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Rodger E. Smith, Ed.D.

Rodger Smith is retired as a full time school administrator. Previously he served as assistant superintendent for business affairs at the Plymouth Community School Corporation for four years. For one year he was director of business and human resources for the East Porter County School Corporation. Before that he was executive director of the Northeast Indiana (Region 8) Education Service Center for nine years. During this time he also served as the Executive Director for the Northeast Indiana School Study Council. Prior to that he was superintendent of schools at East Noble School Corporation for nine years, and before that John Glenn School Corporation for five years. During this time he served as an adjunct instructor for graduate level courses at Indiana and Purdue University extension campuses. Earlier he was a high school principal for three years, assistant principal for four years, and a classroom teacher for six years

“Expect the Best”

The successful administrator must lead by example. I expect more of myself and thus enable others to expect and achieve more. The diverse needs of a school community are best met by expecting staff and students to set lofty goals and by providing them with the means to achieve. High expectation fosters high achievement.

Recent Accomplishments:

- In a nineteen-year period as assistant superintendent and superintendent directed nine building projects, totaling \$51m+ (\$100m+in current dollars), all on time and budget. Projects ranged from ADA accommodations to complete new structure design and implementation.*
- 2005 Recipient of Outstanding Leadership and Contribution to Education Award presented by the Indiana University School Administrators Association.*

- *Past Chair of Indiana Association of ESCs, federal legislation representative of Indiana Association of Education Service Centers to the Association of Education Service Agencies.*
- *Completed transition of Region 8 ESC from joint services to Interlocal service organization, minimal disruption to services and stronger financial position for Region 8 ESC.*
- *All ENSC schools were designated Indiana 2000 school improvement sites. Stressing the process of improving rather than a static goal is the key to success*
- *All ENSC elementary schools received and implemented 4R's IDOE grants. Integrating technology as a tool at an early age allows students to maximize the power of computing and processing.*
- *Initiated one of the first district wide Buddy System Computer programs in the state. Family involvement and support is critical to engaging students in compelling projects.*
- *Presents "Share the Success" Seminars at local, state, and national venues. Presenters often learn as much or more from the experience as do the audiences.*
- *Initiated the ENSC Alternative School for high school and middle school students. Repeated efforts developed a workable formula to be supported by the local and state community.*

Honors, Awards or Distinctions:

- *IUSAA Outstanding Leadership & Contribution to Education Award 2005*
- *AESA Federal Relations Representative 1999, 2000*
- *Selected Kendallville Economic Development Chair 1995*
- *Selected Kendallville Chamber of Commerce Chair 1992, 1993*
- *Founding Member Drug Free Noble County 1989*
- *Selected Walkerton Chamber of Commerce Chair 1988*
- *Nominated, Executive Educator 100, 1987*
- *Nominated, Educator of the Year, ISMA 1986*
- *Outstanding Young Men of America 1981*
- *Indiana University Graduate Fellowship 1980-1981*
- *Indiana University Graduate Assistantship 1969-1970*
- *IU Foundation 500 Scholarship 1967, 1968*
- *Alcoa Foundation Scholarship 1968, 1969*
- *IU Academic Dean's List 1965-1969*
- *Indiana University Resident Scholar 1965-1969*

Educational History:

- *1982 Ed.D. School Administration, Indiana University*
- *1977 Ed.S. School Administration, Indiana University*
- *1971 M.S. Secondary Education, Indiana University*
- *1969 B.S. Economics and Government, Indiana University*

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Indiana Certification:

- Administration and Supervision, Superintendent - Life Certificate # 435071
- Administration and Supervision, Secondary - Life Certificate # 320982
- Teaching, Economics and Government - Life Certificate # 253925

Employment History:

- Retired Educator 7/12 - present
Knox, IN
- Plymouth Community School Corp Asst Superintendent 7/08 – 6/12
Plymouth, Indiana
- East Porter County School Corp Director of Business 11/07 - 6/08
Kouts, Indiana
- NE Indiana (Region 8) ESC Executive Director 7/98 - 10/07
Fort Wayne, Indiana
- East Noble School Corporation Superintendent 7/89 - 6/98
Kendallville, Indiana
- John Glenn School Corporation Superintendent 7/84 - 6/89
Walkerton, Indiana
- John Glenn High School Principal 8/81 - 6/84
Walkerton, Indiana
- North Central Association/IU Graduate Assistant 8/80 - 6/81
Bloomington, Indiana
- Delphi Community High School Assistant Principal 8/77 - 6/80
Delphi, Indiana
- Brown County Jr/Sr High School Assistant Principal 8/76 - 6/77
Nashville, Indiana
- Knox Community High School Teacher/Coach 8/73 - 6/76
Knox, Indiana
- Washington Twp. K-8 School Teacher/Coach 8/72 - 6/73
Knox, Indiana
- Brown County Jr/Sr High School Teacher/Coach 8/70 - 6/72
Nashville, Indiana
- Indiana University Graduate Assistant 8/69 – 6/70
Bloomington, Indiana

Professional Affiliations:

- Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents, Past Executive Board
- Association of School Business Officials
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- Association of Education Service Agencies, Federal Relations Committee

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- *American Association of School Administrators 25+year member*
- *Indiana Association of Education Service Centers, Past Chair*
- *Indiana School Boards' Association*
- *Northeast Indiana School Study Council, Past Executive Director*
- *Northern Indiana Educational Service Center, Past Executive Board Chair*
- *NE Indiana Education Service Center, Past Executive Board Chair*
- *Phi Delta Kappa, 30+ year member*

Past Professional Affiliations:

- *Four County Area Vocational Cooperative*
- *Joint Educational Services in Special Education, Board of Managers, President*
- *Indiana State Teachers Association*
- *Indiana and National Councils for the Social Studies*
- *Indiana Football Coaches Association*
- *Indiana Wrestling Coaches Association*
- *Indiana Secondary School Administrators*
- *Kendallville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Past President*
- *Kendallville Economic Development Steering Committee, Past President*
- *Midwest Area School Employees Insurance Trust, Executive Board*
- *National Association of Secondary School Principals*
- *North Central Public School Study Council*
- *North Central School Employees Insurance Trust, Board of Managers, Chairman*
- *Northeast Indiana School Study Council, Chair*
- *Northeast Indiana Special Education Cooperative*
- *Northern Indiana Educational Service Center, Board of Directors*
- *North Liberty and Walkerton Chambers of Commerce, Board of Directors, Past President*

Personal Affiliations:

- *American Red Cross*
- *First Christian Church*
- *Indiana University Alumni Association, Life Member*
- *Rotary International*
- *Lions International*
- *United Way*
- *Habitat for Humanity*
- *Local and National Humane Society*
- *National and State Nature Conservancy*
- *National Parks Conservation Association*
- *World Wildlife Fund*
- *And other charitable associations*

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Married with one daughter, son-in-law, and grandson

*One dog, three cats, assorted song birds, woodpeckers, groundhogs, possums,
raccoons, turkeys, whitetail deer, and assorted other critters*