

## Martinez

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- Represent the interests and act on behalf of our students, parents, community members, and employees.
- Establish district policy and set priorities.
- Develop and maintain long-range goals and plans.
- Ensure financial responsibility and approve the annual budget.
- Promote academic and administrative accountability and performance.

**In your opinion, what critical challenges face the district, and what is necessary to address those issues?** CFISD faces continuing growth, increasing cost and inadequate school funding from the state. We must have community support for public education, and show sound, conservative fiscal management. The continued quality and success of our district is dependent on community input and support. We must

increase our efforts to keep the community informed. Our forefathers had the wisdom to recognize the benefit and advantage of local control and the negative impact of partisan politics in public education. We will face difficult decisions in the future and must be prepared to focus our efforts on the educational needs of our children.

**What challenges face the public education system of Texas?** Our legislative leaders in Austin must address and resolve the issue of public school funding. Lack of unity, understanding and direction continues to undermine the legislative process and promote short term inadequate solutions. The value of an educated populace cannot be measured in dollars. Support for public education is vital for our future. The state must also address the emphasis and impact of standardized testing. The state must recognize the importance of local control especially in highly successful school districts like Cy-Fair ISD.

## Youngblood

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bonds and other issues.

b. We must remain committed to the idea that growth does not lead to massive indebtedness to our children who wish to remain to live and raise their kinds in the district.

c. We must have innovative and logical ideas to control ever rising costs for energy and administration/paper work costs.

d. We must increase our credibility with the tax payers with the quality of the product we deliver to their children. Specifically, we must address the unacceptable overall reduction in

standardized test scores and graduation rates.

**What challenges face the public education system of Texas?** We are a district and a state that is rapidly growing. We have a system that under protects and under pays its major people assets in favor of massive brick and mortar projects. We overburden these assets still with reporting requirements (paperwork) that add little or nothing to the quality of education. We have a system that lacks the perception, real or not, of openness and accountability with our constituents as school taxes continue to rise yearly.

## Abney

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a meaningful contribution to the planning, organizing, and decision making process in Cy-Fair ISD as a Trustee board member.

**In your opinion, what are the responsibilities of the Board of Trustees?** The responsibility of the Board of Trustees is to approve District's budget, approve policy and hire and evaluate the superintendent. The Board of Trustees does from time to time call on the consultative resources available in the community and the professional staff of the District. Communicate with the community.

**In your opinion, what critical challenges face the district, and what is necessary to address those issues?** Cy-Fair ISD faces the same challenges that

other school districts face across our state, the growing minority population, the need for stronger teacher recruitment, the need for better drop out retention, ways to address infrastructure expansion to accommodate large student populations, and the need to address the concerns of bilingual education.

**What challenges face the public education system in Texas?**

- The growing minority population
- Teacher recruitment
- The drop out rate
- The retirement of 'baby boomers'
- The economy
- Bilingual Education

## Wolfe

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strong vision for the school district and the families it serves.

**In your opinion, what critical challenges face the district, and what is necessary to address those issues?** Exponential growth is the critical challenge facing CFISD. Working together with the families, teachers, and taxpayers of the district, we will face that challenge head on while keeping in mind that we must focus on each student individually as well as the

district as a whole.

**What challenges face the public education system of Texas?** Growth, financing, teacher vs. administrator pay, and student morale are the most critical challenges facing our education system today. When parents, teachers, taxpayers, school administrators, and state legislators work together, we will face the challenges head on and make Texas the best in the nation.

## ETHICS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

As a member of the Board, I shall promote the District as a whole and, to that end, shall adhere to the following ethical standards:

### EQUITY IN ATTITUDE

- I will be fair, just, and impartial in all my decisions and actions.
- I will accord others the respect I wish for myself.
- I will encourage expressions of different opinions and listen with an open mind to others' ideas.

### TRUSTWORTHINESS IN STEWARDSHIP

- I will be accountable to the public by representing District policies, programs, priorities, and progress accurately.
- I will be responsive to the community by seeking its involvement in District affairs and by communicating its priorities and concerns.
- I will work to ensure prudent and accountable use of District resources.
- I will make no personal promise or take private action that may compromise my performance or my responsibilities.

### HONOR IN CONDUCT

- I will tell the truth.
- I will share my views while working for consensus.
- I will respect the majority decision as the decision of the Board.
- I will base my decisions on fact rather than supposition, opinion, or public favor.

### INTEGRITY OF CHARACTER

- I will refuse to surrender judgment to any individual or group at the expense of the District as a whole.
- I will consistently uphold all applicable laws, rules, policies, and governance procedures.
- I will not disclose information that is confidential by law or that will needlessly harm the District if disclosed.

### COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

- I will focus my attention on fulfilling the Board's responsibilities of goal setting, policymaking, and evaluation.
- I will diligently prepare for and attend Board meetings.
- I will avoid personal involvement in activities the Board has delegated to the Superintendent.
- I will seek continuing education that will enhance my ability to fulfill my duties effectively.

### STUDENT-CENTERED FOCUS

- I will be continuously guided by what is best for all students of the District.

Source: CFISD BOARD POLICY BBF (LOCAL)