored to be a part of it moving forward."

Dr. McMahon holds a doctorate in educational leadership from Edgewood College, and a master's degree in educational professional development from UW-Eau Claire. He also earned an administrative degree from UW-Superior, along with a bachelor's degree in elementary/middle education from UW-Eau Claire. Dr. McMahon lives in Saukville with his wife, Julia, and their three children.

The board conducted a [comprehensive national search](#) to find and select the district's next superintendent. The process included a community survey, stakeholder interviews and focus groups, and in-district visits by the finalists. The board was assisted by Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates search firm throughout the process.

"We are thrilled to name Dr. McMahon as our next superintendent, as we believe he possesses the right mix of visionary leadership, strong communication skills, and a focus on student growth and achievement," said Brenda Fritsch, Board President. "We want to thank everyone who has been involved in this process and who have made their voices heard. We look forward to seeing the impact Dr. McMahon will have on our students, staff, families, and community as we move forward together."

Dr. McMahon will officially begin his duties as superintendent on July 1, 2024. Mel Nettesheim will continue as interim superintendent for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year.

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