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Biography

Hello, my name is Dave Van Lue. As Principal of Ross Beatty Jr./Sr. High School, it is my goal to provide the leadership necessary to ensure a high quality education for all students, while maintaining a sense of community. Being born and raised in Cass County gives me great pride in what the Cassopolis community has to offer.

I graduated from Niles High School in 1990. In 1995, I graduated from Michigan State University, where I earned a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education and Exercise Science. Without a teaching certificate to complement my Bachelor's Degree, I chose to work in a factory, Universal Forest Products, building trusses for the next seven years. In 2002, I enrolled at Bethel College in Mishawaka, Indiana, where I earned a teaching certificate in K-12 Physical Education. As a full time student at Bethel College, I also began working full-time as a Mental Health Technician at Madison Center for Children in South Bend, Indiana until 2008. For the past nine years, I have been employed by Lewis Cass Intermediate School District teaching secondary students with severe emotional impairments at North Pointe Center in Dowagiac, Michigan. In 2008, I obtained a Master's Degree in Special Education with K-12 endorsements in EI and LD at Western Michigan University. I continued at Western Michigan University in their doctoral program, where I earned my administrative certification in Basic Principalship and Special Education Directorship. As a Doctoral Associate, I taught courses in the Special Education & Literacy Studies Department, conducted evidence-based research projects, and assisted in writing grant proposals.

I am married to my wonderful wife, Stacey, and we have two amazing boys, Brenner and Cole (two and a half years and 10-weeks, respectively). In my spare time, I enjoy bow hunting, ice-fishing, golfing, and spending time with family and friends. I am a sports fanatic and have a distinct passion for Spartan football and basketball.

I am excited to work with a tremendous staff, supportive parents and community members, and a motivated student body. I take great pride as the principal of Ross Beatty Jr./Sr. High School and am committed to upholding positive academic and behavioral standards within a safe learning environment, which will encourage our students to develop self-respect and to reach for their highest potential. I look forward to future challenges and continuing great success in the realm of academics, athletics, and the arts that have been established as the expectation for Ross Beatty Jr./Sr. High School during the 2014-15 school year!

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