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VOTERS GUIDE

May 10, 2014, Local Election
Allen Mayor, City Council & ISD

Early voting: April 28 – May 6 | Election Day: May 10 – Polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

About This Voters Guide

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This guide lists candidates for Allen Mayor, City Council and ISD board of trustees as shown in the table of contents. It is available online at **www.lwvcollin.org**, along with a separate guide for Wylie Mayor and City Council. Candidate responses for all races are also available at **www.VOTE411.org**, including a feature that allows voters to enter an address and review races specific to that address.

Questionnaires were sent to all candidates who will appear on the ballot for the Allen elections, whether or not the race is contested. Candidate replies were subject to a character limit and are printed without editing or verification. If a candidate did not respond by the print deadline, "No response received" is printed. Later responses may appear in VOTE411. Candidates were asked to avoid references to their opponents. Photos are included for candidates who provided them.

This *Voters Guide* is organized by office, with candidates listed in the order in which they will appear on the ballot.

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Qualifications for Voting

To vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, registered to vote, a resident of the county, and at least 18 years old on Election Day. You must not have been declared mentally incapacitated by a court of law. If you have been convicted of a felony, you may register to vote only after you have completed the punishment phase of your conviction, including any terms of incarceration, parole, supervision, or period of probation ordered by the court.

You must register to vote at least 30 days before the election date. The last day to register to vote in the May 10 election is April 10.

Where to Vote

Collin County voters may vote at any Collin County vote center during early voting and election day.

For polling locations and sample ballots, visit www.co.collin.tx.us/elections or call the Collin County Elections Office at 800-687-8546 (toll-free).

A photo ID is now required to vote in person. See **What to Take to the Polls** on the back page.

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Allen Mayor & City Council

3-year term, elected citywide. Must be at least 18 years old, a qualified voter, and a resident of the city. The City Council does strategic planning, approves annual budget, sets policy, enacts ordinances establishing municipal law, regulates zoning and development and appoints board and commission members.

QUESTIONS

Budget: What are your priorities for the city's budget?

Growth: What challenges will the continuing growth of your city present with respect to open space, commercial development and residential development, including affordable housing? How would you address them?

Homelessness: Homelessness, including teenagers and families with children, continues to be a problem. What should the city do to address this issue?

Water: Since the proposed state water plan emphasizes conserving water supplies, should your city do more to encourage conservation? If so, what specific measures would you support?

Transportation: Do you see traffic congestion as a problem in your city at this time or in the near future? If so, what would you recommend to improve it?

Health and Safety: What do you see as the primary health and safety concerns in your city? How would you address them?

Other Issues: What are the most important issues you think will come before the City Council in the next few years? What are your views on these issues?

Allen Mayor

Candidates (1):

Steve Terrell – Candidate for Allen Mayor

No response received by print deadline; later responses may be in VOTE411.

Allen City Council, Place 2

Candidates (2):

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Experience: Served as honorary co-chairman Business Advisory board for national republican congressional committee. As business leader integrating successful business practice with unfailing support for tax relief which earned me national leadership award.

Budget: Effective use of tax dollars toward development preserving older neighborhood for historical look and integrity. More effective traffic management system, public safety through police and fire department

Growth: At this point city of Allen does not have any particular program for affordable housing I will work through developers to create an plan for better development as far as open space we do need to preserved for environmental reasons but still we do have Acers and Acers of land to bring business which can create local job and contribute to local economy. As pro business leader I will work effectively to support that. Allen is growing city and according to projection city will grow 2.8% next two years we need to be proactive to develop a flaw less plan toward building and rebuilding.

Homelessness: Unfortunately homelessness is growing problem in America we need to be proactive and be involved in community to find out and reach people for help before it become an issue I need I will work personally with different church groups and other charities to help people I believe when you help some one with right hand left hand should not know and if you help some one left hand right hand should not know to protect others integrity and respect. Helping other it is not an option it is responsibility we all have.
Water: Yes we need to do more to educate people through different ways such as signs news letters through our church's community events also we need to be proactive for water use even though we are not that situation. Remember water is a absolute necessity without water life is not even possible. I will support council team and every single person in city hall and listen and communicate through people of Allen to conserving water.
Transportation: Yes sine I moved to Allen 5 years ago I do see a traffic congestion two reasons one city has grow its self and also neighboring cities. There is two types of traffic internal and external. Internal traffic is with in city limits which can be improve through better traffic management for instance building more right hand turn lanes, clear signs , synchronizing traffic lights, smoothers roadways and better planning during construction. External traffic is when people of different cities are passing by whether for business or pleasure we need to work with neighboring cities and come up with plan.
Health and Safety: Biggest concerns I have traffic condition which we need to address road hazardous accidents and power lines in some of older home backyards. We need to physically go out with concerns department and listen those home owners and resolved them as a top priority base.
Other Issues: As we know city of Allen one of the most desirable city to raise family but as a growing city will face challenges such use of public utilities such as water, trash roadways traffic it will take an person who will connect to the people of Allen and have a desire to serve and proven leadership skill and stewardship to make city of Allen choice of raising families. We want to become an example>

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Budget: • Council has lowered City Tax rate for the last 20 consecutive years • City finances remain solid with excellent budget process, AAA bond rating, and healthy fund reserves • Continue to closely watch economic signals and maintain a cautious, frugal, and balanced budget for all our citizens
Growth: We are approaching build out and we need to insure we make well planned decisions effecting the remaining development in Allen. 121 corridor, our remaining residential land, and our central business district all need to be carefully planned.
Homelessness: We need to partner with other cities in Collin County to understand the extent of this growing problem. Samaritan Inn is a good start but we need to expand what is being done.
Water: City of Allen is working on a new conservation plan to be released later this year. It will introduce a number of measures designed to help Allen and the other member cities in the North Texas Municipal Water District reduce the amount of water being used. I am the Council liaison to the NTMWD board members that represent Allen.
Transportation: We continue to work with the RTC and the NCTCOG, as well as TXDOT toward the long term mobility plans. Widening US75 project begins soon which will add capacity to the corridor between Plano and McKinney/121 North.

Health and Safety: Rated annually as one of the safest city in Texas – outstanding public service teams with Fire and Police. We have state of the art EMT services as well as one of the finest park systems in Texas. Keep doing what we are doing.

Other Issues: Build out for Allen, 121 development, transportation, and transitioning from a growth environment to a sustain and maintain mode. We have a good master plan and we need to stay on our course.

Allen ISD Board of Trustees

3-year term, elected district wide. Must be at least 18 years old, a United States citizen, a qualified voter and a resident of the District. The Board of Trustees makes all final decisions regarding school district priorities, policies, personnel, textbooks, expenditures and growth management. Trustees adopt a budget, levy taxes and submit bond issues to finance construction projects.

QUESTIONS

Finances: What has been the impact of reduced state funding on your school district? What solution do you propose?

Vouchers: How would vouchers to private schools and/or an increase in charter schools affect your school district?

Students: What is your district doing to meet the needs of students who are not college-bound? Should anything else be done and, if so, how could it be funded?

Growth: What issues does the district have as a result of population growth, increased number of homeless children, and/or changing demographics? How would you address them?

Curriculum: What is your opinion about the current curriculum requirements?

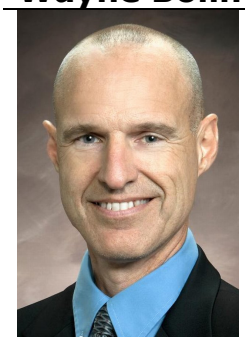
Teachers: What is the best way to attract and retain good teachers?

Other Issues: What are the most important issues you think will come before the school district in the next few years? What are your views on these issues?

Allen ISD Trustee, Place 6

Candidates (2):

Wayne Boline – Candidate for Allen ISD Trustee, Place 6



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Experience: *The President's Volunteer Service Award Gold - 2013 *Assistant Scoutmaster (Founder), Boy Scout Troop 2112 *Assistant Scoutmaster, Boy Scout Troop 306 *Allen Escadrille Board - Food Services *Allen Escadrille Pit Bull *Host Family, German Exchange Student 2010/11 *Allen HS Choir Booster Club Scholarship Chair *Allen HS Choir Booster Club Webmaster *Lowery PTA Scholarship Chair *Allen HS After Prom Volunteer *Allen HS Campus Improvement Team *Lowery Campus Improvement Team *Texas State Technical College Network Security Advisory Committee *Collin College CyberSecurity Industry Advisory Board

Finances: The impact of reduced state funding led to the Allen ISD Tax Ratification Election (TRE) in October 2011 that passed with a 60% approval rate. The TRE made up about $500 per student spending, however the spending per student is on a continual down

slide so it is critical that the district be as efficient as possible and ensure that each dollar spent is directly tied to positive student outcomes. Hiring and retaining quality teachers and providing them the necessary resources to deliver instruction in the classroom must be the priority. After that we must prioritize and make hard decisions.

Vouchers: While I support choice for parents when it comes to the education of their children I do not support tax dollars following the student that may leave AISD for a private or charter school. Predictable student enrollment numbers and tax revenue are critical in order to make quality strategic decisions regarding teacher numbers, class sizes, facility sizes, and to properly fund all aspects of the district. It is already increasingly difficult to manage student enrollment numbers given the amount of land in the Allen area that could move from commercial to residential and be developed.

Students: AISD, via the Career & Technical Education Center at Allen HS, provides the broadest range of opportunities available to a high school student in Texas, if not the nation. Examples are JROTC, culinary arts, ag sciences, health care professions, and communications. High quality facilities are available to our students with the best example being the culinary arts center and Blu Restaurant. We cannot rest on our laurels and must ensure the technology is kept up to date and new programs and certifications, such as cybersecurity, are introduced when appropriate to keep up with industry advances.

Growth: Homelessness does exist in Allen and I have interacted with homeless students and their families through my volunteering at a local food pantry. According to the Samaritan Inn shelter in McKinney, most school districts surrounding AISD have a single POC that work with them on homeless issues but with AISD they work with individual school counselors. I would focus homeless issues in AISD under a single individual and attempt to make attending school the last thing a homeless family has to struggle with. A quality education can be the path out of homelessness and we must support it completely.

Curriculum: When I moved to Allen 8 years ago I was pleasantly surprised to see strong curriculum requirements that entailed 4 credits each of math, science, and English and 2 credits of foreign language. The recent introduction of HB5 created five endorsements that will allow high school students to focus their program of study, with the involvement of parents and counselors, on areas that may interest them. Although Algebra II is no longer required, we must ensure students and parents are fully aware of the implications of not taking the class and the impact it may have on their future education goals.

Teachers: The best way to attract and retain good teachers is to provide them competitive pay and a conducive environment in which to conduct their profession, that being the classroom. This means maintaining manageable class sizes and providing necessary classroom supplies and resources so they are not expected to ask students to provide supplies or fund it out of pocket. It also means showing respect for them and their profession by providing opportunities for advanced and specialized education to further develop as a teacher. This should be the top priority for the limited resources of the district.

Other Issues: One of the most important issues AISD will have to deal with is the growing student population driven by development of commercial land rezoned to residential and the Allen community attracting families looking for a quality family environment. It will take a great deal of attention and creative thinking to manage the growth in the face of fiscal constraints to ensure we do not overcrowd the classrooms or create an unnecessary amount of student movement via attendance boundary changes. Student enrollment cuts across all areas as it impacts costs, quality of education, and teacher morale.

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Education: I am a 1987 graduate of Baylor University with a BA in Sociology.

Experience: I am in my 7th year on the Allen ISD Board of Trustees and in my first year as President. Prior to serving on the board I was a PTA President at the elementary, middle school and high school levels and served on many district committees. As a school board member, I served as a Texas Association of School Board's voting delegate to the annual conference last year and am serving on the Legislative Advisory Council for the Texas Association of School Boards this year. In addition, I have been a webinar panelist for TASB in the area of Board Candidate training.

Finances: Allen taxpayers were asked to support a TRE to increase the tax rate 13 cents to $1.50 per dollar of valuation. This increase in funds allowed us not to have to fire teachers. However, we did have to reduce hiring and our teachers taught in classrooms with more students, ultimately, affecting morale and not allowing for the individual attention that our teachers like to offer students. I would like to see some sort of premium put on efficiency and rewarding the districts that manage their funds well. These districts should be looked to as best practices districts and their methods emulated.

Vouchers: The standard for excellence is high and our students have many opportunities in Allen. Therefore, I do not feel as if vouchers or an increase in charter schools would have a large impact. However, vouchers to private schools detour funds that were intended for public school education. Private schools are not held to the same standards nor are they required to accept any student that walks through the door so they are not on a level playing field with public schools. In Allen, we feel that we can deliver a very competitive product if the expectations and criteria were the same.

Students: The passage of HB 5 allows for various paths to graduation. We will be offering 14 of the 16 strands during the 2014-2015 school year, giving students with varied goals an opportunity to investigate one or several career paths while still in high school. Some will use that to direct their studies in college and others will use the earned certificate to get a post secondary job right out of high school in certain fields. I want to make sure that all students understand the opportunities available to them to earn certifications that will enable them to begin a job above an entry level position.

Growth: Allen has been a high growth district for the past 10 years with demographic plans that show a leveling off before the next 10 years. We have built many facilities over the course of those years and now we have to manage the growth while knowing that the growth won't last and that we will have additional capacity in our schools at some point. We don't want to be caught with a lot of fairly new schools that can't be filled with students. We need to continue to watch our demographic data carefully and ensure that our current schools are utilized efficiently.

Curriculum: The new K-12 TEKS in math pushed all of the standards down a grade, beginning with Algebra 1. Therefore, what has normally been taught in 9th grade, will now be required of our 8th graders, making the curriculum beginning in Kindergarten much more rigorous. Kindergarten is not mandated, so those who enter 1st grade without it, may struggle to catch up from the very beginning. I support rigor for our students but am concerned about how this will affect the children without help at home and those who do not attend pre-kindergarten or kindergarten class.

Teachers: Allen has managed to attract and retain good teachers by providing a system where they have the best chance to help students succeed. The district must provide support for curriculum, freedom to design engaging instruction, and resources to intervene when students need additional help. This along with a competitive wage, good benefits and quality facilities are essential strategies. Our attrition rate is about 8% which is almost half the state average.

Other Issues: The most important issues are managing student achievement, capacity and funding. The focus of the district must remain on student achievement and meeting the needs of all of our students regardless of their intended path after high school. We must have room for the students we teach today, while knowing that the growth will slow down soon. We must look at all options to providing space and programs for our students that will meet

the growing demands of the marketplace. I feel the district must look at any options to fund sufficiently while reducing the tax load incurred by our taxpayers.

Allen ISD Trustee, Place 7

Candidates (3):

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Experience: 33 years in Public Education as a teacher, coach, campus and district administrator. 1 Year as an educational consulting.

Finances: As with other districts, this has put and increased burden on the taxpayer as well as the district leadership. The district leadership should research and implement ways to increase student performance and success with less cost to the district. This can be accomplished at the secondary level with creative scheduling, online and hybrid instruction. The district should continually evaluate the viability of programs and activities as they relate to participation and successes. Offering of classes or programs with low participation numbers increases the cost per student to the district.
Vouchers: Allen ISD continues to be successful as exhibited by our state test scores, graduation rates, dropout rates, SAT and ACT test scores. Our extracurricular offerings are successful as well. With that said, our enrollment would not be greatly affected vouchers or the present charters school in the area. Allen ISD makes a considerable effort to meet the need of all students but the choice of a parent to enroll their child in a private or charter school is a family decision not always related to the quality of the local public school.
Students: Allen ISD has and is currently increasing the CTE offerings for the secondary students. The district should increase its efforts to track the graduates of the district to determine a number of things. Tracking retention rates in college, career paths chosen after graduation, technical schools attended, certifications received will allow the district the opportunity to fine tune and or revise course offerings. This ensures the district is changing to meet the needs of our students. This can be achieved through the College and Career Center with a minimal addition to staff.
Growth: The districts demographics have had a tremendous change over the last 8-10 years. The district should increase staff development for teachers to increase their abilities to teach a diverse student population. The district should increase the efforts to communicate with all families in the educational community of Allen. Allen ISD should make continued efforts to assimilate new students into the district to ensure their overall success.
Curriculum: The 2013 Texas legislature created authentic choice for local school districts in terms of graduation requirements for the first time in years. The timing is perfect for Allen. The energy that has been generated in the past over capital projects needs to be redirected into community dialogue about what we believe our increasingly diverse student population requires to be successful after graduation in any career path.
Teachers: Teachers, like other professionals, are attracted not only by salary but also by benefits and working conditions. Improving salary is only part of the remedy. Increase the districts contribution to health insurance; cover the cost of off contract staff development that directly relates to student success in the classroom, increase planning and prep time for teachers. Currently teachers are often pulled from their planning and prep time for other state or district required meetings and activities that are not directly related to the success of all the students under their charge.
Other Issues: a. With the hiring of a new superintendent it is important to set a strategic

direction for the district that honors our history and values as a community while preparing our students for the future. b. With the changes that created by HB 5 the district needs to begin community dialogue concerning what we believe our increasingly diverse student population requires to be successful after graduation in any career path. c. The district as a tax entity needs to develop a financial plan that compensates teachers fairly while looking to ease the burden on taxpayers wherever possible.

Paul D. Jackson III – Candidate for Allen ISD Trustee, Place 7

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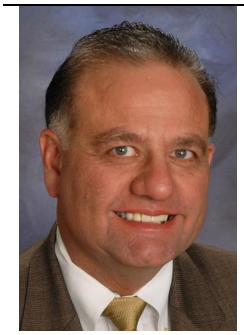
Mark Jones – Candidate for Allen ISD Trustee, Place 7



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Education: First and foremost, I am a graduate of The Texas public school system. I was fortunate enough to graduate a semester early and immediately begin college. It would have been nice to have had dual credit courses when I was in high school. I also have a BA in Political Science and a MBA from Texas Tech University. Recently, I completed an AAS degree in Heating and Air Conditioning from Eastfield College.

Experience: I have served on the Allen Board of Trustees since 2006. I am currently completing my third year at the Board's vice president. I serve on the Legislative Action Committee for the Texas Association of School Boards. There are only 200 Trustees across Texas entrusted with developing the legislative action points for the next legislative session and I am proud to represent students in Region X. I am a member of TRIAD which is an organization that is composed of the Allen City Council, the Allen ISD Board of Trustees and the Allen/Fairview Chamber of Commerce.

Finances: Our district efficiently manages its resources by prioritizing expenditures toward a challenging curriculum, instructional expectations and individualized intervention plans for students. We are ranked in the top 10 percent of the 200 largest districts for productivity in converting resources to exceptional student achievement. Our district was already taxed at the highest tax rate without a Tax Ratification Election. When the TRE was passed in 2009, it added an additional 13 cents to the tax rate. We need discretion regarding the tax rate without the need for additional TRE elections.

Vouchers: Vouchers take away approximately $300,000 in funding from the state. These funds represent less than two-tenths of a percent of our annual budget; however, these funds could be used to enhance current programs. The Allen ISD is a great district as a result of our teachers. As such, vouchers and charter schools have been of little consequence to us. When our district is significantly out performing other districts, there is little to no reason for parents to take their children out of public schools.

Students: Our district opened a Career and Technology Center in August of 2011. This center offers career pathways in healthcare, culinary arts, engineering, accounting, broadcast & journalism, graphic design and other areas. These pathways are designed to provide opportunities for students to enter the field directly after high school or continue the pathway in higher education. In this system students can select or deselect their area of interest before they leave high school. Funding these programs is driven by enrollment.

Growth: Additional low income students and students with limited English language skills require additional resources such as specifically qualified staff and innovative techniques. The district has managed this change effectively and closed the achievement gap with these students. Proven success is through an exceptional, highly-effective teacher.

Curriculum: House Bill 5 brings much needed change and relief to public education. This bill brings change to curriculum, assessment, accountability and higher education. It establishes endorsements in five categories and greatly reduces the amount of End of Course exams to five. There is much more to this bill than can be discussed in this column, but suffice to say that this landmark legislation

will be the primary focus for schools for the next several years.

Teachers: Good teachers are drawn to a system where they have the best chance to help students succeed. They need support for curriculum, freedom to design engaging instruction, and resources to intervene when students need additional help. This along with a competitive wage, good benefits and quality facilities are essential strategies. Principals must select, retain and develop teachers that are committed to improving student learning, improving their own learning and sharing this learning in professional learning teams.

Other Issues: As the district moves toward its final build out, strategic planning will be important. The district is moving from decades of high growth to a more stable era. This will create new challenges for managing campus enrollment and facility maintenance. The most important task will be changing the way we deliver secondary school instruction. We must close the gap between technology capacity and our effective use of new technologies. The cost to provide instructional services will continue to rise unless we move away from the traditional model for schooling.

You may bring this *Voters Guide* into the voting booth! In 1995, the Texas law prohibiting use of printed materials, such as this *Voters Guide*, in the polling place was ruled unconstitutional (*Texas Election Code, Section 61.011)*

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Your vote is your voice. Be heard.

What to take to the polls

Texas now requires voters to show an acceptable photo ID at the polls.

The only acceptable photo IDs are:

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) issued photo IDs

- Driver's license
- Personal identification card
- Concealed handgun license
- Election Identification Certificate

United States government issued photo IDs

- Passport
- Military identification card
- Citizenship certificate or naturalization certificate with photograph

Only the above photo IDs can be accepted at the polls. Other photo IDs including student IDs and employer IDs cannot be accepted.

Additional information about the photo ID requirements:

- ✓ The photo ID needs to be *current or have expired no more than 60 days* before voting (citizenship and naturalization certificates have no expiration date).
- ✓ The *name on the photo ID should match* the voter registration card. If names don't match, a voter may be accepted if names are "substantially similar." If names match, addresses don't need to match. If the names don't match exactly, the voter can be accepted if names are substantially similar; poll workers will look at address, date of birth, and the photo. If names are substantially similar, the voter will initial a box for similar name when signing in to vote.
- ✓ Voters with a *documented disability* from Social Security or Veterans Affairs can apply for a voter registration certificate exempting them from the photo ID requirement.
- ✓ Voters without acceptable ID can obtain an *Election Identification Certificate (EIC)* from Texas DPS at no cost by providing proof of citizenship and identity and registering to vote at DPS or showing a voter registration card. Requirements for the EIC can be found at http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/electionID.htm. There is no charge for the EIC but the necessary documentation may have a cost.
- ✓ *Photo ID is not required to vote by mail*. Voters may apply for a mail ballot if 65 or older, ill or disabled, or absent from their county during early voting and on Election Day. Note: Photo ID will be required of first time voters if a driver's license or Social Security number was not included with the voter registration application.
- ✓ Voters who do not show an acceptable ID at the polls can vote a *provisional ballot* and have 6 days to show the required photo ID.
- ✓ Those who lack a photo ID because of a religious objection to being photographed or because of a natural disaster declared by the president will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot and complete an affidavit within six days of the election.