

Plano Independent School District



Roles and Responsibilities of PISD Board Trustees



Board of Trustees

- Seven member board
- Four year term
- At-large representation (i.e. we do not represent specific geographic areas)



Nancy Humphrey



David Stolle



Mike Friedman



Missy Bender



Marilyn Hinton



Tammy Richards



Carrolyn Moebius



Board Responsibilities

- We are your representatives
 - Provide **high quality public education** which meets the needs of the greater Plano school community
 - Act as **advocates** for the children and families of Plano ISD, staying focused on the best interests of all students
 - Function only as a “**body corporate**” (the board takes action only as a group at regular or special called board meetings and board members may not act privately on behalf of the board)
 - **Work cooperatively** with other each other, the superintendent and staff, striving for teamwork and respecting the right to differing opinions
 - Make decisions based on the **available facts and independent judgment**, not yielding to individuals or special interest groups; decisions are made in the best interest of students’ education even when the decision may be unpopular for political or other reasons



Duties of the Board

- What we do – Navigate (governance).
 - Establish policies and priorities
 - Approve personnel decisions
 - Approve boundary lines
 - Approve textbooks
 - Final arbiter of grievances
 - Approve the budget (7 month process)
 - Hire and evaluate the Superintendent
(Apply now!)



Duties of the Board

- What we *don't* do – Drive (management)
 - Tell the Superintendent who to hire (i.e. we don't hire the principal, football coach or the band director)
 - Dictate specific educational programs or methods (i.e. connected math)





Board Meetings

- **Regular Meeting:** A business meeting held on a scheduled date (currently the first Tuesday of each month). The school board does not meet in July. Public input is taken at regular meetings.
- **Work Session:** A meeting between board members and staff to discuss items and receive information, usually with no action being taken (currently held on the third Tuesday of each month). Public input is not typically taken.
- **Special Meeting:** A business meeting held on a date other than the regularly scheduled meeting. Action may be taken.
- **Emergency Meeting:** A business meeting scheduled with at least two hours' notice to the public. An emergency meeting is usually called to address a situation which must be handled immediately. Action may be taken.
- **Closed Meeting:** A meeting of the board which is not open to the public—only certain topics may be discussed such as property and personnel matters. No action may be taken.
- **Public Forum:** A meeting to listen to public input.
- **Retreat:** A planning meeting between board members and staff which could include a training session. No action may be taken.