

# ActionLine...Your Board Meeting Update

July 17, 2013

## Marine Jones returns to Board on temporary basis

**Marine Jones** returned to the Aldine ISD Board of Trustees on a temporary basis while the Board works on finding her replacement. Mrs. Jones retired from the Board in January. Texas law states that a Trustee who resigns remains a Trustee until the Board names a replacement. Aldine ISD Board President **Merlin Griggs** said Mrs. Jones agreed to return during a critical time as the Board considers the budget, tax rate and other challenging decisions heading into the 2013-14 school year. "We are grateful she is resuming her duties until we name a replacement," Mr. Griggs said. "We welcome her back and thank her for her service." Once Mrs. Jones' replacement is named, that individual will have to run in a special election for the Position 1 Seat Mrs. Jones has held. The special election will be held along with the general election on Nov. 5.

## Staff assignments approved

Aldine ISD Trustees approved a number of staff assignments during their July 16 meeting, and several new staff members were introduced who were approved at the June 11 meeting and special called meetings on June 20 and July 2.

**David Villarreal** was named director of human resources after serving as assistant director of human resources of paraprofessionals in Cy-Fair ISD. Villarreal received his bachelor's degree in psychology from Hiram College in 1989 and his master's degree in early childhood and special education in 1994 from Kent State University. He is certified as a principal. He began his teaching career in 1994 in Cy-Fair ISD as a special education teacher. In 1997, he became the district's special education coordinator. In 2000, he was named assistant director of human resources for professional staffing and moved into his present position as assistant director of human resources over paraprofessionals in 2006. Villarreal has 19 years of experience in the field of education.

The following staff assignment was approved at a special called meeting on June 20.

**Walter Stewart** was named principal of Aldine High School after serving as principal of Aldine Ninth Grade School. Stewart received his bachelor's degree in secondary education in 1991 and his master's degree in administration and supervision in 2001 from Southern University. He is certified as a principal. He began his teaching career in 1991 with the St. Helena Parish School System as a math teacher. In 1994, he transferred to the Iberville Parish School System where he taught math. In 1996, he joined Aldine ISD and taught math at MacArthur High School. In 2005, he was named an assistant principal at Aldine Middle School and moved into his present position as

principal of Aldine Ninth Grade School in 2008. Stewart has 22 years of experience in the field of education and he has spent 17 of those years with Aldine ISD.

The following staff assignments were approved at a special called meeting on July 2.

**Robin Williams** was named director of human resources for staffing after serving as principal of Magrill Elementary School. Williams received her bachelor's degree in political science from Oklahoma State University in 1990 and her master's degree in administration and supervision in 1996 from Prairie View A&M University. She is certified as a principal. She began her teaching career in 1991 with Houston ISD as a fourth- and fifth-grade teacher at Wesley Elementary School. Her career in Aldine ISD began in 1994 as a skills specialist at Escamilla Intermediate School. In 1996, she became an assistant principal at Magrill Elementary School and moved into her present position as principal at Magrill Elementary in 2008. Williams has 21 years of experience in the field of education and she has spent 19 of those years with Aldine ISD.

**Lakiesha Taylor** was named district coordinator of on-line learning after serving as the district's secondary coordinator of on-line learning. Taylor received her bachelor's degree in psychology and cultural studies from Arizona State University in 2002 and her master's degree in clinical counseling from Sam Houston State University in 2011. She meets district requirements for this position. She began her career in Aldine ISD in 2005 as an on-line learning lab instructor. In 2007, she became a virtual course instructor and moved into her present position as secondary coordinator of on-line learning in 2012. Taylor has spent all eight of her years in education with Aldine ISD.

**Sonia Galvan** was named assistant principal at Odom Elementary School after serving as a bilingual skills specialist at Raymond Academy. Galvan received her bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from the University of Houston-Downtown in 2006 and her master's degree in administration from Sam Houston State University in 2011. She is certified as a principal. From 2004-06 she served as a paraprofessional at Raymond Academy and Caraway Intermediate School while attending the University of Houston-Downtown as part of Aldine's "Grow-Your-Own-Teacher" program. She began her teaching career in Aldine ISD in 2006 as a bilingual teacher at Raymond Academy. In 2008, she moved into her present position as a bilingual specialist at that same school. Galvan has spent all of her eight years in education with Aldine ISD.

**Haydee Cavazos** was named assistant principal at Black Elementary School after serving as a bilingual skills specialist at Bussey Elementary School. Cavazos received her bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from the University of Houston-Downtown in 2007 and her master's degree in administration from Sam Houston State University in 2011. She is certified as a principal. From 1998-2004 she served as a paraprofessional at Human Resources, Caraway Intermediate School and Sammons Elementary School while attending the University of Houston-Downtown as part of Aldine's "Grow-Your-Own-Teacher" program. She began her teaching career in Aldine ISD in 2007 as a first-grade bilingual teacher at Sammons Elementary School. In 2010, she moved into her present position as a bilingual reading skills specialist at Bussey Elementary School. Cavazos has spent all of her six years in education with Aldine ISD.

**Georgina Foroi** was named assistant principal at Johnson Elementary School after serving as a bilingual skills specialist at that same school. Foroi received her bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from the University of Houston-Downtown in 2006 and her master's degree in administration from Sam Houston State University in 2010.

She is certified as a principal. She began her teaching career with Aldine ISD in 2006 as a fourth-grade bilingual teacher. In 2009, she became the bilingual reading skills specialist at Ermel Elementary School. In 2012, she moved into her present position as a bilingual reading skills specialist at Johnson Elementary School. Foroi has spent all of her seven years in education with Aldine ISD.

**Nancy Mejia** was named assistant principal at Mendel Elementary School after serving as a bilingual teacher at that same school. Mejia received her bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Sam Houston State University in 1997 and her master's degree in bilingual/dual language in 2011. She meets district requirements for this position. She began her teaching career in Aldine ISD in 2000 as an ESL teacher at Harris Academy. In 2007, she transferred to Mendel Elementary School as an ESL teacher. She moved into her present position as a bilingual teacher at that same school in 2008. Mejia has spent all of her 13 years in education with Aldine ISD.

**Cesar Diaz** was named assistant principal at Orange Grove Elementary School after serving as principal at Southwest Schools-Mangum Elementary Charter. Diaz received his bachelor's degree in information system engineering from Rafael Bellosso Chacin University in Venezuela in 1999 and his master's degree in administration from Prairie View A&M University in 2010. He is certified as a principal. He began his teaching career in 2004 as a bilingual teacher with Southwest Schools Young Learners. In 2008, he became assistant principal at Southwest Schools. In 2012, he moved into his present position as principal of Southwest Schools – Mangum Elementary. Diaz has nine years of experience in the field of education.

The following staff assignments were approved at the July 16 Board meeting.

**Thomas Raphael** was named program director of instructional technology at the Resource Center after serving as a technology specialist at Eisenhower High School. Raphael received his bachelor's degree in music and education from Syracuse University in 1998 and his master's degree in instruction and curriculum leadership in instructional design and technology in 2002 from the University of Memphis. He meets district requirements for this position. He began his teaching career in 1998 as the assistant band director at Destrehan High School in Norco, LA. In 1999, he became the band director in St. Charles Parish. In 2000, he became the music specialist at Kingsbury Elementary School in Memphis City Schools. In 2003, he became the technology coordinator and assistant band director at Colonial Middle School in Memphis City Schools. He began his career in Aldine ISD in 2005 as the technology specialist at Teague Middle School. In 2010, he moved into his present position as a technology specialist at Eisenhower High School. Raphael has 15 years of experience in the field of education and he has spent eight of those years with Aldine ISD.

**Jennifer Merryman** was named principal at Aldine Ninth Grade School after serving as an assistant principal at Davis High School. Merryman received her bachelor's degree in mathematics and dance in 1998 and her master's degree in counseling in 2007 from Sam Houston State University. She is certified as a principal. She began her teaching career in Aldine ISD in 1996 as a math teacher at Eisenhower High School. In 2001, she transferred to Nimitz Ninth Grade School to serve as a math teacher. In 2004, she became a counselor at Nimitz Ninth Grade School and in 2008, she became an assistant principal of curriculum and instruction at Plummer Middle School. She moved into her present

position as assistant principal of curriculum and instruction at Davis High School in 2011. Merryman has spent all of her 17 years in education with Aldine ISD.

**Amaryllis Butler** was named principal at Magrill Elementary School after serving as an assistant principal at Jones Elementary School. Butler received her bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1978 from Texas A&M University-Kingsville and her master's degree in administration in 1997 from Prairie View A&M University. She is certified as a principal. She began her teaching career in Aldine ISD in 1979 as a math teacher at Ermel Elementary School. In 1998, she became an instructional staffing unit teacher at Oleson Elementary School. In 1999, she transferred to Sammons Elementary School to serve as a math skills specialist. She moved to Harris Academy in 2001 as the special programs coordinator. In 2008, she became an assistant principal at Magrill Elementary School. In 2011, she moved to Francis Elementary School to serve as an assistant principal and moved into her present position as an assistant principal at Jones Elementary School in 2012. Butler has spent all of her 34 years in education with Aldine ISD.

**Miguel Vasquez** was named assistant principal at Nimitz High School after serving as a fifth-grade teacher at Rayford Road Intermediate School. Vasquez received his bachelor's degree in 1993 from Hunter College of the City University of New York and his master's degree in secondary education in 2000 from the University of New Mexico and his master's degree of administration from Prairie View A&M University in 2003. He is certified as a principal. He began his teaching career in 1993 as a seventh-grade teacher at Leonardo Da Vinci Public Schools in New York. In 1993, he became a bilingual teacher at Carson Elementary School in Albuquerque, New York. In 1995, he transferred to Eugene Field Elementary School in Albuquerque, New York. In 2000, he moved to Klein ISD to serve as a third-grade bilingual teacher at Eiland Elementary School. In 2002, he became an assistant principal at that same school. In 2005, he moved to Conroe ISD to serve as the assistant principal at Runyan Elementary School. In 2006, he became an assistant principal at Conroe High School. He began his career in Aldine ISD in 2012 in his present position as a fifth-grade language arts teacher at Rayford Road Intermediate School. Vasquez has 20 years of experience in the field of education and he has spent one year with Aldine ISD.

**Elia Martinez** was named assistant principal at Eckert Intermediate School after serving as a bilingual math teacher at that same school. Martinez received her bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies in 2008 from the University of Houston-Downtown and her master's degree in dual language from the University of St. Thomas in 2011. She meets district requirements for this position. From 2005-08, she was a paraprofessional at Plummer Middle School and Parker Intermediate School while attending the University of Houston-Downtown as part of Aldine's "Grow-Your-Own-Teacher" program. She began her teaching career in Aldine ISD in 2008 in her present position as a sixth-grade bilingual math teacher at Eckert Intermediate School. Martinez has spent all of her six years in education with Aldine ISD.

**Rosenda Gonzales** was named assistant principal at Jones Elementary School after serving as an instructional alternative certification coach with Houston ISD. Gonzales received her bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Texas in 1983 and her master's degree in administration from the University of Houston in 2004. She is certified as a principal. She began her teaching career in 1993 at Channelview Christian Academy

as a history and Spanish teacher. In 1996, she joined Houston ISD as a fourth-grade bilingual teacher at Pugh Elementary School. She began her career in Aldine ISD in 1998 as a third-grade ESL teacher at Calvert Elementary School. In 2003, she became an assistant principal at Worsham Elementary School. She returned to Houston ISD in her current position as an instructional alternative certification coach. Gonzales has 21 years of experience in the field of education and has spent 17 of those years with Aldine ISD.

**Kimberly Corrick** was named assistant principal at Kujawa Elementary School after serving as the IB coordinator at that same school. Corrick received her bachelor's degree in education from Western Illinois University in 2009 and her master's degree in administration from Sam Houston State University in 2010. She is certified as a principal. She began her teaching career in 2000 with Aldine ISD as a pre-kindergarten teacher at Hall Head Start. In 2001, she became a head start teacher at Smith Academy. In 2002, she transferred to Vines EC/Pre-K Center to serve as a head start teacher. In 2003, she moved to Kujawa Elementary and served as a teacher before moving into her present position as IB coordinator in 2007. Corrick has spent all of her 16 years in education with Aldine ISD.

**Helen Suan** was named assistant principal at Goodman Elementary School after serving as dyslexia specialist at Hambrick Middle School. Suan received her bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from Stephen F. Austin State University in 1997 and her master's degree in administration from Sam Houston State University in 2010. She is certified as a principal. She began her teaching career in Aldine ISD in 1997 as an ESL teacher at Worsham Elementary School. In 1999, she transferred to Carter Academy to serve as a dual language teacher. In 2001, she transferred to Johnson Elementary School to serve as a GT teacher, dyslexia coordinator, and skills specialist. In 2010, she moved into her present position as the dyslexia specialist at Hambrick Middle School. Suan has spent all of her 15 years in education with Aldine ISD.

**Nadia Stafford** was named assistant principal at Carter Academy after serving as a second-grade teacher at Conley Elementary School. Stafford received her bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 2000 and her master's degree in administration and leadership in 2008 from Sam Houston State University. She is certified as a principal. She began her teaching career with Houston ISD in 2003 as a fourth-grade ESL teacher at Betsy Ross Elementary School. Her career in Aldine ISD began in 2005 as a second-grade teacher at Conley Elementary School. Stafford has 10 years of experience in the field of education and she has spent eight of those years with Aldine ISD.

## Grants announced

**Stacey Smith**, program director of resource development, announced two grants during the July 16 Board meeting.



**Rosalyn Sweat**, the principal of Carver High School, received a \$930 grant from the Houston CPA Society. On hand to make the check presentation was Paul Vaneck representing the Houston CPA Society. The money will be used to purchase a laptop storage cart.

**Kelly Silha**, the cross country coach at MacArthur High School, secured a \$15,000 grant from the East Aldine Management District to fund his Summer Running and Fitness Program at MacArthur High School. The program offers a positive and healthy opportunity during the summer for students in the Aldine community. Over the past five years, the program has grown to more than 80 students. They begin running at 7 a.m. Monday through Friday. MacArthur students who continue to participate in the school's cross country team will travel to Wisconsin in September to participate in the Midwest Invitational Cross Country Meet. Coach Silha and his family sponsor eight students, while the grant helps to cover the cost of transportation, lodging and meals for the remainder of the team. Also on hand during the July 16 Board meeting were MacArthur High principal **Dr. Kristin Craft**, assistant coach **Xang Chareunsab** and members of the school's cross country team.



## Superintendent's contract extended

During the July 16 Board meeting, Trustees unanimously approved extending Superintendent **Dr. Wanda Bamberg's** contract.

## Program presented

During the July 16 Board meeting, the program was presented by **Herb Harris**, the district's executive director of maintenance. Harris provided a Power Point presentation on the duties and projects within the scope of his department.