



THE LINDALE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

EDUCATING EVERY CHILD EVERY DAY

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LINDALE ISD SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

January is School Board Recognition Month which is a great time to focus on the crucial role the Lindale Independent School District's Board of Trustees plays in our community and school district. As elected officials, our board of trustees are the voice of our Lindale community, serving first and foremost in the best interest of our children.

"We are extremely fortunate to have seven great men serving the Lindale community and the school district," said the Lindale ISD Superintendent, Stan Surratt. "They certainly have done a wonderful job in setting high expectations for our district and have provided leadership for myself and our entire faculty. The Lindale ISD Board of Trustees deeply care about the students and families in Lindale. We are truly blessed with a great school board."

Region 7 Education Service Center announced that the Lindale ISD Board of Trustees were named the 2018 Regional School Board of the Year. In the last several years, LISD trustees have established or revised more than 200 policies. These policies are not intended to allow the board to micromanage district affairs; rather, they hold the entire district, including teachers and administrators, to higher standards. Policies adopted or revised in the last several years include Safety Programs/Risk Management, Employee Welfare, Funds Management and numerous others.

In 2016, the Board approved a plan to initiate its own police force, now employing a total of five police officers.

“There is nothing more important than keeping our students, teachers, staff members and school visitors safe during the school day,” said LISD board member Kelly Cox. “This initiative will allow for more coverage each day to the six campuses in the district.”

In November 2017 and 2018, Lindale ISD was recognized as a financially responsible district by the Texas Education Agency’s “Superior Achievement” rating. Surratt named the effort of staff members, who are conscious of the district’s taxpayers regarding LISD expenses.

“Our LISD Board of Trustees deserve a great deal of credit for their fiscal management,” said Surratt.

Other recent accomplishments include the passing of the Lindale ISD bond, lowering the property tax rate for district homeowners, increasing the teacher pay scale to remain competitive among other districts, and implementing “the Lindale TJC Promise”, a program that allows high school students to earn scholarships based on student performance that can ultimately pay for two years of tuition and fees at Tyler Junior College.

It’s important that the public supports our schools so that today’s students are prepared to be productive citizens and the leaders of tomorrow. The Lindale ISD’s board members provide vision and leadership in their roles as advocates, and they will continue to stand up for public education.

Recognizing board members for this commitment and sacrifice takes a combined effort on the part of all those they serve: administrators, school staff, students and the community. Although showing appreciation should be a year-round process, taking advantage of the

designated School Board Recognition Month assures that these important people receive some of the appreciation that they deserve.

Board members serving Lindale ISD are:

LISD Board President, Mike Combs

Mr. Combs was elected to the LISD board in 2006. He is married to his wife Rachel Combs of 39 years. He has two sons who are both LISD graduates and reside in Lindale, Texas.

LISD Board Vice-President, Robert McGee

Mr. McGee and his wife of 20+ years have two children in the school district, and are very active within the Lindale community. McGee is a 1993 graduate of UT Tyler and has lived in the Lindale community since 1995.

LISD Board Secretary, Donny Williams

Donny Williams joined the Lindale ISD school board in May 2015 in the Place Six position.

LISD Board Member, Kelly Cox

Mr. Cox was elected to the board of trustees in 2011. He and his wife Jennifer have two children and have lived in the district since 2002.

LISD Board Member, Gary Camp

Gary Camp is a 1975 graduate of Lindale High School and a 1979 alumni of UT Tyler. He is married to his high school sweetheart, Susan Melvin Camp. Together they have three children.

LISD Board Member, Kenneth Cline

Kenneth Cline is a graduate of Lindale High School and attended college at Tyler Junior College, Texas Tech University and Louisiana State University. He and his wife Carol have three children and 10 grandchildren.

LISD Board Member, Brooks Beeler

Brooks Beeler is a 1989 graduate of Lindale ISD. He went on to graduate from Tyler Junior College with an Associate of Arts Degree. He has been married to his wife Melissa for 23 years and they have 4 children.

The Lindale ISD's Board of Trustees are extraordinary people who voluntarily tackle the enormous job of governing our school district. Their actions and decisions affect the present and future lives of our children.

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