

Board of Directors Bio

Name: Jeff Copeland

Represents District Zone 4

Appointed to board 2013.

Term Expires: 2017

Value/Belief/Goals:

I believe that every student is absolutely entitled to the best educational opportunities possible. It is imperative that students are challenged at a level that requires them to achieve personal growth. Teachers and district staff must be supported by the district to enable a relevant and challenging curriculum is presented to all students. And environment where growth and learning is supported is both healthy and motivating for all.

Personal Information:

I am married to my wonderful wife, Susan who has supported me for the last 19 years. We have a son, Cutter, who attends Tenino High School. We have been a part of the Tenino community since 1996.

I hold a BA in Society & Justice from the University of Washington. I have worked extensively in juvenile corrections and child protection (CPS) throughout my career. Currently I investigate complaints against professional licenses for the Department of Licensing.

Favorite Teacher:

My favorite teacher in school was my woodshop teacher Mr. Corky Robison. The foundation for building anything in woodshop was taught by Mr. Robison in the 9th grade woodshop class. After meticulous planning and drafting of a project, using a pencil and scale ruler I had the 'privilege' of crafting a wooden sanding block, using a hand plane, to exact measurements. This took months and several tries. After successful completion of a sanding block, I was then 'privileged' to construct a night stand, using hand tools. These tedious tasks taught me the value of planning, detail, and order. The skills learned my freshman year eventually led to building a full size roll top desk, which I still use to this day. Mr. Robison, I would later learn, taught more than woodshop as the skills of planning, detail, and order are the basis for success in any life endeavor.