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MAYOR WOOD ANNOUNCES NEWEST MEMBER TO THE SCHOOL CITY OF MISHAWAKA SCHOOL BOARD

Mayor Dave Wood announced today that he has appointed William (Bill) Pemberton to the School City of Mishawaka School Board. This appointment will take effect on January 1, 2015. It is the first time that a mayor has had the opportunity to appoint a school board member in Mishawaka.

Bill has extensive professional experience. He is a Certified Public Accountant and an owner and president of the successful communications company, Direct Line Communications, Inc. headquartered in Mishawaka with offices in Indiana, Illinois, North Carolina, and South Carolina. He is also a Director of Pemberton-Davis Electric, Inc., a Mishawaka based electrical contracting company. Bill holds a BBA from Western Michigan University and a MSBA and MBA from Indiana University of South Bend. He has served as an Adjunct Instructor of Accounting at Ivy Tech and is a Chartered Global Management Accountant.

Bill is no stranger to public service in the Mishawaka Community. He was elected as the Third District Representative on the Mishawaka Common Council from 1987 to 2004. While in that position, he served as Council President for four years. Bill currently serves on the Ivy Tech Advisory Board, the City of Mishawaka Park Board and the Beacon Health System's Children's Hospital Campaign Cabinet. He previously served on the MACOG Policy Board, the Salvation Army Advisory Board and the TRANSPO board of directors for which he was a past president. Bill's other affiliations include the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), Indiana CPA Society (INCPAS) and the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA).

Bill and his wife, Laura of 43 years, have raised their children in the Mishawaka School system while taking an active role in their children's education and the school system. Mayor Wood stated: "This is the most important appointment that I get to make. I have great confidence in Bill Pemberton. I believe Bill is uniquely qualified to serve as my representative on the Mishawaka School Board. His professional experience will surely benefit School City while his knowledge of the Mishawaka community will serve the parents, students and citizens of Mishawaka well."

Mayor Wood would also like to acknowledge Mrs. Jenny McNeil for her service to the Mishawaka Community. She has served on the Mishawaka School Board since 2011. "I know that the Citizens of Mishawaka join me in thanking Mrs. McNeil for her service to the School Board and we wish her well as she takes the opportunity to spend more time with her growing family."