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An Interview with Meister, Dave

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Dave Meister was born May 13th, 1966 in Laramie, Wyoming. He graduated from Laramie High School in 1984, and earned his Bachelor in Arts degree from the University of Wyoming in 1989 and a Master in Arts degree from Eastern Illinois University in 2000. He also received his specialist degree from Eastern Illinois University in 2002. Meister began teaching social studies and technology courses at Paris, Illinois High School in 1989. He also coached baseball and basketball. In 1997, he became an Elementary Principal at the Paris Union Elementary School. Later in 2001, he became Principal at Paris High School, and in 2009 he became Executive Director of the High School. Meister was involved in the original feasibility study in 2002 for the high school and was involved in the creation of the first Illinois Cooperative High School in 2009. Meister works with a six member board made up equally from Crestwood District #4 and Paris Union. At the time of the interview, he was the director of the only cooperative high school existing in the state. He is married with two children.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Cooperative High School, Paris-Union school district; Crestwood, Edger County, Illinois; School Feasibility study; school referenda; school reorganization; Illinois state school incentives; school construction projects; Illinois House Bill 1216; Illinois Capital Development Board

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