

# 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: 

DATE: 6/2/20



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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? \_\_\_\_\_

*See attached sheet*

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.

### Interests and Skills

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