



Date: October 24, 2011

To: Cindy Warner, President , Coppell ISD Board of Trustees

From: W. Kenneth Nolan, Executive Director/Chief Appraiser

Re: Election of Suburban School Districts' Representative to Dallas Central Appraisal District Board of Directors

In accordance with state law, the nomination process for persons to serve on the Dallas Central Appraisal District Board of Directors has been completed. By state law, your agency is required to vote by official ballot resolution, which is enclosed. **You must do so no later than December 15, 2011. If your entity chooses to abstain from voting, please notify me.**

The nominee is as follows. Also included are the names of the nominating school districts.

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Entity(s) Nominating</b>
Mr. Jerry O. Jones	Garland ISD
Mr. Tom Kennedy	Duncanville ISD

Please act on this election process by official ballot resolution and return the ballot resolution to my office in the enclosed envelope by December 19, 2011. **The 1979 resolution adopted by the taxing units participating in Dallas Central Appraisal District, which governs board elections, requires that a candidate receive a majority of the votes in order to be elected to the Board of Directors. Therefore it is imperative that your taxing unit cast its vote before the December 15, 2011 deadline.**

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Enclosure (Official Ballot Resolution/Return Envelope)

cc: Dr. Jeff Turner, Superintendent  
Kelly Penny, CFO  
Mary McGuffey, Tax Dept.

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT CASTING ITS VOTE FOR THE FIFTH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DALLAS CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, Dallas County eligible taxing entities have expressed and approved an option which allows for representation to the Appraisal District Board of Directors (in accordance with Section 6.03 of the Texas Property Tax Code) as follows:

1. The City of Dallas shall appoint one (1) member to the Board.
2. The Dallas Independent School District shall appoint one (1) member to the Board.
3. The Dallas County Commissioners Court shall appoint one (1) member to the Board. The member appointed by the Dallas County Commissioners Court shall not be a resident of either the City of Dallas or the Dallas Independent School District.
4. Each of the incorporated cities and towns, except for the City of Dallas, shall have the right to nominate by an official resolution one (1) candidate as the fourth member of the Board of Directors. The said cities and towns shall, from the nominations received, elect by a majority vote, with each city and town being entitled to one (1) vote, the fourth member of the Board of Directors.
5. Each of the independent school districts, except for the Dallas Independent School District, shall have the right to nominate by an official resolution one (1) candidate as the fifth member of the Board of Directors. The said independent school districts shall, from the nominations received, elect by a majority vote, with each independent school district being entitled to one (1) vote, the fifth member of the Board of Directors.

The votes required for election to the Board of Directors in 4 and 5 hereof shall be by a majority of those authorized to vote in 4 and 5 respectively and not by a majority of the quorum, and

WHEREAS, the \_\_\_\_\_ Independent School District does hereby cast its vote by marking the ballot below: (Check one only)

- Jerry O. Jones**
- Tom Kennedy**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the \_\_\_\_\_ Independent School District does hereby confirm its one (1) vote for the election of \_\_\_\_\_ as the suburban school districts' representative to the Board of Directors of the Dallas Central Appraisal District.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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PRESIDENT, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
SECRETARY, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SEAL:

## **Jerry O. Jones**

It has been my privilege to serve as your representative on the Dallas Central Appraisal District (DCAD) Board of Directors since January 2006. I have enjoyed representing the Suburban School Districts. I hope that you have been pleased with the manner in which I have carried out my duties and responsibilities as a Director and as past Chairman.

I retired from Garland ISD in December 2005 with fifteen years experience. I was employed with the City of Mesquite and Mesquite ISD for twenty years. I have over thirty five years experience in school finance. With this experience I understand the importance of local values and timely delivery of the certified tax roll.

I have been involved with the DCAD for many years as an employee and currently as a member of the Board of Directors. I believe that the Dallas Central Appraisal District is one of the best in the State of Texas.

It has been my pleasure to be your public servant on this important Board for these many years and thank you for the opportunity to serve. I would like to continue to represent the Suburban School Districts for the next two years.

## **Tom Kennedy**

Tom was elected to the Duncanville ISD Board of Trustees, Place One, in May of 2004. This is the second time Tom has served the district as a Board of Trustee; his previous service was from 1991 to 1997. Since moving to Duncanville in 1987, Tom has been an active community member and supporter of Duncanville ISD. He has served in a number of roles including service as PTA President at three campuses, a member of several campus site based teams, and as a member of the District Advisory Council.

Tom is very supportive of the education process and believes that it is most important to capture the hearts and minds of our children in the early years of their education. He also believes that parental involvement is the key to student success.

Tom believes that we must do whatever is needed to attract top teachers and administrators to the district and to provide for our students the best educational facilities possible. Tom believes in and supports the diversity our school system reflects. He believes that the school district must provide every opportunity to all students regardless of their background.

A local business owner since 1987 when he relocated his company to Duncanville from the Chicago area, Tom has been very involved in the community. He has served on the Duncanville Chamber Board of Directors, he is a graduate of Leadership Southwest, and an active member of the Duncanville Rotary Club.

Tom graduated from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock with a degree in Biology. He and his wife Sherry have three grown children. Tom and his family attend Duncanville's First Baptist Church.