

## Board honors legacy of Jim Dimock



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Except for the time he was at college, Jim Dimock spent his educational career in the Chippewa Falls School District, starting in kindergarten.

“Jim was with us the whole entire time,” Chippewa Falls School Board President Jerry Smith said Thursday night.

Dimock graduated from Chippewa Falls Senior High School in 1971, later taught, was a principal at Jim Falls and Southview Elementary and then was an administrator.

After retiring in 2009, he was elected to the school board, where he served as board president.

The latest school year has begun without Dimock, who died at age 61 on June 25 under the care of HSHS St. Joseph’s Hospice.

On Thursday, the School Board got to say goodbye to its former school board president with a moment of silence, and a presentation to Dimock’s family.

“He taught us about leadership by example,” Board Member Pat Allen said, adding she was grateful to work with Dimock.

“We miss him very much,” Board Member Melanie Sinclair-Schaller said.

The board presented Dimock’s widow, Kristine, their daughter, Erin Hunt, and son, Joel, with a red piece of glass art. During the presentation, a photo of Dimock was projected on two screens of the Administration Building, where the meeting was taking place.

“This school district was so important to my dad,” Erin Hunt said, noting it was one of the last duties he gave up before his death. “It was his break from his reality.”

She said her family is very grateful for the support it received from the board and the school district during Dimock’s illness.

Superintendent Dr. Heidi Taylor-Eliopoulos said the board members took up a collection and made a donation to the hospital’s hospice program in Dimock’s honor.

Dimock resigned from the school board on June 5, after the board selected Taylor-Eliopoulos as the district’s latest superintendent.

