

Sulphur Springs Union School District

Application for Board of Trustees Provisional Appointment

May 21, 2020

Please complete the application information below and the information sheet, and provide any additional background information you feel will help the Board of Trustees in their deliberations to select a trustee. Completed application materials are due in the Superintendent's Office **no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 12, 2020**. Please note that your answers will be available to members of the public.

Interviews will be held in open session of the Board on **June 17, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.**

PRIMARY QUALIFICATIONS OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

(pursuant to Education Code section 35107)

- Candidates must be 18 years of age or older
- ~~Candidates must be a U.S. citizen~~
- Candidates must be a registered voter
- Candidates must be a resident of the Sulphur Springs Union School District
- Employees of the District are eligible to serve on the Board, however, prior to taking office, the employee must resign from District employment
- ~~Candidates must reside in the~~ Trustee Area # 3 (See District Website for Map)

FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last): ALAN JEROME FERDMAN

PERMANENT RESIDENT ADDRESS: 27248 WALNUT SPRINGS AVE
(Street Address)

CANYON COUNTRY 91351
(City) (Zip Code)

NUMBER OF YEARS RESIDING IN DISTRICT: 55

DAYTIME TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

EVENING TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

OCCUPATION: RETIRED AEROSPACE DEPARTMENT/PROJECT MANAGER

SIGNATURE: Alan Jerome Ferdman

DATE: 6/2/20

Candidate Survey Sheet
Sulphur Springs Union School District

Please complete this section:

Name ALAN FERDMAN
Home Address 27248 WALNUT SPRINGS AVE CC 91551
Home Telephone _____ Cell Phone [REDACTED]

Verification of Education Code Section 35107 requirements:

	Yes	No
Are you 18 years of age or older?	<u>✓</u>	<u>_____</u>
Are you a citizen?	<u>✓</u>	<u>_____</u>
Do you reside with the Sulphur Springs Union School District?	<u>✓</u>	<u>_____</u>
Are you a registered voter?	<u>✓</u>	<u>_____</u>
Are you disqualified by the Constitution or the laws of the state from holding a civil office?	<u>_____</u>	<u>✓</u>
Do you live in the trustee area with the vacancy? (Area #3)	<u>✓</u>	<u>_____</u>
A. Have you ever received a reward for appointment to an office?	<u>_____</u>	<u>✓</u>
B. Have you asked or received a bribe for the purposes of obtaining an office or election?	<u>_____</u>	<u>✓</u>
C. Have you been convicted of embezzlement or falsification of accounts?	<u>_____</u>	<u>✓</u>
D. Have you been convicted of forgery?	<u>_____</u>	<u>✓</u>
E. Have you been convicted of racketeering, extortion or conspiracy?	<u>_____</u>	<u>✓</u>
F. Have you ever been impeached from office?	<u>_____</u>	<u>✓</u>
G. Have you been convicted of inhumanity to prisoners?	<u>_____</u>	<u>✓</u>
H. Have you ever served as a legislator and been found in contempt of the legislature?	<u>_____</u>	<u>✓</u>
I. Have you been convicted for neglect or violation of official duty?	<u>_____</u>	<u>✓</u>
J. Have you been convicted for illegal participation in public contracts and conveyances?	<u>_____</u>	<u>✓</u>
K. Have you been convicted of perjury?	<u>_____</u>	<u>✓</u>
L. Have you ever been convicted of accepting travel/transportation passes or discounts?	<u>_____</u>	<u>✓</u>
M. Have you taken an oath of assumption of foreign obligations?	<u>_____</u>	<u>✓</u>

I certify that the above information is accurate and truthful. I understand that any false statement of material facts can cause forfeiture of my application to be a member of the SSUSD Board of Trustees.

Alan Ferdman 6/2/20
Signature Date

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Do you have children who attend school in the Sulphur Springs Union School District? NOT CURRENTLY

If yes, ages and school (s) are: BOTH MY SONS, NOW ADULTS, ATTENDED CANYON SPRINGS (THEN "HONEY") ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Have you worked on any school committees or participated in any school activities recently? If yes, NO please list them. _____

Other community or business activities? _____

Why do you want to be a school board member? _____

What do you see as the basic purpose of the public schools? _____

What is the role of the school board in the fulfillment of that purpose? _____

What could be done to help improve communication and relationships among the Board, staff, students, parents and community? _____

What should be the relationship between the board members and the administration in addressing school concerns? _____

In what area of function as a board member do you have a particular interest or skill (i.e., public relations, budget, negotiations, evaluation, long-range planning, facilities, policy, etc.)? _____

What do you see as the strengths of the Sulphur Springs Union School District? _____

What do you see as the areas most needing improvement in the District? _____

Alan Ferdman

Community Activities

Treasurer, Samuel Dixon Family Health Centers
Vice-Chair, Old Town Newhall Association Board of Directors
Vice-Chair, Senior Center Advisory Council
CEO, Santa Clarita Community Council

Why the School Board?

I believe as a community, we are facing some very challenging times specifically in relation to school funding and curriculum. Decisions the board makes today will drive the viability of our Grammar school system for many years to come.

Purpose of Public Schools

To ensure all our residents children benefit from learning the basic skills needed to carry them through their lifetime.

Role of the Board

To set school policy, to be visionaries, and to monitor school operations by having established measurable goals, which are at the center of periodic board attention.

Improve Communication

While Board members must be allowed access to staff, they should refrain from attempting to direct staff outside of the normal administrative process. From the standpoint of Students and Parents, being visible and accessible at special events, along with the possibly of conducting some virtual Town Halls, will not only make the board members better informed relative to student needs, but would also give parents enhanced confidence the board is looking out for their children.

Relationship between the board and Administration in addressing school concerns

I am a proponent of having a Board of Directors clearly designate, "decisions they reserve for themselves" while allowing the administration first crack at resolving any issue which may come up. In the event an issue is raised to the board level, and the Administration has had the opportunity to mitigate the problem, the board still retains the ultimate authority. Should the board necessitate the Administration's decision be circumvented, the board must review and make the necessary modifications to their policies and practices in order to prevent future recurrence.

Interest and Skills

Department and Project Management, Risk Management, Hardware and Software Procurement, and I had 4 years classroom experience at the college level.