



Sheehan, Hayssen Family Foundation Receive Sheboygan Public Education Foundation's "Friend of Education" Award

Each year the Sheboygan Public Education Foundation (SPEF) recognizes community members who have been a "Friend of Education" within the Sheboygan community. This year, the Foundation chose to recognize Dr. Joseph Sheehan and the Hayssen Family Foundation.

The Sheboygan Public Education Foundation is a 501(c) 3 charitable foundation that raises funds to help support educational programming for the Sheboygan Area School District. Both were presented with a "Friend of Education" award at the Sheboygan Public Education Foundation Annual Meeting held November 8, 2017.

Dr. Sheehan, retiring superintendent of schools for the Sheboygan Area School District, was chosen due to his passion, professionalism, and continued support of SPEF's Mission... "To find, and encourage, donated funds that will be used to enhance the district's students educational opportunities by supporting high quality programs and facilities." According to SPEF President Brian Versey, "From the very beginning, when we were meeting in Dr. Sheehan's office, he fully understood and appreciated the role of SPEF and how it could enhance the school district with its mission to provide quality education to all of its students."

The second "Friend of Education Award" was presented to the Hayssen Family Foundation. "The Hayssen Family Foundation was the first organization in Sheboygan to financially support SPEF's mission to improve public education in Sheboygan when we started some 14 years ago," Versey stated. "After that donation and show of confidence from the Hayssen Family Foundation, other organizations, businesses, and individuals followed their lead and started donating to us."

To date, SPEF has donated over \$969,000 in grants for teachers' curriculum and technology needs not covered in the local school district's budget. In addition to providing grants for curriculum and technology, the Foundation donates school supplies to needy students within the district every January in all SASD schools. SPEF also administers 49 different scholarship accounts to graduating seniors within the Sheboygan Area School District.

For more information regarding the Sheboygan Public Education Foundation, check out www.sheboyganschools.org.