

November 14,2022

Members of the Board of Education  
Western Heights Public Schools

It is with a heavy heart, yet contented spirit, I announce my retirement as a member of the Western Heights Board of Education. I do so not due to any offers or public pressure, but as a result of personal health issues. It has been an honor for me to serve as a member of the Board for over 27 years and elected as President for the last 8 years.

During my tenure, thanks to the hard work of my fellow Board Members, Superintendents, teachers and Staff of the District, many great accomplishments have occurred. Starting during the late 1990's when the Board had the foresight to develop the first District wide intranet network in the State of Oklahoma, shortly followed by the first of its kind, joint venture with Intel and Microsoft to develop a national standard for a software/educational program for schools in the United States. Since that time, this District has led both the State and Nation in educational software and hardware for schools.

Western Heights was also a pioneer in and pushed for full-time Kindergarten and Pre-K to service the youngest children in our District.


I am also proud of the planning, development and construction of 11 new schools, sports and support facilities as well as substantial remodeling of several more including our beautiful home side football stadium.

One of the District's most notable accomplishment was the leadership and foresight when we were the first district in the State to discover that the Department of Education "shorted" Western Heights over \$15,000,000 in funding, and over a hundred million dollars in funding of over a hundred other school districts across the State. Ultimately, the Department admitted this mistake, but only after Western Heights led the way in court AND was able to gain an audit by the State Auditor to confirm the shortage to Western Heights. As you know, the fight continues. It was my hope to be a Member until this was resolved and the money the District, and more importantly, our kids deserved was returned. I urge you to keep up the fight and secure the repayment and right this admitted wrong.

Although I will no longer be a Board Member, I remain a loyal patron and continue to pray for your strength, wisdom and courage to stand up for what is right. As each of you know, when you began as Members my admonition was to always vote as you believed to be in the best interest of the children of the District. Often this leads to those who do not know all the details to complain and some may even criticize you and your family. But I urge you to CONTINUALLY pray for them and to remain steadfast in your resolve!

Again, thank you for your service, your friendship and allowing me to be a part of such a great District

Kindest Regards,



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November 11, 2022


To Whom It May Concern:

Please allow this letter to serve as an official notice of resignation for my position on the Western Heights Public School Board, effective immediately. Due to unforeseen circumstances, I am no longer able to fulfill the requirements necessary to maintain my position on the Board.

It has been a privilege serving the students of the Western Heights District for the last several years. I appreciate the experience, and wish the best for the Board in all future endeavors.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if there are any questions during this transition period.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Sharp".

Robert Sharp

November 17, 2022

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

The day I was elected to be a member of the Western Heights School Board, was one of the proudest days of my life. Since then I have still been proud to be serving my community. While being on the Board, Western Heights School District has accomplished a great deal. In spite of the pandemic, we have completed several of our building projects, with the others soon to be finished.

Due to the pandemic, we had to revise the operation of the schools. We went to virtual school, and delivered food to many of our students.

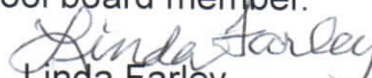
When the teachers walkout was held, I was the only School Board member to vote in favor of giving the teachers more days off to be at the state capitol. Even though I knew it would cause some immediate problems, I did this because I felt it would be best for the future of Western Heights. After the meeting was over, several people in the audience yelled, "Thank You, Linda!"

As time passed, the Board approved items that were presented to us at each Board meeting. With the information we were given, there was no doubt that they should be approved.

Then, earlier this year, I was given an Award of Recognition for having donated to a Western Heights class through Donors Choice, which I had done several times prior, and continue to do so to this day. And, once again, several people in the crowd yelled, "Thank You, Linda!"

Before and after several Board Meetings, I have had teachers come up to me to tell me about projects they felt were needed. Unfortunately, we were able to accomplish one of them, The Western Heights Day Care and Pre-School. Sadly, it was only open one year before the pandemic. Hopefully, it will reopen soon.

It is with great trepidation and sorow that I submit my resignation from the Western Heights School Board effective immediately. I want to thank the school district for allowing me to serve our community as a school board member.

  
Linda Farley

Western Heights School Board Member