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An Interview with Dr. Michael Jacoby

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Dr. Michael Jacoby was born in 1958 in Blair, Nebraska. He graduated from high school in Platteville, Wisconsin in 1976. He went on to earn a BA degree in Music Education from University of Iowa, a Masters degree from Illinois State University, and a Ph.D. from Northern Illinois University. He taught vocal music at Morris High School from 1980 to 1986. He went to Geneva as a Chief Financial Officer and later served there as a Superintendent of Schools from 1986 to 2006. Since 2006 Dr. Jacoby has served as the Executive Director of the Illinois Association of School Business Officials (IASBO). He served on the Classroom First Commission which examined Illinois School Reorganization. As a member, he served as chair of the sub-group on Shared Services. Dr. Jacoby is Executive Director of the Illinois Association of School Business Officials. He served on the Classrooms First Commission which developed twenty-three recommendations for future school reorganizations.

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