

IRVING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Welcome From Your Board of Trustees



*100 Years of Learning  
1909 - 2009*

# *Trustees & Superintendent*



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# Welcome!

*We hope you find this information about the Irving Independent School District's Board of Trustees helpful. Public participation and open lines of communication are vital to the educational environment of approximately 33,000 students in the District.*

*Through your elected officials, you have a voice in the decision-making process. What you have to say is important because you offer unique glimpses into our community's diverse needs and interests and represent the strength of our school district.*

## ***About Board Meetings***

The Board of Trustees holds regular meetings, which are open to the public, at 7 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of the month in the Boardroom of the Administration Building, 2621 West Airport Freeway. Work sessions are also held at noon on regular meeting days at the same location.

In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Law, the Board has the privilege of meeting privately in executive session to discuss matters related to personnel, land acquisition, student hearings, and to consult with legal counsel. A majority of the Board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

When necessary, the Board schedules other public meetings (special meetings, emergency meetings and work sessions) to conduct additional business and for in-depth study of programs and issues.

Advance notices of all meetings are posted at the Administration Building and distributed to the news media by the Public Information Department. Board meeting information is also available at the IISD website: [www.irvingisd.net](http://www.irvingisd.net).

## ***Appearing on the Agenda***

Any person wanting to place an item on the agenda should submit a written request to the Superintendent or Board President no later than Wednesday prior to the meeting. The request should include the name, address and telephone number of the person who will be making the presentation and the topic to be discussed. The Board can take action only on items that appear on the agenda.

Trustees encourage public involvement and listen to views and concerns about the District. However, residents who have a specific problem or concern should first voice their concern through regular administrative channels rather than going directly to the Board.

## ***Addressing the Board***

Individuals who wish to address the Board during a Board meeting about an action item on the agenda should come forward to the podium when requested by the Board President. The Board President will ask for public input on some action items as they are considered by the Board.

Individuals who wish to address the Board on an item not on the action agenda should complete a Public Input Card, which is available at the registration table. After completing the card, it can be given to any Board member or administrator so the individual can be recognized during the "Recognition of Visitors" section of the agenda.

Before addressing the Board, speakers should identify themselves by name, address and organization represented, if any, and remarks must be limited to three minutes. Public presentations may not include charges against any employee or student of the District.

## ***Board Member Terms of Office***

Trustees are elected by the school district's registered voters to rotating three-year terms. Candidates run for specific places, but do not represent certain geographical areas. Elections are conducted on the first Saturday in May and two or three trustee places are filled each year. Following the May election, trustees elect a president, vice president, and secretary to serve for one-year terms.

## ***Duties of the Board***

Specific duties of the Board of Trustees include the following:

- To be legally responsible for the education of the children in the District.
- To make school district policy decisions regarding Irving ISD's operation.
- To provide tax monies for maintenance and operation of the schools.
- To submit bond issues to the residents of the District.
- To govern local school matters, subject to limitations imposed by state and federal laws.
- To hire the superintendent as its chief administrator and executive officer.

## ***For More Information***

To have a Board action clarified or for more information about the school district, please call the Public Information Department, 972-600-5200. Official minutes of Board meetings are on file in the Superintendent's Office at the Administration Building.

### ***Vision Statement***

"The Irving ISD is committed to educational equity and excellence by ensuring teacher and student engagement in preparation for the future."

### ***Mission Statement***

"The Irving ISD, in partnership with families and the community, resolves to meet the needs of students and to cultivate the skills of learning, thinking and communicating."

# *Central Administrative Staff*

Neil Dugger, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent of Schools

Marie Morris, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning

Debbie Cabrera, CPA, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance

Scott Layne, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services

Bill Althoff, Acting Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Administration

Ralph Diaz, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Alice Owen, Ph.D., Executive Director of Technology

Lane Ladewig, Division Director of Campus Operations

Cheryl Jennings, Ed.D., Division Director of Elementary Teaching & Learning

Whit Johnstone, Ph.D., Division Director of Planning, Evaluation & Research

Dianna Hopper, Division Director of Professional Development

Randy Cobb, Division Director of Secondary Teaching & Learning

Judy Rudebusch, Ed.D., Division Director of Special Services

Paula Barnhouse, Director of Academic & Career Counseling Services

Joe Barnett, Director of Athletics

Dora Morón, Director of Bilingual/ESL/Migrant

Jan Arrington, Director of Business Operations

Shawn Blessing, Director of Career & Technical Education

Abby Melton, Ph.D., Director of Data Services & PEIMS

Nickie Weaver, Director of Development & Federal Funds

Kelly Horn, Director of Facilities

Jeremy Earnhart, Director of Fine Arts

Michael Rosenberger, Director of Food Service

Deborah George, Director of Gifted & Talented

Mary Kay Hartley, Director of Health Services

Sam Farsaii, Director of Instructional Technology

Lea Bailey, Ph.D., Director of Library & Media Services

Robyn Wolters, Director of Personnel

Tony Thetford, APR, Director of Public Information

Rick Powell, Director of Purchasing

José Villaseñor, Director of Responsive Counseling Services

Pat Lamb, Director of Security & Operations

Lisa Freeman, Director of Taxation

Keith Larson, Director of Technology Services

