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Yavapai County School Superintendent Tim Carter is pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Marv Lamer, to the Cottonwood Oak Creek Elementary School District Governing Board.** The appointment will be effective July 5, 2013 and will expire on December 31, 2014. This seat was vacant due to the resignation of Mr. Jason Little, for personal and professional reasons. We sincerely appreciate the valuable service provided by Mr. Little to the School District.

Dr. Lamer was one of four (4) well qualified candidates that applied for the position. Mr. Carter interviewed the candidates at the Cottonwood Oak Creek School District office on July 1st and 3rd. Superintendent Carter discussed the candidate's qualifications individually with each of the seated Governing Board Members and the administration prior to making the appointment. He also received twenty nine (29) comments from the public about the appointment, which was very helpful in better understanding the community perspective.

Dr. Lamer has been a resident of the district for twenty (20) years, living in the Verde Villages. He is married and the couple has four (4) grown children.

Dr. Lamer received an Associate's Degree from Phoenix College in Math, Baccalaureate and Master's Degrees in Special Education from Northern Arizona University, and a Doctorate in Educational Administration from California University.

Dr. Lamer taught for several years and served as a building administrator in Mesa, Window Rock, and Page prior to becoming the Superintendent of Mingus Union High School and the Valley

Academy of Career and Technology Education (VACTE). He currently serves as the Associate Superintendent of the Highly Effective Schools Division at the Arizona Department of Education.

Mr. Carter stated "this was a very difficult appointment due to the quality of candidates and the various opinions about who should be appointed". He believes "Dr. Lamer will represent the residents of the district extremely well. He is a long time resident of the district, has significant institutional memory, yet is up to date on current issues and potential options facing public education in Arizona and the Verde Valley. Dr. Lamer clearly understands school operations, the function of the Governing Board and the significance of positive interactions with the public and the State Legislature. He should complement the existing Board Members very well."

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