

Name: Robert McClelland

Years in Dripping Springs: 5 ½ Years

Current Occupation/Position: I currently serve as Director of Operations for a large multi-site non-profit organization (church) in Austin, Dripping Springs and the Buda/Kyle communities. My primary responsibilities are Chief Financial and Operations Officer for the organization with a focus on financial stewardship and construction/maintenance of all church facilities.

Previous Occupations/Positions: I have held leadership positions in several organizations in the military, federal government, business and non-profit sectors. My 12-year career as an officer in the United States Army culminated as Logistics Director at the White House Military Office in Washington D.C. responsible for all logistical operations in support of Presidential Contingency Operations. In business, I spent time as Director of Operations for the nation's third largest vacation rental company in Austin with an emphasis on high quality operations excellence and the recruitment and retention of employees serving in over 30 markets across the United States.

Education: BS in Construction Science from Texas A&M University (minor in Business Administration)

School/District Involvement: Pervious Watch Dog volunteer at Rooster Springs Elementary, supporter of Sycamore Springs Athletics and Band where my daughter is a student, frequent attendee of Tiger Football Games.....Go Tigers!

Community Activities: Commissioner of a local Dripping Springs sports organization (baseball), heavily involved in local community support and events (Founders Day) through Bannockburn Church in Dripping Springs.

Family Information: I am married to my wife Katy of 16 years. We have two awesome kids, Meghan 12 and William 9 who both attend DSISD schools. My wife is a native Austinite who graduated from Bowie High School. I grew up in deep South Texas and a product of Edinburg North High School. After two combat deployments to Iraq and upon completion of my assignment to the White House in D.C., my family and I got back to Texas as quick as we could! We moved to Dripping Springs in 2017 and love being a part of this community.

Why You Would Like to Serve on DSISD Board of Trustees: I have over 20 years of proven leadership experience across a wide variety of sectors, each with unique challenges and opportunities. I have made a career out of being a hardworking guy who can get "tough stuff" done. Our Dripping Springs community is in an exciting, yet difficult time. We face the challenge of meeting the demands of a continuing population growth without compromising our friendly and familial sense of community that has been in place here for more than 100 years. Our public schools are on the forefront of this reality facing our community. It will take strong leadership to navigate both meeting the demands of new schools without losing sight of the current challenges that we are facing today, including teacher/administration turnover, retention, transportation, aging infrastructure, classroom sizes, just to name a few. I would welcome the opportunity to represent this community in working with the district administration to solve these complex challenges in a way that our kids have every opportunity to excel today, tomorrow, and long into the future.

Philosophical Statement:

The education system is an intricate set of forces all with one goal in mind – to guide children through their learning journey with their eyes set on their full potential and access to their dreams.