

## Betty Huf returns to Centennial School Board after stroke

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When the Centennial school board took its roll call at last week's board meeting, Mark Miller said, "I'm here, and so is Mrs. Huf."

When it got to Betty Huf's turn, the veteran school board member said "Here" and broke out in a big smile.

It was her first appearance at a board meeting since June, when she had a stroke, and the directors were quick to acknowledge her presence.

"Betty, great to see you," was an often-heard greeting when she appeared in a wheelchair.

For Huf, a director for more than two decades, missing board meetings and school events after the June commencement (which she attended), has been difficult.

"It was great to be back, and to be encouraged and to be missed," she said. "I was excited to be there."

Huf, the board's assistant secretary, followed the meetings on television and received frequent visits from Miller, the board's vice president, and its president, Jane Schrader Lynch.

"I missed my meetings, that's for sure," Huf said.

Schrader Lynch likely enjoyed Huf's return as much as Huf did.

"I have one of the best announcements I have made in six months," Schrader Lynch said. "My dear, dear friend, Mrs. Huf, is here. Betty, I am so happy you're here. I know how hard you've worked. I know this board had faith in you. I know you had determination. And with God's help, you are here tonight. This is the best Christmas present any district or I have ever had. Love ya, girlfriend."

After applause from the board, Miller said, "And I just sent it out to my 11,000 Twitter followers."

Also at the meeting, Superintendent Joyce Mundy spoke of her visits to district schools.

In one kindergarten class, she asked the students, "What does a superintendent do?"

The response: "You do super things every day."



Longtime Centennial School Board member Betty Huf in 2009.