

Richard Sless

President, Linwood Board of Education

I have been a Linwood resident since 1986. My wife, Susan, and I have three children, Shaun, Jeremy, and Erin. They are all graduates of Seaview, Belhaven and Mainland Regional High School. Before Linwood, I was a Margate resident and a graduate of Atlantic City High School, class of 1974. While not a lifelong resident of Linwood, I spent much of my time at The Charcoal Pit with my Margate friends and swimming for the Linwood Swim Club!

I have been a Linwood School Board member since 2002. I have served on many committees and am currently the Board's representative to the New Jersey School Boards Association. I am the President of the Atlantic County School Boards Association. Working with the county organization has given me a unique opportunity to gather information from other districts to turnkey in our own.

As a resident of Linwood, I have had the pleasure of umpiring many Little League games, still keeping score at the Pinewood Derby for Cub Scout Pack 39, working with the Linwood Education Foundation, volunteering at AfterProm, and coaching the Mainland Regional High School Surf team,

I am employed as a sixth grade math and science teacher at the Chelsea Heights School in Atlantic City. This is my 31st year in the AC school district. I am also a retired Atlantic City Beach Patrol lifeguard and Captain, serving for forty years.

My most frequently used educational saying is a quote from Abigail Adams in 1790:

Learning is not attained by chance.
It must be sought for with ardor
And tended to with diligence.

This means that learning cannot be thrust upon us. We must be motivated by our teachers to develop an intrinsic search for knowledge. Our teachers and parents must instill in us a thirst for ideas and for what is not known to us. As we continue through our lives, we must nurture what we have and continue to seek out greater ideas. Learning is truly a lifelong process.