

Honorary Inductee into the Class of 2015

Mr. Robert O. Roberts

Mr. Roberts began his career at Lake-Lehman during the 1971-72 school year. Hired as a social studies teacher, he progressed thru the ranks at Lake-Lehman by being named the chairperson of the social studies department in the mid 1980's. Shortly after assuming this role, he became the district Staff Development Coordinator training the entire Lake-Lehman staff in the teaching of Madeline Hunter's Essential Elements of Instruction. This model became the basis for Lake-Lehman's instructional program as well as the administration's supervision and evaluation plan. Along with these duties, he became the Administrative Assistant to the High School principal performing many duties normally associated with an assistant principal. Shortly after, he was appointed assistant high school principal.

Beginning with the 1990-1991 school year, Mr. Roberts was assigned as principal of the Middle Level Education Building, a position he held for 10 years. During this time he was selected to lead the school district's strategic planning team in developing the state required plan outlining the district's educational goals and objectives. The plan was accepted by the state review committee and Mr. Roberts was once again selected 3 years later to lead the committee once again to review and revise the original plan which was again approved by the Department of Education.

During his tenure as MLEB principal he became an active member of the PA Association of Middle Schools and developed Lake-Lehman's first transitional program for students entering into 7th grade from the elementary grades. The program centered on easing the fears of elementary students and their parents, as they prepared to move into the MLEB and face the ever stressful prospect of dealing with changing classes, opening lockers, several different teachers in the same day and the major issue of where and who to sit with during lunch.

An information program and community night was held for parents of incoming students to help understand and deal with the changes facing their children brought on by the cognitive, physical and emotional changes associated with adolescence.

Due to the unexpected resignation of the sitting superintendent, Mr. Roberts was appointed acting superintendent in the fall of 2000, and after a search conducted by the PA School Boards Association was appointed superintendent in January of 2001. He held this position until the fall of 2005. His final professional position at Lake-Lehman was that of new teacher induction coordinator/mentor supervisor, a position he held until his retirement at the end of the 2005-2006 school year.

Education

- Wyoming Valley West – 1967
- Luzerne County Community College – 1969
- East Stroudsburg University – MS Secondary School Administration
- Temple University – Superintendent's Letter

Related Professional Experience

- West Side Tech. Advisory Council
- IU 18 Advisory Council
- Chairperson –Luzerne County Business Education Partnership
- Adjunct faculty member – Wilkes University
- Adjunct faculty member – Misericordia University
- Tutor Coordinator – Misericordia University
- Volunteers in Service to America Administrator – Misericordia University
- Mentor – PA Department of Education Principals Mentor Network
- Member – PA Emergency Response Team
- Trained member of the National Institute of School Leadership

Related Experience as an Employee of Lake-Lehman

- Key Club Advisor
- Senior Class Advisor – Washington DC Trip Coordinator
- Graduation Coordinator
- Assistant Football Coach
- Assistant Basketball Coach
- Wyoming Valley Wrestling Conference President
- District 2 Wrestling Tournament Assistant Director
- Wrestling Tournament
- Donkey Basketball Sponsor

Membership in Professional Organizations

- National Education Association
- PA State Education Association
- PA Association of Secondary School Principals
- National Association of Secondary School Principals
- National and State Association of Middle School Principals
- ASCD
- AASA