



Candidate Bio: Richard Scarsella

Richard S. Scarsella is a Boardman, Ohio resident and the career coach at Choffin Career and Technical Center. He is a member of the Mahoning County Soil & Water Conservation District board of supervisors and has served over the past 14 years as a board member, board chairman and associate supervisor.

Richard is a summa cum laude graduate of Boston College, with a Bachelor of Arts in History/Secondary Education. He also earned a Youngstown State University Master of Science in Education Administration degree and a Master of Science in Special Education degree.

Elected to the governing board of the Education Service Center of Eastern Ohio in 2005, he was also appointed to the Mahoning County Career and Technical Center board and continues serving today. He was appointed to the Mahoning Valley Regional Council of Governments governing board in 2017.

Richard has been active in community and non-profit work his whole life. Board memberships have included the Boardman Boosters, St. Charles Home and School Executive Cabinet, the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor (Steel Museum), Ethnic Heritage Society, Sr. Jerome Mission College Advisory Board, Mill Creek Metroparks' Board of Commissioners Interview Committee and Citizens' Advisory Development Committee, Brier Hill Cultural Center, MCCTC Foundation, Boardman Historical Society and Youngstown Steel Heritage Museum.

He is a long-time member of the Boardman Civic Association, Friends of Boardman Library, Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens, Mahoning Valley Historical Society, Ohio School Boards Association, National Education Association, Ohio Education Association, Youngstown Education Association, Elks Lodge #208 and Phi Kappa Phi. Richard advised on the Mahoning Valley Vision for Education Boardman task force.

Known as a local historian, he is chairman of the board of directors of the William Holmes McGuffey Historical Society and former president of the Boardman Historical Society. He founded several Idora Park historical societies. In 2005, he published "Memories and Melancholy: Reflections of the Mahoning Valley and Youngstown, Ohio," which is still in print. He previously wrote a weekly column for Town Crier Publications and is a frequent guest speaker at area historical societies, libraries and universities.



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