

Get to Know: **Gordon Crock**

BOARD CONNECTION

By Dave Lowrey, Executive Director



Retired from Amherst CSD with 26+ years.

- Graduate Streetsboro High School
- B.A. in History from Kent State University
- M.A. in English from University of Delaware

An interesting bit of information about Gordon Crock is that his great grandfather was a School Board President in 1891. The School employed 1 teacher and a part-time custodian. Perhaps that is why Gordon went into teaching. However, Gordon did not immediately enter the teaching profession. He first became an experienced cow milker on a dairy farm in northeast Ohio where he grew up and also artificially inseminated cows before choosing a teaching profession. He began his teaching career teaching freshman composition as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Delaware and West Chester University. After moving to Buffalo, he taught English at The Buffalo Seminary and The Park School before accepting a position at Amherst Central High School where he taught for close to 27 years.

Mr. Crock has been married for 37 years and he and his wife Shirley, a retired English professor have 1 son who graduated from Amherst High School in 2010.

Mentors in his life include his father Gilbert Crock and Robin Magavern and Sally Freidler, who were mentors at his first school, The Buffalo Seminary.

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Gordon Crock
Amherst CSD
Board Member

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Wanting to be an advocate for public school education like his great grandfather, he ran for the board because he wanted to bring an educators viewpoint to the Board of Education. Gordon has been awarded the PTSA Life-time Achievement Teaching Award and was awarded the Joseph B. Whitehead Educator of Distinction Award. During his teaching career at Amherst High School, he was acknowledged several times as an Amherst High School Teacher of the Month. While serving as an educator in the district, he served as a teacher representative on the Amherst Central School District's Health Plan Oversight Committee for over 10 years. He served as a Reader for the AP Composition and Literature exam and co-taught an education course at Daemen College for prospective English teachers.

In his spare time, he tends to two vegetable gardens that supply the Amherst Tigers Den Food Pantry at St. Pauls' Lutheran Church. The Amherst Tigers Den Food Pantry was the recipient of the Hodgson Russ Collaboration Award in 2018. Other hobbies in addition to gardening include birdwatching, reading, writing, painting, drawing and playing the banjo.

Gordon recommends that if people are visiting the Amherst CSD community that they will definitely want to check out Snyder Bar and Grill as well as the Farmers & Artisans Store.

Side Note:

“As many of you know, in my role as the Executive Director for ECASB, I visit at least one Board Of Education meeting for every School District in Erie County. I remember attending the Amherst CSD Board of Education meeting and seeing Gordon in the audience months before he ran for the Board of Education. He also took the time to attend the Prospective School Board Member Workshop and attended ECASB's Governance Training and Fiscal Oversight Responsibility Training.”

- **Dave Lowrey
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