



TASB BOARD CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

TODAY'S DATE: May 29, 2019

NAME: Barbara Burns

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We communicate with our Board members primarily via e-mail and the Internet. Please list your preferred active email address.

E-MAIL: [REDACTED]

SCHOOL DISTRICT: Denton ISD

LOCAL TERM EXPIRES: May 2021 YEARS ON BOARD: 7
(Month/year)

Upon expiration of current term on your local board, will you seek reelection?

Yes No

BOARD POSITIONS HELD/DATES: vice-president: 2014-15; president: 2015-16, 2016-17, 2019-20;
secretary: 2018-19 _____

OCCUPATION: retired high school social studies teacher (taught 28 years) _____

CURRENT EMPLOYER: retired _____ Dates: retired 2006 _____

EDUCATION-HIGH SCHOOL: Cotulla High School _____ COLLEGE: Texas Woman's University

OTHER EDUCATION: _____ DEGREES: B.A., M.A. _____

HOBBIES/SPECIAL INTERESTS: traveling; scrapbooking; visiting family; _____

BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL/CIVIC GROUP MEMBERS (Offices held and dates): _____

League of Women Voters: vice-president, 2011; **Kiwanis:** program chair, 2010; **DARSPA** (Denton Area Retired School Personnel Association); **Denton Education Association:** acting president, 2005-06 _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (Use reverse side if additional space is required.): _____

When I join groups, I want to have the time to be an active member. I am part of a group from Immaculate Conception Catholic Church that provides meals to the homeless through our local Msgr. King Outreach Center. Last year after the annual LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens), I encouraged our board members to contribute towards a scholarship; we provided a \$1500 scholarship this spring. _____

Please attach a short bio and include a current picture in jpeg format.

Additional Comments: (Use reverse side if additional space is required.)



Biographical Sketch: Barbara Burns

I was born and raised in Cotulla, a small town in south Texas. I was the third of five children. My father was one of six children raised by a single mother during the Depression. My mother was one of five daughters. My father had a grade-school education; my mother had an eighth-grade education but later in life received her GED. Because neither had finished high school, both of my parents stressed that an education was one thing that could never be taken away. Even though we didn't have a lot of money, my parents always found the money we needed for school supplies and projects. I can remember my mother waking me up early on days when I had tests so that I could have some quiet time to review before going to school; she also spent a lot of time listening to me recite poems or other passages.

After graduating first in my class in 1972, I attended Texas Woman's University in Denton. I received my B.A. in December 1975 and my M.A. in 1984. I had a secondary teaching certificate in history with a minor in English. I later returned to TWU to receive a composite certification in social studies. I taught high school students in Southlake and Pilot Point before getting a position in Denton in 1986, where I taught for 20 years before retiring in 2006.

While I was an undergraduate at TWU, I met my husband. We were married in December 1973. We have three children. Michele, our oldest, is a teacher in Richardson ISD. Our son Paul, who is an auditor for a large accounting firm, lives with his wife and three children in Connecticut. Our youngest, Amanda, is in marketing in the DFW area. All three said they never even knew that college wasn't an option. The importance of education was always an emphasis.

After retiring, I wanted to spend more time with my family, most of whom lived in the San Antonio area. One project my siblings and I completed was a family history. Over the years we would tell stories about growing up. We started with the idea of writing those stories down for our children. Then we started gathering pictures, letters, memorabilia from World War II, and so much more. We scanned all of those documents and ended up with a family history book of almost 200 pages. We made copies for all five of us children and all 13 grandchildren. We even put it on a disk so that we could add information.

I also found the time to join organizations like the League of Women Voters and Kiwanis. I wanted to be part of organizations that gave to others. When I was teaching, I admired the LWV because of their nonpartisan stance while actively investigating pertinent issues. I received the Gladys Barstis Award from the League in 2011 for outstanding service. In 2010 I was the program chair for Kiwanis, a group that raises money in our community for a children's clinic. I am currently on the program committee because I wanted our Kiwanis members to know more about our schools, spotlighting teachers and students. I believe we have to advocate more for public education, and I saw Kiwanis as a way to bring more awareness to our local community.

My husband was a Denton police officer for 34 years. He has been my staunchest supporter and advocate for anything I wanted to do. He volunteered in our children's elementary school once a week on one of his days off. He helped me with all kinds of projects while I was teaching. He spent countless hours working on my school board campaigns.

I have been able to accomplish goals in my life because I have been surrounded by an amazingly supportive husband, understanding children, incredible friends, inspiring colleagues, and committed supporters.