

July 12, 2012

Superintendent Donny O'Dell
Celina ISD
205 S Colorado St
Celina, TX 75009-6441

Dear Superintendent O'Dell,

I am writing to ask for your Board's endorsement of me as your TASB Board Region 10, Position D Director¹.

I am the immediate past president for the Cedar Hill ISD Board of Trustees. I have ten years of board service with 2 more years remaining in my current term. My leadership roles include serving as President and Vice-President for seven of those ten years.

I believe that my experience in transforming a district from one that ten years ago was on the State Comptroller's radar due to underperformance and inefficiencies to one that today is Recognized and 4.5 stars on the Comptroller's F.A.S.T. study is quite unique. Even more notable is that our children have clearly demonstrated that being 44% at-risk, 56% economically disadvantaged, and a 90% minority-majority demographic are not obstacles to academic achievement. I am very proud of our children!

My board service has been child-centered, achievement oriented, and founded upon accountability, fiscal responsibility and transparency...and with your endorsement, I remain committed to serving you and your district's children via the TASB Board in the same manner.

For your convenience, I have enclosed a partially completed endorsement form reflecting all my relevant information as your endorsed candidate. Please complete the form after acting upon the endorsement during a duly called meeting of your Board. The completed form should be submitted to TASB via facsimile at 512-467-3554.

Please contact me at dan.hernandez@chisd.net with any questions.

Thank you for your time and I hope to count on your endorsement.

Sincerely,



Dan Hernandez

¹ TASB Bylaws Article VI, Section 2, D (4) By August 29, any Active Member endorsements of candidates shall be received in the Austin office of the Association for such endorsements to be considered. An Active Member may endorse only one candidate for each open Director position within its Association Region. Only candidates who have complied with the requirements of Article VI, Section 2(D)(2) may be endorsed. Endorsements adopted by an Active Member before July 3 or endorsements that are not on the endorsement form provided by the Association in a given year shall not be accepted. An Active Member's nomination of one of its trustees [Article VI, Section 2D(2)] shall be considered the Active Member's endorsement for that Director position.

ENDORSEMENT FORM

Date _____

Sylvester E. Vasquez, Jr., Chair
 TASB Nominations Committee
 P. O. Box 400
 Austin, Texas 78767-0400

This form to be used to endorse a nominated individual from a BOARD within your TASB Region who has completed the July 2, 2012 requirements.

Endorsements will only be accepted if acted on from JULY 3 to AUGUST 29. Must be received in the TASB Austin office on or before AUGUST 29, 2012

Dear Mr. Vasquez:

Our school board endorses the candidacy of the following individual nominated to fill a position on the TASB Board of Directors.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

NAME: Dan Hernandez
 SCHOOL DISTRICT: Cedar Hill ISD
 MAILING ADDRESS: 285 Uptown Blvd, Bldg. 300
 CITY: Cedar Hill , TEXAS ZIP 75104

This endorsement was approved by our school district's board of trustees at a duly called meeting on _____
 (Date)

Sincerely,

 (BOARD PRESIDENT)

NAME: _____
 SCHOOL DISTRICT: _____
 MAILING ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____, TEXAS ZIP _____

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 TASB, Attn: Management Services
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 or FAX (512) 467-3554**



July 17, 2012

Dear Region 10 Superintendent and Board President,

I am corresponding to you to request support and endorsement from you and your Board of Trustees for Sherman ISD trustee, Kate Whitfield, to represent Region 10 school districts in Position D as a Texas Association of School Boards Director.

Mrs. Whitfield is beginning her 6th year as a Sherman ISD school board member. She has served as Sherman ISD Board President and Vice-President. She has also served as a TASB delegate as well as a member of the Leadership TASB Class of 2011, earning the designation as Master Trustee.

A graduate of Fordham University and Boston University School of Law, she practices contracts and business law in Sherman Texas. She is an advocate for children through her servant leadership at the local, regional and state levels. She received the "Star of Texas" Award from MHMR; she has been named Region 10 Parent of the Year by the Texas Association of the Gifted and Talented; and she is a volunteer coach for "Girls on the Run", a healthy lifestyle program for young girls, which culminates in running 5K's each semester.

I have known Mrs. Whitfield for 12 years. As superintendent, I have had the opportunity to work closely with her and observe her deep concern for and strong commitment to the health and support of Texas and Region 10 school districts. She leads by example and many people find her enthusiasm and dedication both inspiring and motivating. Although she does not function as an attorney for the Sherman district or the Board, she has shared her contract drafting and analysis skills with the Board committees that she has worked on. She has always been willing to go above and beyond to support the mission of Texas public schools.

Mrs. Whitfield was president of the Board when we learned the 82nd Legislature would substantially reduce funding in the 2011-12 school year. She worked collaboratively with me, the assistant superintendent for finance, and the rest of the Board to plan a successful district strategy. Through conservative and creating planning, she helped craft a balanced budget that required no layoffs, minimized the impact on students and classrooms and left our district reserve funds untouched. The work also set the stage for a follow-up balanced budget for the 2012-13 school year. I witnessed her lead the Sherman ISD Board in a manner that calmly faced this extreme financial distress in a careful, deliberate and collaborative way, which was important in our success.

As an experienced school board officer, Leadership TASB graduate and experienced business attorney who has demonstrated a passion for supporting public education, I highly recommend Mrs. Kate Whitfield for the position of TASB Director, Position D, and hope that you and your Board of Trustees will consider endorsing her for this position.

Please find enclosed a bio for Mrs. Whitfield and a TASB endorsement form.

Thank you very much for your consideration of Mrs. Kate Whitfield for TASB Board of Directors, Region 10 Position D.

If you should have questions, please contact Mrs. Whitfield or me at 903-891-6400.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'A. Hambrick'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

A. Hambrick, Superintendent
Sherman ISD

Region 10D



Kate Whitfield was elected to the Sherman ISD Board of Trustees in May 2007. She has served her board as vice-president and president and has been Sherman's delegate to Delegate Assembly since her election in 2007.

Born on Staten Island, New York, Kate graduated from Fordham University and Boston University School of Law. Before Kate moved to Texas with her husband, Larry, a Lubbock native, she was an entertainment lawyer and negotiator in Los Angeles for CBS, Paramount and NBC. She now practices contracts and business law, part-time, in Sherman. Kate is also an active community volunteer for children, including her newest commitment as a coach for "Girls on the Run", a healthy lifestyle program for young girls, which culminates in running 5K's each semester.

Kate has received the "Star of Texas" Award from MHMR and was named Region 10's Parent of the Year in 2003 by the Texas Association of the Gifted & Talented.

Kate is a 2011 graduate of Leadership TASB, receiving her master trustee certification in May of that year. Since then, with her LTASB project group, she has been a presenter of "Educating in a Tough Economy" at the Delegate Assembly/Convention, MidWinter Conference and at SLI in San Antonio and Fort Worth.

Now that the youngest of the three Texas public school educated Whitfields is off to UT Austin in August, Kate looks forward to having the time and, with your help, the opportunity to serve on the TASB Board, Region 10D.

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P. O. Box 400
Austin, Texas 78767-0400

Dear Mr. Vasquez:

Our school board endorses the candidacy of the following individual nominated to fill a position on the TASB Board of Directors.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

NAME: Kate Whitfield
SCHOOL DISTRICT: Sherman Independent School District
MAILING ADDRESS: 220C-7 Sunset Blvd., PMB 128
CITY: SHERMAN, TEXAS ZIP 75092

This endorsement was approved by our school district's board of trustees at a duly called meeting on _____.
(Date)

Sincerely,

(BOARD PRESIDENT)

NAME: _____
SCHOOL DISTRICT: _____
MAILING ADDRESS: _____
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Teamwork for Excellence



July 3, 2012

Dear Education Leaders,

The Plano Independent School District is pleased to present Trustee Missy Bender for your consideration as a member of the Texas Association of School Boards, Board of Directors representing Region 10 Position D.

Missy is entering her 6th year as a trustee and has previously served in the officer position of secretary. Her leadership and community relations skills have been a powerful combination in our district and will certainly be applicable to the TASB Board of Directors.

She has earned TASB's designation of Master Trustee as a graduate of Leadership TASB, served as a member of TASB's Legislative Advocacy Council, and actively participated in statewide legislative and advocacy issues that empower local boards in their pursuit to provide an education that prepares students for success in life.

From July 3 to August 29, 2012, active member school boards may endorse a nominated individual from their TASB region (Region 10). The Plano ISD Board of Trustees and administration ask that you place the nomination of Trustee Missy Bender on your upcoming agenda and endorse her as your Region 10 representative to TASB. You have previously received the official endorsement form (blue form) to be returned to the TASB office with your endorsement before August 29, 2012.

Thank you for your consideration and support of Missy Bender as a dynamic leader for 21st Century Learning.

Sincerely,

Richard Matkin
Superintendent of Schools

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Tammy Richards
School Board President



Missy Bender
Region 10 D

Missy Bender was elected to serve a second term on the Plano Independent School District Board of Trustees in May 2009. She held the office of board secretary from 2008 to 2011. Missy is a Plano ISD graduate and received her bachelor's degree in marketing from Southern Methodist University. She began her career as a management consultant specializing in strategic planning and technology solutions for Fortune 500 clients in North America and Europe.

Missy is a graduate of Leadership Plano, Leadership St. Andrew and Leadership TASB (Texas Association of School Boards). She was recently selected as a member of Leadership Texas in addition to being appointed by the Texas Education Agency to its Accountability Policy Advisory Committee. She earned the prestigious designation of "Master Trustee" from TASB, is a Fellow with the Center for Reform of School Systems and was named one of "21 Leaders for the 21st Century" by Inside Collin County Business. She is a co-founder of Trustees for Texas, an organization whose purpose is to create a unified and powerful voice to transform education in Texas. She is also a frequent presenter at school board conferences with other trustees and superintendents across Texas. Missy has served on the TASB Legislative Advocacy Committee and frequently testifies to the legislative education committees on behalf of Plano ISD and all Texas school districts. She has also represented the district as a member of the Federal Relations Network in Washington, DC.

Missy has served on the Boards of Directors for the Junior League of Plano, Plano Metro Rotary Club, Harrington Homeplace Homeowners Association, Practical Parent Education and Forrest Outreach Foundation. She currently serves as a member of the Chairman's Council for Texas Health Resources Plano, Conner Harrington Republican Women and National Charity League.

Missy is interested in taking her commitment to transform lives through education to a new level and would welcome the opportunity to work with the TASB Board of Directors to advance toward that goal.

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