

Application for the Vacant Place 7 Trustee Position

The CISD Board of Trustees is accepting applications for the possible appointment of an individual to fill the vacant Place 7 Trustee position from from Monday, October 24 at 8 a.m. until Tuesday, November 1 at 5 p.m. Anyone interested in applying for a potential appointment to the open seat must meet the requirements listed below and in [District Policy BBA \(LEGAL\)](#), and will be required to resign from any conflicting commitments, including, but not limited to, other district committees and nonprofits, PTOs, or booster clubs.

According to Texas law, CISD Trustees may either (1) call a special election to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term, (2) appoint a replacement for the Place 7 Trustee position through the May 6, 2023 election or (3) allow the position to remain vacant until the May 6, 2023, election. In any event, the unexpired term for CISD Trustee Place 7 will be on the May 6, 2023, ballot to fill the remainder of the term. Place 7 will then be up for election for its full three-year term during the May 4, 2024 election.

Applicants must meet the Board of Trustees qualifications, which generally are:

- A U.S. Citizen
- 18-years-old at the start date of the Term of Service
- A resident of the district for 6 months before the application deadline
- A resident of the state of Texas for 12 months before the application deadline
- Be registered to vote

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Applicant's First and Last Name *

Whitney Munro

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City *

Coppell

Zip Code *

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Do you have children currently enrolled in Coppell ISD? *

Yes

No

If yes, please list your child's schools/ and grades below: *

CHS 9 - 9th Grade

Untitled Section

Do you have children who have graduated from Coppell ISD? *

Yes

No

Why would you like to be part of the CISD Board of Trustees? *

I love our community and believe in our schools. Looking back on my time as a CISD educator, I loved seeing school board members visit our campus and come into my classroom to see the great work our students were doing. It meant so much to me as an educator to see the Board's investment in our classrooms and as a parent of a current student I would love the opportunity to do the same.

When I left Coppell for a career change in Washington, D.C. I knew I'd be back. When it was time for my family to return to Texas, there was ONE place I wanted to be - CISD - because it was so important to me that my son go to our schools and be raised in a community I am very proud of with administrators, educators, and a Board that I trust.

I also believe in taking the opportunity to lead and make the tough decisions when necessary for things you value and believe in. This Board has to do this on a regular basis and with a vacancy at a very important time, I believe it's important to step up and serve.

What is your understanding of the role of School Board Trustee? *

The Board has a vital responsibility to ensure our school district is meeting the needs of our learners AND our educators and administrators - that we continue to live up to the high standards we set for personal and curricular development. An engaged board is key to success - one that is open to listening to parents, students, educators, and administrators from all background and walks of life. To hearing what our community needs and responding to it in an appropriate and thoughtful way.

The Board is also required to provide fiscal oversight of the district - ensuring that our tax dollars are well and responsibly spent.

The Board sets the tone for the district, sets goals, and ensures that those tasked with achieving those goals are transparent with results AND has the resources they need to get the job done.

The Board members are liaisons to the community and to our campuses.

Briefly describe your education background and qualifications. *

I have a Bachelor's degree in public relations and a masters degree in public policy and administration. I have studied education policy at the federal and state level through advocacy efforts in my career.

Most importantly, I am a former educator in CISD and a current CISD parent.

If you are currently employed, briefly describe your position. *

I hold two professional roles. I am the Chief Operating Officer of a network of nonprofits where I provide operational and financial oversight of five nonprofit organizations based in Texas and California along with management of all of the staff at each organization and reporting to the founder on goals and results.

I also have an independent consulting firm that I manage myself.

Briefly describe your volunteer experience/involvement in CISD. *

I am a former CISD educator (I taught at CMS North and CMS East). I was a Super Teacher, I was part of Club 21, and was nominated for Teacher of the Year. Since returning to Coppell after a career move to Washington, DC, I was a room mom every year at Mockingbird, PTO Board member at CMS East and CHS 9 (current), regular volunteer at events, and I am on the Coppell Hockey Association Board.

What strengths do you bring to this position? *

My experience as an educator in this district helps with context for past decisions, the vision and values of the district and our schools, and the ability to advocate with that reference where appropriate.

I understand the nuances of education administration and how legislation impacts the ability of districts to function and meet the needs of students.

I have a positive, solutions focused outlook on everything and would bring that to the Board.

I am detail oriented, financially literate, and passionate.

What is your vision for education in our community? *

CISD should address the current and future needs of the whole learner, the whole educator, and the whole administrator through collaboration with the community and parents.

This means we:

Offer rigorous coursework and curriculum that prepares students for the workforce and world THEY will face when they enter it (which is ever-changing, so we have to be nimble and creative with our approach) and integrates technology with high quality educators

Ensure our programs and services amplify strengths and address weaknesses

Cultivate, celebrate, and promote our best educators and recruit new ones here through compensation and programs that are competitive and inviting

Compete with the top districts in the state without sacrificing what we know is right to meet external standards

Accept and offer challenge

Create our own best practices by being a lab for innovation in the classroom

What do you see as the most significant challenge facing CISD? *

This community can be both a place of amazing support and care AND a place that at times will "eat their own." We have to balance this by cultivating a culture that assumes good intentions and pairs responsiveness with leadership in a growing and diverse district with high expectations.

We face financial challenges we need to address head-on through our budgets and the risks of opposition to bond packages that may be necessary to maintain the high standards the community has for our schools. There is a public education disconnect between what it takes to maintain those standards and the culture with what resources the District actually has to work with.

School Board Trustees spend an average of 12-15 hours per month executing their duties, with some months requiring substantially more. Are you prepared to make this time commitment? *

Yes

No

Briefly describe why you believe you have sufficient time to devote to this position: *

I work remotely and outside of occasional required work travel can make my schedule flexible to be on campuses and in meetings as required.

Do you or your spouse have any material interest in, or are either of you or your immediate family members employed by CISD or any company that does business with or receives funds from CISD? If yes, please describe. If no, please type no. *

No

Please provide three references. Please share the name, email address, phone number and your relationship to the reference below. *

Melissa Arnold (CMS East Principal and Personal Friend) - 214-223-8768 marnold@coppellisd.com

Laura Springer (former boss at East) - lspringer@coppellisd.com 214-789-4608

Raneta Ansley (former colleague in CISD, educator) - ransley@coppellisd.com 214-929-7676

I understand that this position is only until the May 6, 2023 election. The unexpired term for CISD Trustee Place 7 will be on the May 6, 2023 ballot to fill the remainder of the term. The regular three-year Place 7 term will also be on the May 4, 2024 Ballot. *

I understand.

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT I hereby certify that the foregoing and any attached statements are true, accurate and complete. I agree that any misstatement, misrepresentation, or omission of a fact may result in my disqualification for appointment. Typing my full name below serves as my signature *

Whitney Munro

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