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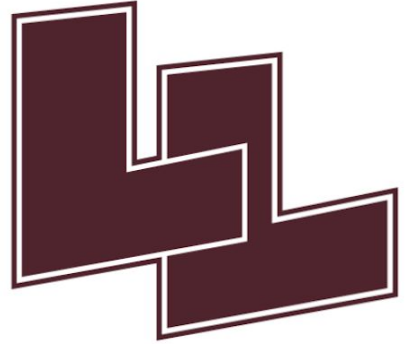
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LISD bids farewell to Trustee Brenda Spillmann



Trustee Brenda Spillmann announced her resignation from the Lockhart ISD Board of Trustees at the regular Board meeting Monday night. "I regretfully announce this decision due to some personal matters that need my full attention currently in my life," said Spillmann. She leaves a vacant seat for District 2 until the November 2020 elections.

Prior to volunteering on the school board, Spillmann had volunteered in the community for "Little Dribblers" as well as in her children's school PTA. Both of her sons, Ryan and Tyler, attended and graduated from LISD schools. Seeing an opportunity to positively impact even more children, Spillmann ran and was elected to the LISD Board of Trustees.

A lifelong resident of Caldwell County, Spillmann was first elected to the Board in 2008, serving three terms during a period of great growth and transformation for the school district. During her tenure, she also served as vice president from 2012 - 2015 and president from 2015 - 2018.

LISD had 4,500 students the year she began serving on the Board. As she departs, the district has grown to 6,200 students. Other significant changes during her time of service include the hiring of the first female superintendent for the school district, leading during the 2014 Bond and school facilities expansion, shepherding significant investment in Career & Technical Education programs and the new CTE classrooms at Lockhart High School, the technological transformation of the school district to 21st Century readiness, the institution of ambitious student growth targets of 1.5 years of growth each year in reading and math, being part of the first Board in Texas to complete the eXcellence in Governance (XG) Training by the Texas Association of School Boards, and participating in the historic and unanimous Board vote to install wireless internet towers across the district to ensure all students have equitable access.

"I am proud to have served alongside Brenda Spillmann on the LISD Board," said Board President Steve Johnson. "Her leadership came at a critical turning point for the district. She really focused on doing what was best for children and making sure the district leadership and staff had the support they needed to be successful in preparing our Lions for success."

Superintendent Mark Estrada stated, "It is very sad to say farewell to a leader who has invested so much to help lead our school district to its next chapter. Board members volunteer an extraordinary amount of their personal time in service, and she did so with solid commitment for 12 years. She played a significant role in helping to build a legacy of excellence for our Lions, our staff, and the community. We are forever grateful and wish her well."

The seat will remain vacant until November 2020, the next school board election. If you would like to learn more about the requirements and deadline for filing for school board candidacy, visit http://lockhartisd.org/about_us/board_of_trustees/elections/board_of_trustees_election_2020.

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