The Community Consolidated School District 46 Board of Education is currently accepting applications to fill a vacant Board position until the next regularly scheduled election on April 4, 2017. The Board Secretary recently accepted the resignation of dedicated School Board member Rob Roop, who is moving out of the country.

The Board of Education establishes a vision for the community’s schools that reflects a consensus of the board, community, and district staff. The school board has a wide variety of responsibilities, including, but not limited to, representing the needs and desires of the community in educational matters, communicating the schools’ activities and operations to the community, adopting a balanced annual budget, adopting the school calendar, negotiating contracts with employee unions, and approving curriculum programs. Some questions the school board asks when determining this vision include: What philosophy of education do we want our local schools to have? What should our students know and be able to do when they graduate? How can schools best educate students who come from diverse backgrounds?

To qualify for the open Board position, an individual must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age, a resident of Illinois and CCSD 46 for at least one year immediately preceding the election, and a registered voter. Individuals holding an incompatible office or certain types of State or federal employment may be ineligible for the position. Child sex offenders are ineligible for School Board membership.

To apply for the open School Board position, please submit a résumé and cover letter by Wednesday, October 26, 2016 to Sue Walker, Board Secretary, via email to walker.susan@d46.org or postal mail/hand delivery to 565 Frederick Rd. Grayslake, Illinois 60030. The current Board of Education members will review all submissions after the application period closes and conduct interviews of selected candidates the week of October 31, 2016.