

Mrs. Jane K. McBride, as Principal of the Elementary School for the Deaf, was asked to serve as Interim Superintendent following Mr. Carpenter's retirement. The West Virginia Board of Education conducted a nine-month search, screening, and interview process of applicants for the position- At the completion of this process, the Board offered the position to Mrs. McBride.

Mrs. McBride accepted this responsibility with the distinction of becoming the first female Superintendent of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind in March 1997.

Mrs. McBride graduated from Hampshire High School and attended Potomac State College from 1970-1972- She enrolled in West Virginia University, majoring in Elementary/Special Education, but transferred to Marshall University where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in English/Psychology in 1975. She returned to WVU to earn her Master's in Special Education, Specific Learning Disabilities in 1978.

Western Maryland College awarded Mrs.- McBride an endorsement in Hearing Impaired Education in 1982. Once again, she enrolled at West Virginia University to acquire her certification in Education Administration in 1986.

Hoping to find employment in Hampshire County after earning her B.A. Degree, she began her career in education as a Child Care Worker at the School for the Deaf in August 1975. She soon moved into a teaching position at the Secondary School for the Deaf where she worked as a Language/Learning Disability teacher until 1982. From 1982 to 1986, Mrs. McBride held the position of Teacher/Coordinator of the Deaf-Blind Multi-handicapped Unit. For the next ten years, she served as Principal of the Elementary School for the Deaf. She left the Principal's office to become Superintendent in 1997. Mrs. McBride was appreciated throughout the campus for the personal attention and affection she showed to each student.

Superintendent McBride' s administration ended with her retirement on June 29, 2007. Throughout her ten years in that position, she always insisted on the fair and consistent application of staff and student policies and procedures. Mrs. McBride successfully maintained a strong educational program as well as a safe and secure

environment for the children. She encouraged a friendly and home-like atmosphere and emphasized the value of each and every child.

Mrs. McBride and her husband Gregory are both natives of Hampshire County, WV. They reside on the farm near Romney where Jane's family has lived for three generations and she pursues her avocation of raising Arabian horses.