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Ripon School District Welcomes New Board Member

Ripon, WI – At a special meeting on February 16, 2017, the Ripon Area School Board appointed Amy Pollesch to fill the vacant one-year position created when Dan Zimmerman resigned from the Board on February 2, 2017. Mrs. Pollesch was appointed by the Board by a majority vote after being publicly interviewed. Josh Rieder, Kate Williams, Nicole Kutz-Menard, and Gary Wetzel also interviewed for the one-year position.

Mrs. Pollesch will serve until April 2018, the date Zimmerman’s three-year term on the board is set to expire. While Mrs. Pollesch will assume the responsibilities of this term immediately, she is still in the race for one of the three-year term positions and is still eligible to be voted into the longer term through the election process.

If Mrs. Pollesch were to be elected to the School Board in April for a three-year term, she would need to resign from the one-year position and then the one-year position would become open again.

“The Ripon Area School District is fortunate to have a history of dedicated individuals serving on the Board. Much has been accomplished with improving facilities, balancing budgets, hiring administrators and implementing a continuous improvement process,” Superintendent Dr. Whitrock shared. “The Board also recently approved guidelines for strengthening the conversation and collaboration between charter and legacy school. Mrs. Pollesch has knowledge of the schools and extensive community connections. This will be very valuable as

the district looks to address mental health issues and poverty within our school system. A strong public school system is dependent on community involvement and support. The high interest from the community with regards to the school board is a very good thing.”

For more information, please contact Superintendent, Dr. Mary Whitrock, at whitrockm@ripon.k12.wi.us or 748-4600 with any questions.

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