Roger Hartwig, Sr. 2006 Friend of Education

Roger Hartwig, Sr. was an active member of the Beaver Dam High School and Community Business/Education Partnership Committee. He served as a guest speaker on a number of occasions for student groups at the High School, helped find speakers for student groups relating to topics about workplace readiness, and was a great resource to staff in selecting materials for student and community use in the High School Career Center.

Hartwig was instrumental in the introduction of the "On Solid Ground" program to the school district. The program was designed to help students make good decisions. This program, targeted at teens, helps build self-worth, critical thinking, personal accountability, self-motivation, decision-making, and goal setting. "Roger's greatest quality was his willingness to act as a mentor," said Hartwig's nominator. "He worked with hundreds of special needs students." Hartwig assisted teachers in integrating the program into the curriculum and recruited business leaders to co-facilitate in the classrooms.