

# Never Giving Up on the Challenge of Education: *Kathy Greeneway and the YSD School Board*



For over 140 years, the Yankton School District has had its school board in place since its inception in 1875. Eighteen women have served on the school board during this time, beginning with Ida Lindstrom in 1912. Kathy Greeneway currently serves as President, the sixth female to hold this position. Greeneway follows these leading ladies: June B. McVay, Mary Alice Halverson, Barb Law, Sandi Isburg and Pam Kettering.

Born in Wagner, SD, Greeneway grew up nearby in the small town of Dante. After

graduating from Wagner High School, she moved to Sioux Falls and attended school at Southeast Technical Institute, completing their Data Processing Computer Programming Accounting Program. After working for a year, she decided to go back to school through the medical field in their Surgical Technology program. She worked at a couple local hospitals, and then opted to work at Citibank in Sioux Falls for better

benefit options. After 10 years with Citibank, she had the opportunity to advance to a position with the Investment department and she started taking classes to obtain licenses to become a licensed broker. The last 5 years she obtained a certification for Financial Planning through an online course with Kaplan University.

Greeneway later spent some time in Hartford and Montrose, SD where she began working for First Dakota National Bank. Through First Dakota, she had the opportunity to move to Yankton in 2002, where she still resides with her husband Dave. Their daughter Katelyn graduated from Yankton High School in 2013 and their son Evan just graduated this spring.

While their children were in school, Greeneway became involved in the PTA. She had an opportunity to help on a couple committees, one was to review the school's mission statement and purpose and she enjoyed the task. Feeling as though her biggest motivator is to never stop learning, she states, "If you wanted to be able to do something you had to be educated to move on and do it." "Education is just that one piece that can take you to wherever you want to go."

When Greeneway moved to Yankton, she joined Interchange and at that time Pam Kettering was the only female on the school board. Impressed by this, she thought she might

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