

# Gratitude and Thanks

School Business Manager of the Year **Jill Bodwin** honors those who've supported her



To be successful, you need a lot of support. So Jill Bodwin had a lot of people she wanted to thank as she accepted her award as 2017 Wisconsin School Business Manager of the Year from the Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials.

"I've been very blessed in my life," said Bodwin, director of business services at the Pulaski Community School District. "I've been lucky to have worked with people who believed in my potential."

Bodwin began her career at the Mishicot School District and worked at the Denmark School District before coming to Pulaski last year.

In her nomination by Tony

Klaubauf, superintendent of the Denmark School District, Bodwin was praised for her work on the district's successful referendum and on the decision to sell the district's buses and contract with an outside company.

After thanking her parents and family, Bodwin recalled her colleagues at the Mishicot School District who encouraged her to get her business manager's license.

She also thanked the women of the Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials, noting with laughter that they lovingly refer to themselves as "WOW."

She enjoyed her time in Denmark and said it took a very determined

effort by the retiring business manager in Pulaski to get Bodwin to take over her job last year.

Finally, Bodwin thanked all of her WASBO colleagues.

"All of you are an important part of who I am, and I encourage each and every one of you to be the story behind someone else's best story."

As part of the award, Bodwin received \$1,500 for professional development. She will also be able to present a \$1,500 scholarship to a graduating senior at Pulaski High School this spring. ■

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