



## YAVAPAI COUNTY EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY

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### **NEWS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Yavapai County School Superintendent Tim Carter has announced a vacancy on the Yavapai College Governing Board, District 3. This district basically encompasses the communities of Clarkdale, Cottonwood, Jerome, the Yavapai County portion of Sedona, and the Village of Oak Creek. The opening was created by the resignation of Governing Board Member Albert Filardo. The resignation was effective Thursday, December 1, 2016. The term of appointment will conclude on December 31, 2018.

Due to a posting error in regard to the community college residency requirement, the position was re-posted to insure that any qualified candidate would be able to apply and not be disenfranchised in any way. **As of the deadline no additional candidates filed, thus simplifying the remainder of the process.**

The five (5) candidates previously announced and introduced, remain in the pool. They include:

- Ms. Mary Beth Barr, from Jerome,
- Mr. Hal Alford, from Cottonwood,
- Dr. Connie Harris, from the Village of Oak Creek,
- Mrs. Jessica Williamson, from Sedona,
- Dr. Tom Yager, from Sedona,

Superintendent Carter and an Advisory Committee of five (5) individuals, all of which reside in District 3, interviewed the candidates at the Yavapai County Building in Cottonwood on Wednesday, December 7, 2016. The committee included:

- A Yavapai College Student, from Sedona
- A Yavapai College Faculty Member, from Clarkdale
- A Business Person, from Cottonwood,
- A Taxpayer, from Cottonwood
- A Community Member, from Jerome

The Committee provided valuable insights about each candidate, their strengths and weaknesses, and reasons why they should or should not be appointed. Mr. Carter sincerely appreciates the professional approach of the committee. Their unique positions provided an excellent opportunity to provide valuable input from their own strategic point of view.

Superintendent Carter will continue to take public comment this week and part of the next, concluding on Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. He will be meeting with the Yavapai College Governing Board Members and administration individually during that time. People may contact him by cell phone or text (928-925-6560), fax (928-771-3329) or email ([Tim.carter@Yavapai.us](mailto:Tim.carter@Yavapai.us)). He will hold two more listening sessions on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 to 11 am and from 1 to 4 pm at the Yavapai County Complex on the corner of Mingus and 6<sup>th</sup> Street, in Cottonwood, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the Sycamore Room. He appreciates the one hundred and forty (140) comments that have been made since the process began.

The Superintendent will announce a final selection on Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> by Press Release and if possible, the candidate will be sworn in that same day. A Ceremonial Swearing In will be conducted at a time and place determined by the Governing Board, but will likely be at their regular meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>.