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As Omaha Press Club President Gary Willis put it, what could be more fitting for a roast than a Bird? Particularly if it's a game bird. And Dr. Ken Bird, superintendent of Westside Community Schools, proved more than game when he was roasted and toasted in front of an appreciative crowd. Bird absorbed good-natured shots at himself and at some of his favorite things --- cell phones, fine wine, hunting and fishing. Adding special meaning to the event was the announcement three months earlier that Bird would be retiring at the end of the school year after nearly 16 years as superintendent. Among his roasters was his successor, Jacquie Estee. The artist has Bird standing like a Super Hero because he's a Super Intendent. "Instead of a Superman logo, I used an Apple computer logo. The apple in the logo has a bite out of it. But Ken's Mac apple has two bites out of it, because we know the more bytes, the more powerful the computer." Bird, who had been extremely visible in the community since becoming Westside's superintendent in 1992, well fit the criteria of a newsmaker.