



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC Region One Education Service Center Election of Board of Directors

SUBMITTED BY: Juan J. Cruz **OF:** School Attorney

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: March 23, 2016

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the United ISD Board of Trustees approve the Region One Education Service Center Election of Board of Directors.

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:

Laura A. McCoy
Place 3
Webb County

Laura currently works as Chief Financial Officer for Laredo Horizons Development Corporation, a property management firm in Laredo, TX. She has over twenty years in the field of accounting and over ten years in the field of public education. She began her public education career in the finance department of Laredo Independent School District. Mrs. McCoy also worked for the Zapata County Independent School District as the Chief Financial Officer. Under her leadership the Zapata County Independent School District's Business Office received multiple awards. She was also employed as Chief Financial Officer of Webb Consolidated Independent School District.

She received her Bachelors of Business Administration in accounting from the University Of Notre Dame, her Master's in Public Administration from Texas A&M International University, and a Masters in Educational Administration from Capella University. She is a graduate of JW Nixon High School in Laredo, TX.

Laura is married to Eduardo R. McCoy, Jr and they are the proud parents of three Laredo Independent School District students, Eddie, Jacob and Katelyn. Eddie and Jacob attend JW Nixon High School, and Katelyn attends MS Ryan Elementary School.

Mrs. McCoy is very involved in her school district; she presently serves as a PTO officer at Ryan Elementary School, the District Education Improvement Council and is a member of the School Health Advisory Council. In addition to these activities she is also active with the Notre Dame Club of Laredo and currently serves as President. She is also currently serving on the Hispanic Alumni Board of the University of Notre Dame.

Dear Trustee's,

My name is George Beckelhymer and I am seeking a seat on the Region One ESC board of directors, Place 3, which represents Webb County. I will briefly outline and highlight some of my experiences that I hope will convince you of my qualifications to fill this position.

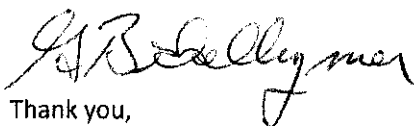
I am the son of the late Edward Allen Beckelhymer Jr of Laredo and the late Maria de Lourdes del Valle of Nuevo Laredo. I am married to Priscilla (Martinez) and we have four children ages 3, 7, 15 and 18 years. I am the President of El Bufalo Enterprises which engages in the business of pawn loans, money services, postal mail boxes and real estate endeavors. We have been in business for over 20 years with 11 stand-alone stores and over 60 employees.

From May 2002 until November 2012 I served as Laredo Independent School District (Dist. 4) Trustee. In my 10.5 years as a trustee I served as Secretary, Vice President and President. I looked on the entire district as my responsibility and not just District 4 schools. Some items I championed are the following:

- *early childhood education where I pushed for full day pre-k3 classes with dedicated teacher aides
- *nutrition overhaul making all options healthy including low fat and whole grain enhancements, participation in the fresh fruits and vegetables program and water to drink in all cafeterias
- *charter and current member of LISD's School Health Advisory Council (SHAC), since 2004
- *brought back daily PE and introduced recess at all elementary schools
- *original supporter of LISD's Early College High School which is nationally ranked
- *introduced district wide school based flu shot program which has been copied nationwide
- *instrumental in bringing Dr A. Marcus Nelson to Laredo ISD in 2009; eventual winner Superintendent of the year for Texas

From 1997-2004, I served on Laredo's Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) with 5 of those years as its chairperson. The CEAC is made up of City council appointed members that meet monthly with the Environmental Department staff to further environmental related topics and report directly to our individual council members. During my time of service, we were instrumental in the creation of Laredo's Hazardous Materials ordinance, Municipal Sanitary Storm Sewer System (MS-4) updates, Commercial Liter Abatement ordinance and the Green Spaces ordinance. In 2002 in my capacity as chairperson of the CEAC and as LISD trustee I introduced an environmental education partnership between the City and school district. This was received extremely well and eventually, the City was nominated by the TCEQ for the Governors Excellence Award for this unique partnership and effort; and we won!

I am eager to once again participate in South Texas public schools education. Your careful consideration is appreciated.


Thank you,