

ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CANDIDATE APPLICATION AND INFORMATION SHEET

*****Please note: Candidates must reside within the boundary of the Alameda Unified School District to qualify for this appointment. AUSD Boundaries only include the City of Alameda. Candidates please ensure your home address is included below so that your residency can be verified.***

Please complete and ensure your application packet is received on or before 5:00pm on Monday, December 6, 2023 at:

Heather Little, Board President
c/o Pasquale Scuderi, Superintendent
2060 Challenger Dr.
Alameda, CA 94501

OR emailed to **klonergan@alamedaunified.org**

Application packets should include a completed version of this form, a resume, and a letter of interest.

Date: 12/4/2023

Boyd	Joyce	E
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Middle Initial)

Business Address: _____ Phone: _____

Home Address: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Occupation: Chief Financial Officer Self Employed

Employer or Name of Self-Employed Business: Joyce Boyd Consulting

No. of Years Residing in District: 22 years

Do you have children in the district's schools? Yes X No _____

If yes, what schools? _____

1. Do you have prior experience serving on a governing board, including a school district board?

Please list your prior board experience.

Yes, I have served on numerous boards. I was on the _____ PTA Council as auditor, then treasurer for two years; the Paden and Maya Lin Elementary PTA boards for a total of eight years; and the Paden Elementary school site council for two years. I am currently on the _____ board. Outside of the school district, I have served for four years on the Alameda Architectural Preservation Society board. This nonprofit hosts the Alameda Legacy Home Tours and gave AUSD a preservation award for the work done on Alameda High School.

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2. Have you worked on any school committees or participated in any school activities recently? Please list them.

Yes, I am a member of the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee so I am very familiar with the renewal of the parcel tax on the March 2024 ballot. I have also volunteered to campaign for the ballot measure.

3. Describe any other community or business activities in which you have participated. describe your role, and whether your work was volunteer or employment-related

As part of my paid employment, I have worked in the affordable housing sector with several nonprofits, most recently with the Unity Council in the Fruitvale neighborhood of Oakland. I was the staff liaison to multiple board committees. As a volunteer I was part of the first Leadership Alameda cohort in 2022 sponsored by the Alameda Chamber and Economic Alliance.

4. Why do you want to be a school board member?

I want to help make Alameda a better place. I am a CPA with strong financial knowledge and an understanding of budgets. My background allows me to see through the lenses of different groups in the school district, although I believe in representing all families. I grew up in Detroit with a single mother on welfare. We lived in a black housing project while my siblings and I attended under performing schools. I believe in public education and my children have attended Alameda public schools.

5. What do you see as the basic purpose of the public schools?

To prepare students academically, to prepare students for work, and to prepare students to be good citizens. We must also make sure that public education lifts all students.

6. What is the role of the school board in the fulfillment of that purpose?

(A) Set the direction for the schools with a long-term vision. (B) Establishing an effective and efficient structure for the school district (hiring the Superintendent, adopting policies, and adopting the budget). (C) Providing support to the supervisor and staff. (D) Ensuring accountability to the public through evaluation and monitoring. (E) Acting as a community leader communicating clearly and building support for the schools within our community.

7. How does the board's role differ from that of the superintendent?

The Board and Superintendent must have a strong and respectful relationship. Simply put, the school board governs and the superintendent administers the school district. Only the superintendent can manage the day-to-day operations of the schools. The superintendent is also the board's chief advisor on educational matters.

8. What should be the relationship between the board members and the administration in the handling of school concerns?

All school concerns should go through the Superintendent. Board members can request information directly from staff, but the Superintendent should be copied on the request. Also, all school board related information received by a Board member should be shared with all the Board members.

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9. Briefly describe how you believe you will contribute to the educational process.

I will contribute by bringing my managerial experience working in nonprofits and with boards. I work collaboratively on a team, communicate effectively, and I can see the big picture. I have a strong financial background. I take the time to research issues and form my own opinions, while I am also open to changing my mind. I treat everyone with respect.

10. What do you see as the strengths of the school district?

Families move to Alameda because of the strong school district with scores above the state average and a diverse and inclusive community. AUSD has an engaging foundational system for all children, but also differentiated support for individual students, and an equity lens. AUSD also focuses on the long term financial well-being of the district, which includes paying our teachers well for the hard work they do for our children and having up-to-date facilities.

11. What do you see as the area(s) most needing improvement in the school district?

I agree with what the strategic plan calls out as the areas most in need of priority. (1) Strong foundational programs monitored by the California School Dashboard. (2) Systems and structures for student support. (3) Resources, talent management, and communication. Also, with the State of California budget projected to be in deficit, budgeting priorities and choices will continue to be critical in the future.

12. What other pertinent information would you like the board to consider?

I am committed to the time and energy required each week for meetings, phone calls, conversations, visits to schools, and professional development seminars and workshops. I will work collaboratively with the staff and board.

Thank you for completing the Candidate Application and Information Sheet.

Please note that the information provided here becomes public information and may be open to public inspection, including through a California Public records Act Request.

If you have questions about this application, please contact
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