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Board of Education Appoints Trudy Sowar To Fill Vacant District 5 Board Seat

Long-time Educator and Former PCSD Superintendent

The Paulding County Board of Education has appointed long-time educator Trudy Sowar to fill its vacant District 5 school board post.

“We are thrilled to have someone with Trudy’s extensive experience and long-standing love of education join our school board,” said Board Chair Deborah Collett. “Trudy is an active community member and served as Superintendent during a time of tremendous growth, so she knows the opportunities and challenges we face. We are blessed that someone with her qualifications showed interest in the position. In fact, we were fortunate to have multiple highly qualified individuals apply. Through a transparent process that included a public meeting to discuss and narrow the candidate pool, public interviews of the finalists and a public vote, our board was able to unanimously agree on the best candidate.”



Trudy Sowar

Mrs. Sowar will fill the seat previously held by District 5 Board Member John Dean, who recently passed away. She will serve out the unexpired term that runs through December 2026.

Mrs. Sowar’s extensive background in education includes serving as a teacher, principal, administrator and Assistant Superintendent for the Cobb County School District before joining the Paulding County School District in 1996 as an Associate Superintendent. She later served as Superintendent of the Paulding County School District for eight years from 2000 through 2007 and oversaw one of the most significant periods of growth in the county’s history, resulting in the addition of approximately 15,000 students and the construction of 10 new schools and facilities. In 2006, she received the Georgia School Superintendent’s Association Bill Barr Leadership Award. Following her retirement from PCSD, Mrs. Sowar has served in multiple roles with the Georgia School Boards Association, Carroll EMC Foundation Board of Directors, and the Paulding County Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

“I want to thank the Board of Education for putting their confidence in me and I look forward to continuing the excellent work being done,” said Mrs. Sowar. “We have an outstanding school district with exceptional teachers, terrific students, and supportive parents. We have some challenges ahead, but I plan to work with the school board and superintendent on meeting the needs of our students and schools and I am optimistic for the future of our school district.”

Mrs. Sowar will be sworn in on June 20, 2025, and will join the school board at its regular meeting on June 24, 2025. She and her husband, Doug, have been residents of southwest Paulding County for more than 26 years.