

Dr. Richard Fitzpatrick
2004 Friend of Education

Dr. Fitzpatrick devoted 26 years to the students of Beaver Dam. He taught in the district for 9 years and worked in administration for 17. He was the driving force behind the creation of the Charter School, the High School Athletic Field, 2 building referendums, and was influential in the beginning of the consensus bargaining between the district and its employees, which has had a positive, lasting impact on the students of Beaver Dam.

Under Dr. Fitzpatrick's leadership, the Charter School was developed to benefit students who could learn better in an alternative classroom setting. This innovative decision not only brought funds into the district from DPI, but truly helped students reach goals they probably would not have accomplished in a regular classroom. Many area school district leaders came to Beaver Dam to learn more about the Charter School.

Dr. Fitzpatrick went above and beyond his commitment to the school system by involving himself in the Beaver Dam community. He served on many prestigious community boards. They include: the Beaver Dam Scholarship Foundation (he was one of twenty founding members); the YMCA board (served as president); Kiwanis (served as president); the Beaver Dam Community Hospital Board; the steering committee of the Citizen Health and Recreation Committee.