



Six Candidates Vie for Two Seats on School Board

The May 9 Plano ISD Board of Trustees election finds six candidates vying for two seats on the board. Place 6 will be vacated by Melody Timinsky, who is resigning after serving three terms on the board, including three years as board vice-president. In Place 7, incumbent Missy Bender will run opposed by Robert Canright. Candidates have drawn for the following positions on the ballot.

Place 6

Position 1 - Marilyn Hinton
Position 2 - Nathan Barbera
Position 3 - Steve Navarre
Position 4 - Rama Lavu

Place 7

Position 1 - *Missy Bender
Position 2 - Robert Canright
*incumbent

The school board consists of seven members elected to serve, without compensation, for overlapping terms of three years each. Elections are conducted each May. While candidates run for specific places, they do not represent specific geographical areas; rather, each represents Plano ISD at large.

Candidate Forums

April 9, 7:00 p.m.

Reflections On Spring Creek
1901 E. Spring Creek Pkwy.

Sponsor: The Plano Homeowners' Council
Contact: Daniel K. Long,
Daniel@PHCPlanoTx.com

April 15, 12:00 p.m.

Glen Eagles Country Club
5401 West Park Boulevard
Sponsor: Plano Metro Rotary Club - Contact: Gayle Bicik,
(214) 616-1680 or
gbicik@adpagesmagazine.com

April 18, 4:30 p.m.

Schimelpfenig Library
5024 Custer Road
Sponsor: Plano/Collin County League of Women Voters - www.lwvcollin.org

April 23, 7:00 p.m.

Plano ISD Administration Center, 2700 West 15th Street, first floor board room
Sponsor: Plano ISD Key Communicators and Plano ISD Council of PTAs

More Information

Visit www.pisd.edu for an updated list of forums and for information about voting dates, times and locations.

Superintendent's Service Award Nominees to be Honored at 44th Annual Employee Recognition Banquet on April 2

Dr. Doug Otto has announced nominees for his 10th Annual Superintendent's Service Award. All nominees will be honored at the 44th Annual Plano ISD Service and Retirement Celebration to be held at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, at Southfork Ranch. Surprise award presentations will be made by Dr. Otto to the top winners. Read more about the event online at: www.pisd.edu/superaward. Congratulations, nominees!

Diane Baker - Shepton Counseling Secretary
Jeanette S. Bauer - Stinson Special Ed. Assistant
Kimberly S. Beattie - Centennial P.E. Assistant
Cheryl Bone - Pearson Assessment Office Manager
Kathy Bressler - Hightower P.E. Assistant
Akemi Brown - Stinson Special Ed. Assistant
Robert A. Brown - Clark ISS Assistant
Teresa Brown - Jasper Attendance Clerk
Linda Casey - Aldridge CTA
Sharon Chappellear - Armstrong Attendance Clerk
Elaine L. Dais - Mendenhall Library Assistant
JoEllyn "Jo" Damewood - Murphy Sp. Ed. Assistant
Sharon Danielson - Bowman ESL Assistant
Irene Dumas - Schimelpfenig Special Ed. Assistant
Christine Faber - Barksdale Special Ed. Assistant
Lynnette Fronterhouse - Dooley Special Ed. Assistant
Kathleen Fuson - PSHS Counseling Secretary
Sherry Gandy - Beverly FANS Manager
Beth Gebby - Frankford Special Ed. Assistant
Marilyn Gibson - Schimelpfenig Special Ed. Assistant
Maria Gonzalez - PSHS FANS Cashier
Bill Grego - Transportation Bus Driver
Cindi Griffin - Sigler Special Ed. Assistant
Norma Groetken - Harrington Office Manager
Patricia Gulino - Schimelpfenig Secretary
Karen Heflin - Mitchell Special Ed. Assistant
Brenda Ingram - Jackson CTA
Debbie Jazak - Davis P.E. Assistant
Johnny Jeffus - Facility Services Carpenter
Danice Johnson - Jasper Registrar
Hannah Lynn Jones - Davis Deaf Ed. Assistant
Chim Kamdar - Hightower CTA
Shayla K. Kimpton - Forman Special Ed. Assistant
Valerie D. King - Thomas FANS Manager
Josette Klemp - Davis Special Ed. Assistant
Penny Knutson - Haggard CTA
Lisa Koehler - Thomas Special Ed. Assistant
Lori Lange - Head Start Assistant
Leo Largaespada, Sr. - Facility Services Carpenter
Beatriz Lewin - Robinson ESL Assistant
Lisa Monique Long - Hedgcoxe Special Ed. Assistant
Linda Lorber - Haun FANS Manager
Robin Love - Williams Special Ed. Assistant
Kumei Lu - Murphy FANS Manager

Karen Lynch - Huffman Office Manager
Sherri Magbee - Christie Parent Liaison
Donna L. Mantz - Beaty Assistant
Lisa McGill - Hendrick Office Manager
Dionne McVey - PSHS Special Ed. Assistant
Barbara Meek - PESH Receptionist
Bela Menon - Rice Library Assistant
Verlene K. Michener Reed - Fine Arts Secretary
Patricia Mora - Stinson Special Ed. Assistant
Carla Morell - Hickey Office Manager
Dayna Nehls - Forman Attendance Clerk
Paula K. Odell - Davis Deaf Ed. Interpreter
Debi Page - Jasper Receptionist
Erika Parra - Wells Special Ed. Assistant
Anjana S. Patel - Williams Special Ed. Assistant
Barbara Phelps - Barron Special Ed. Assistant
Brenda Pinckney - Vines FANS Manager
Maria Dalia Pliley - Meadows Secretary
Kara Posey - Jasper Secretary
Sharon Price - Jasper ISS Clerk
Suzette Prince - PWSH Counseling Secretary
Leigh Radetsky - PWSH Finance Secretary
Lauralee Retzlaff-Renteria - PESH Special Ed. Assistant
Ana M. Riojas - Head Start Bilingual Assistant
Marcy Robertini-Sandiford - Frankford Sp. Ed. Assistant
Marsha Rossi - Stinson Special Ed. Assistant
Jessica Sampley - Pearson Special Ed. Assistant
Julia Smith - Meadows Office Manager
Lisa Stelter - Shepton Receptionist
Charles "Art" Stewart - Wilson Special Ed. Assistant
Carolina Stojnic - Armstrong Receptionist
Victor Trujillo - Armstrong CTA
Maurice Tyson - Distribution Services Driver
Virginia Lynn Villegas - Stinson Special Ed. Assistant
Rachel Kathryn Wagner - Hughston Sp.Ed. Assistant
Linda Walker - Meadows Library Assistant
Sandi Welsh - Clark Office Manager
James Earl White - Distribution Services Driver
Swarna Yallapragada - Forman CTA
Odelia Yocum - Student & Family Services Office Manager
Lisa Younger - Andrews Special Ed. Assistant
Fatema Zamanian - Hickey Special Ed. Assistant

District to Salute Departing Staff for Dedicated Service

Several employees who are resigning or voluntarily separating from the district this year will be recognized by the Plano ISD Board of Trustees and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Doug Otto at the 44th Annual Service and Retirement Celebration to be held on April 2 at Southfork Ranch. The district salutes the following employees for their many years of dedicated service to the boys and girls of Plano schools.

40 or More Years of Service in Education

Charlotte Estep - Haggard Middle School
Tanis Roelofs - Wilson Middle School

20 or More Years of Service in Education

Pat Archer - Mendenhall Elementary School
Michael L. Coe - Plano Senior High School
Dawn Halsell - Jackson Elementary School
Betty Jean Kennedy - Dooley Elementary School
Harold Sartain - Transportation Department
Myra Sutton - Jackson/Mitchell Elementary Schools
Betty Teufel - Human Resources Department

30 or More Years of Service in Education

Kay Fuhrman - Plano East Senior High School
Rick Saigling - Plano East Senior High School
Barbara Lynn Henderson Spicer - Saigling Elementary

10 or More Years of Service in Education

Annick A. Simmons - Carlisle Elementary School
Sandy Williams - Huffman Elementary School
Agnes Wong - Plano Senior High School

April 15 'Power of Parents' Session Open to Community

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Doug Otto and School Board President Lloyd "Skip" Jenkins will be the featured speakers at Murphy Middle School PTA's "The Power of Parents" meeting to be held from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, at the school, 620 North Murphy Road in Murphy. The meeting is open to all Plano ISD parents. The question and answer format will include such topics as:

- How can a parent influence state education policy?
- Where does Plano ISD stand on the issues currently facing the state legislature?
- How does the school board function and what does it do?
- Who makes decisions regarding my schools?
- How are schools being funded, and what is the status of "Robin Hood"?
- What is 4x4 and what is the estimated impact on the dropout rate? Is there a better option coming?
- What about district ratings procedures, accountability based on TAKS, and the future of online and plugged-in education options?

Budget & Staffing FAQ Posted On District Website

The Plano ISD Board of Trustees and Administration have posted on the district website - www.pisd.edu - answers to a series of frequently-asked questions regarding budget and staffing initiatives resulting from 2009-10 budget planning. The site also contains links to budget information, school board presentations and a history of the "Robin Hood" system of school funding. The online budget and staffing FAQ answers questions about the district's budget deficit and revenue-building initiatives.

District Digest

E-mail: digest@pisd.edu

Phone: (469) 752-8030

Website:

www.pisd.edu/news

eNews listserv:

www.pisd.edu/eNews.htm

Employees Contribute \$113,800 to Education Foundation

More than 3,000 Plano ISD employees recently reinforced their commitment to "Touch the Heart of a Child" by generously contributing a total of \$113,800 to the Plano ISD Education Foundation. One hundred percent of Plano ISD schools and service departments contributed to the annual employee campaign. Fifty-one of 77 schools and departments met or exceeded their campaign goals. A total of 317 employees donated \$100 or more and will receive "I Love Plano ISD" yard signs.

Top Contributors

Superintendent's and Area Assistant
Superintendent's Offices - 848%
Communications Department - 275%
Hunt Elementary - 220%

Jasper High School - 174%
Centennial Elementary - 119%
Bethany Elementary - 116%
Business Services Department - 108%

Frankford Middle - 63%
Shepton High School - 61%
Carpenter Middle - 40%
Bowman Middle - 39%

Contributors Meeting or Exceeding Goal

Andrews - 95%
Student/Family Services - 79%
Frankford-63%
Shepton- 61%
Davis - 49%
Carpenter - 40%
Bowman - 39%
Wells - 37%

Schimelpfenig - 37%
Forman - 35%
Mitchell - 35%
Memorial - 34%
Hendrick - 34%
Harrington - 32%
Daffron -31%
Hightower -31%
SPC (K-8) - 31%

Head Start - 29%
Hedgecoxe - 25%
Christie - 24%
Beaty - 22%
Hughston - 19%
Aldridge - 16%
Beverly -16%
Weatherford -12%
Athletics - 11%

Schell - 10%
Armstrong - 10%
Huffman - 9%
McCall - 9%
Skaggs - 8%
Murphy - 8%
Rice - 7%
HR Division - 6%
Mathews -5%

Razor - 4%
Barksdale -3%
Renner - 3%
Carlisle - 1%
Dooley - 1%
Rose Haggar - 1%
Hickey - met goal
Saigling - met goal
SPC (9-12) - met goal

April 18 'Thrill of the Grill 5K Run' to Benefit Foundation



Register Online!
www.lukeslocker.com

Plano Central Market will present the first annual "Thrill of the Grill 5K Run" benefitting the Plano ISD Education Foundation on Saturday, April 18. Fire up your running shoes, join the race and stay for a day filled with great food, great grilling, live entertainment and fun for the whole family. The event will also feature many children's activities including a 1K fun run. This year's honorary chairs Dr. Doug Otto, superintendent of schools, and Dr. H. Wayne Hendrick, former superintendent of schools, will kick-off the race in the official pace car. The school with the most staff runners will receive an award from Central Market. Registration and race details can be found online at: www.lukeslocker.com. Volunteer opportunities are available by contacting the Foundation office at (469) 752-8272.

Notable Notes...

Congratulations to the following parents and grandparents:

Alissa Benoit, Bowman MS counselor, and her husband Chris proudly announce their recent adoption of daughter **Bailey Caroline** who was born on December 29; **Mayra Trejo**, Memorial Elementary fourth grade bilingual teacher, and her husband **Valentin** became the proud parents of son **Valentin Francisco** (9 lbs. 2 ozs.) on February 5.

Myra Morales, Hedgecoxe Elementary FANS manager, is the proud Nonna of **Sebastiano Antonio** (6 lbs. 12 ozs.), born on February 16 to proud parents **Carmelo and Patricia Morales-Caruso**; Barksdale's **Janet McWhirter**, fifth grade team leader, and her husband **Jim** welcomed grandchild **Rowan Lucille** (5 lbs. 15 ozs.) on February 16. Proud parents are **Brooke and Grant McWhirter**.

Superintendent of Schools **Dr. Doug Otto** and his wife **Bobbi**, PSHS office manager, became the proud grandparents of grandson **Eli** on February 11. Proud parents are **Cate and Ryan Shipley** of Frisco.

Dale Kerr, purchasing technician, welcomed granddaughter **Delaney** (7 lbs. 8 ozs.) on February 24. Proud parents are **Jessica and Chris Hagan**; Frankford Middle School Special Ed. Teacher **Melanie Steenbergen** and her husband **David** welcomed son **Caden Michael** (6 lbs., 12 ozs.) on February 25. Proud grandmother and aunt, respectively, are **Linda Madon**, finance, and **Deanna Madon**, academic services.

Sympathy is extended to the following Plano ISD family members:

Aldridge Elementary School Staff on the death of colleague **Amy Key**, PE teacher, who passed away on January 23; **Elaine Riggs**, Haun Elementary nurse, whose mother **Geraldine Scher**, died in February; **Linda Davis**, Weatherford Elementary FANS manager, whose uncle **Michael Phillips** died in February; and to PSHS and Vines HS Latin Teacher **Doug Adams**, whose father-in-law **Robert Perry** died February 1, and to PSHS's **Beth Smith**, German teacher, whose mother **Leona Andersen** died on February 21.

Jasper High School's **Debbie Cason**, nurse, whose mother-in-law **Lois Cason** passed away on January 17; and **Jackie Digby**, band director, whose grandfather died in late January; and **Farah Ali**, Schimelpfenig Middle School teaching assistant, whose mother-in-law **Fariyal Ali** died on February 12.

School Trustee **Melody Timinsky** whose mother **Marilyn G. Merrick** passed away in March; **Maureen Osborne**, Special Programs (K-8) FANS sub manager, and **Heather Hale**, Hendrick MS FANS manager, whose brother-in-law and uncle, respectively, **Albert "Sunny" Osborne** died on March 11; and **Patti Stewart**, eSchool technology specialist, whose father **Frank J. Gaines, Sr.** died on March 17.

Skaggs Elementary School Staff whose school namesake **Mary Alice Skaggs** passed away at 100 years of age on March 18 in Celina. Mrs. Skaggs taught at Plano High School for 31 years, sponsoring the Junior Thursday Study Club, which was attended by more than 1,000 girls over 50 years. She was the first Plano ISD teacher to earn a master's degree.

Rick Saigling, Plano East Senior High School social studies department chair, whose father **W.N. "Buck" Saigling** died on March 24. During the 1960s, Mr. Saigling represented his family in serving as a third-generation Plano ISD school trustee. Andrews and Saigling elementary schools were named in honor of his grandparents, and Forman Elementary School was named in honor of his great-grandfather.

Thought for the Week:

"We're not here to see through each other, we're here to see each other through."

-Author Unknown