PJ Caposey: Biography

PJ Caposey is a dynamic speaker and a transformational leader and educator. PJ began his career as an award-winning teacher in the inner-city of Chicago and has subsequently led significant change in every administrative post he has held. PJ became a principal at the tender age of 28 and within three years was able to lead a small-town/rural school historically achieving near the bottom of its county to multiple national recognitions. After four years, PJ moved to his current district, Meridian CUSD 223, as superintendent and has led a similar turnaround leading to multiple national recognitions for multiple different efforts.

PJ has written 7 books for various publishers and his work has been published online for sites such as ASCD, Edutopia, and the Huffington Post. He works in the Education Department of two universities and in a myriad of capacities with the Illinois Principal’s Association including Principal Coach and author of the first complete stack of MicroCredentials offered in Illinois.

PJ’s schools/districts have been recognized with the following accolades:

- US News and World Report - Top HS 4x
- Schools of Opportunity – Silver Recognition
- District Administration – District of Distinction
- IASB – Governance Recognition 2x
- ILPEx – Bronze Award

Personally, PJ has been recognized in the following ways:

- ICE – Making IT Happen Award
- IPA/Horace Mann – Partners in Education
- INSPRA – Distinguished Service Award
- Eastern Illinois University – Distinguished Alumnus Award
- NSPRA – 25 Superintendents to Watch
- 40 Leaders Under 40 to Watch
- Those Who Excel – Award of Merit
- Regional Superintendent and Principal of the Year
- ASCD Outstanding Young Educator Honoree, ASCD Emerging Leader, ASCD Slated Board of Directors candidate

PJ is a sought after keynote presenter, consultant, and provider of professional development and has recently keynoted several national conferences specializing in time management, the tyranny of the status quo, school culture, continuous improvement, social media, and teacher evaluation. He lives in Northwest Illinois with his wife, who is also an educator, and their four children.