



## YAVAPAI COUNTY EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY

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### News Release ---- for Immediate Release

Yavapai County School Superintendent Tim Carter is pleased to announce the appointment of **Mr. Clarke "Butch" Ashby, to the Yarnell Elementary School District Governing Board.** The appointment is effective February 5, 2014 and will expire on December 31, 2014. This seat will be up for election in November 2014, with a new term beginning on January 1, 2015. Mr. Ashby has indicated he plans to run for the seat at that time. This seat was vacant due to the resignation of Mrs. Ollie Wells, who listed family obligations as the reason. We sincerely appreciate the valuable service provided by Mrs. Wells to the School District.

Mr. Carter interviewed those who applied at the Model Creek School on January 30th. Superintendent Carter then spoke individually with the administration and each Governing Board Member prior to making the appointment.

Mr. Ashby has been a resident of the district since 2007, living in Peeples Valley. He is a widower with two (2) grown children.

Mr. Ashby was raised in Peeples Valley attending Peeples Valley Grade School, and graduated from Wickenburg High School. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, with a Legal Studies emphasis from National University in San Diego, California.

The appointee served in the US Navy for twenty two (22) years and rose to the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer. He maintained sophisticated aircraft and anti-submarine warfare simulators. He then spent another twenty (20) years doing much the same thing as a contract employee of the

Navy. He is now retired and volunteers in the community. He serves as the Secretary of the Skull Valley Historical Society and as President of the Peoples Valley-Yarnell Historical Society.

Mr. Carter stated "Mr. Ashby interviewed extremely well. His experience growing up in the area, his military career, his efforts as a community volunteer, and as a parent should serve him well in this new role. He should complement the existing Board Members."

Mr. Carter may be reached at 928-925-6560 (cell) and Mr. Ashby may be reached at 928-427-0447.