

## **Kenny Howell**

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Mary Ann Sparks was named Wilson County Interim Director of Schools Monday by unanimous vote.

“I’m glad to be here,” Sparks said in the meeting Monday.

Sparks was the Human Resources Supervisor, and has been in the school system since 1986 when she started as a second grade teacher at Mt. Juliet Elementary. She was also an assistant principal at the school.

Sparks said she was proud to be able to be the Interim Director, even if it is just for a short time. She said that every person in the school system cares about providing the best education for the children.

In the meeting, School Board member Larry Tomlinson made a motion that the search for the next Director of Schools starts immediately. By state law, a new Director has to be in place by late June because of the elections in August.

Sparks said after the meeting she did not want to be considered for the permanent position.