

Maricopa County School Superintendent Don Covey announced Monday the appointment of Karen Bredeson to the Chandler Unified School District Governing Board. Bredeson replaces Rob Barney, who vacated his position in June to accept an international position with the State Department.

Bredeson has been active in the Chandler community since 1997. She is a current member of the Chandler Education Foundation board of directors, past member of the Chandler Chamber of Commerce board of directors (2000-2008), chairperson of the Chandler Chamber of Commerce Community Foundation (2004-current) and Chandler Gilbert Family YMCA director (2006 to 2009).

In addition to her volunteer work with the Chandler Education Foundation, Bredeson has been an active parent with Chandler Schools through her children's education. Two of her sons have graduated from Hamilton High and are now attending college. Her daughter is enrolled at Santan Junior High.

Bredeson's selection completed a process that included applications from interested citizens, review by a committee of staff and a board member, interviews with three finalists and a workshop conducted by the Maricopa County school superintendent's office.

Bredeson will take the oath of office at the county school office at 10 a.m. Tuesday. She joins President Annette Auxier, Vice President Barb Mozdzen, David Evans and Bob Rice on the Chandler Unified governing board.