

TENNESSEE EDUCATOR TO HEAD MSU - WAYNE D. ANDREWS TAPPED



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A Tennessee educator with New England roots has been selected as the new president of Morehead State University.

Wayne D. Andrews, vice president for administration at East Tennessee State University, will become the 13th president of Morehead State on Jan. 1, MSU Board of Regents Chairman James H. Booth said yesterday during a special board meeting.

Andrews, 56, a native of Spencer, Mass., was chosen from among 103 people who were considered for the post after President Ronald Eaglin announced last December he would retire.

Andrews was one of three finalists announced in October. The two other candidates withdrew this week.

Andrews is being offered a four-year contract at a starting annual salary of \$210,000.

Calling MSU "a light unto the mountains of Eastern Kentucky" and an excellent university, Andrews said last night he was excited to be coming to Morehead.

"My goal is to build on what each of the previous presidents has done," he said in a telephone interview from Johnson City, Tenn.

"First and foremost," Andrews said, his focus will be on the education program at Morehead, which produces many, if not most, of Eastern Kentucky's teachers.

MSU vice president Keith Kappes described Andrews as "high energy" and said his selection appeared well-received by faculty at the Rowan County campus.

Anderson praised Eaglin for a "great job" in building MSU's endowment program.

Eaglin, 64, who has held the position since July 1992, is currently the longest-tenured president of a public university in Kentucky.

Andrews was announced as a finalist in the presidential search last month, along with former Hazard Community College President Edward Hughes, who is now president of Gateway Community and

Technical College in Northern Kentucky, and Peter S. Hoff, a former president of the University of Maine. Hoff withdrew from the search on Wednesday and Hughes withdrew before yesterday's board meeting, Kappes said.

Andrews also serves as chief operating officer at East Tennessee State, where he has worked for 17 years.

After high school, Andrews said he spent four years in the Army, including a tour of duty in Vietnam.

Andrews is a graduate of Fitchburg (Mass.) State College where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1974, and West Virginia University where he received a master's degree in 1976 and a doctorate degree in education in 1977.

He taught 10 years at Illinois State University before moving to Johnson City.

After nearly two decades in East Tennessee, Andrews said he and his wife Susan, a reading specialist in the local school system, "feel very much like Appalachian folk."

Caption: - Andrews