

Name: Kim Cousins

Years in Dripping Springs: 14 years

Current Occupation/Position: I am retired after a 40+ year career in Education.

Previous Occupations/Positions: Classroom Teacher, Goose Creek CISD; District Athletic Director, Clear Creek ISD; High School Assistant Principal, Lake Travis High School, Lake Travis ISD; Middle School Principal, Hudson Bend Middle School, Lake Travis ISD; High School Principal, Dripping Spring High School, Dripping Springs ISD; Director of School, Austin School for the Performing and Visual Arts.

During my 40+ year career as an educator, I served in many positions and had a number of accomplishments. I have worked in several school districts, with the largest district having over 39,000 students in grades K-12. When selected as Athletic Director of Clear Creek ISD, I was among the first females to lead an athletic department for a multi-school Independent School District in Texas.

As Principal of Dripping Springs High School, I oversaw and facilitated the transition / switch of campuses for the High School and the Middle School in 2010-11, so am aware of and have experience with growing schools, construction and the processes that go into such actions. Also, while I was principal, the high school earned an Exemplary Rating from TEA, and the school was included in several national lists of top high schools in the nation such as those compiled by Newsweek magazine and the Washington Post. At the time of my retirement, DSHS was ranked among the top 1% of high schools in the nation.

Education: Bachelor of Science, Texas A&M University; Master of Education, Stephen F. Austin University; Mid-Management and Supervisor Certification, Stephen F. Austin University.

School/District Involvement: In addition to the time spent as an employee of DSISD, my daughter was a student here in DSISD all 13 years, K-12. During that time, I was a member of the PTA. Also, as an employee, I served on numerous DSISD Committees, such as the School Health Advisory Committee and sat in on several meetings related to campus and district facilities.

Family Information: I have been married to my husband, Mark, for more than 21 years and we have two children.

Why You Would Like to Serve on DSISD Board of Trustees:

I believe my background and experience have prepared me for this position and will help me understand and work successfully with the unique needs of our community. My experience as an educator - working with the outstanding students, parents, teachers and administrators of this community - fuels my desire to ensure all DSISD schools maintain their high standards and continue their positive impacts in the Dripping Springs ISD community.