

Linda Haycock, Past Member, District 1 Ohio State Board of Education

Linda Haycock, a Lima resident elected in 2016 to represent District 1, ended her term in December 2020.

For the eight previous years, Linda served on the Lima Shawnee Local Board of Education, including terms as president and vice president. During her service, the Ohio School Board Association (OSBA) selected her to serve on the Federal Relations Network, which enabled her to travel to Washington DC to advocate for public education to members of Congress. The OSBA also appointed her to be Ohio School Board Member Cabinet, a select group of members of local school boards that would meet periodically with various state officials—including Ohio Department of Education officials, the Governor’s staff, the State Superintendent, and others—to discuss education-related issues. In addition, in March 2015 she earned her OSBA Master Board Member Award, which recognized her voluntary participation in 300 hours of OSBA-sponsored professional development classes over four years.

Linda is the CFO and Business Manager of Haycock Foot & Ankle Center in Lima. As a small business owner, Linda is a member of the Lima-Allen County Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee. On the committee she provides input on how legislation, as well as developing and adopted policies, will affect small businesses and education in the Lima/Allen County area and the State of Ohio. Linda is also the chaplain of the Shawnee Optimist club, whose motto is “Bringing Out the Best in Children.”

Among the club’s most notable activities are tutoring in schools, supplying breakfast on testing days, fundraising to provide scholarships for local children, and donating to libraries so their can expand their inventory.

Linda was born and raised in St. Paul, Minnesota, and holds her bachelor’s in economics from Brigham Young University. Linda married Darryl Haycock, now a podiatric surgeon, in 1984. After Darryl finished his medical education in the San Francisco Bay Area, the Haycocks chose to raise their family in Lima. As of June 2017, all four of their children will have graduated from Lima Shawnee High School.

In her spare time she enjoys running, reading, and cycling. As a breast cancer survivor, she has particularly cherished her participation in the Pelotonia, an annual 180-mile bike ride to benefit cancer research at the Ohio State University.