

**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: December 4, 2023

<u>Sherratt</u>	<u>Margie</u>	<u>B.</u>
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Middle Initial)

Business Address: _____ Phone: _____

Home Address: [REDACTED] _____ Phone: [REDACTED] _____

E-mail: [REDACTED] _____

Occupation: Retired administrator/Retired Board president

Employer or Name of Self-Employed Business: _____

No. of Years Residing in District: 40+

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

If yes, what schools? Three of my four adult children attended AUSD schools.

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

I served on the Alameda Unified Board of Education from 2010-2014, and was Board President from 2012-2013. I am currently on the Board of the Alameda Education I was an honorary chair of Girls, Inc. of the Island City as well.

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

Besides my work as a Board Trustee, I have endorsed and campaigned for each of the recent Alameda Unified ballot measures: Bond Measures C and I, and Parcel Tax Measures E, B1 and A.

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

Along with my late husband, Don Sherratt, I have volunteered for the Alameda Boys Club, Girls Inc. of the Island City, and the Alameda Education Foundation.

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

As a retired school administrator and Board member, I think I am in a unique position to help the Board during this most vital time. AUSD absolutely needs to renew the parcel taxes currently in place so that we can keep our strong academic program intact. Without the funds from the two current parcel taxes visual and performing arts classes will be in jeopardy, along with sports programming.

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

Each child in AUSD school should feel safe and supported. This can mean very different things to different students. We need to meet each child where they are to provide them a comprehensive and equitable education. They should graduate our schools prepared for college and/or career.

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

The role of a school board is to provide governance and strategic direction for the district, ensuring that it operates effectively, adheres to legal standards, and meets the educational needs of its students.

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

The Board focuses on governance, policy making, and representing the interests of the community who elected them. The superintendent is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the district and for providing educational leadership.

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

The relationship between Board members and principals should be one of communication and trust. A Board member should always listen to and respect the thoughts and experiences of a parent/guardian or community member, they are not responsible for the day-to-day handling of such concerns. A parent/guardian or community member should always be directed back to the site administrator (principal) for the handling of concerns.

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

If I am chosen to return to the Board, I will help set policy, oversee budget decisions, engage with our community on issues that impact our youth, advocacy to local legislators to help us with funding issues such as the full funding of Special Education, and I will advocate for fixes to our laws so that repeated challenges to our parcel taxes no longer happen.

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

The greatest asset we have in Alameda is people - our staff, and parent/guardians. We have the most dedicated teachers, clerical, maintenance, food service, paraprofessionals, principals, and district office staff in the larger Bay Area. We also have a very dedicated group of parent/guardians who have shown their support through the repeated passing of parcel tax and bond measures. In addition, I believe in Superintendent Scuderi's vision and leadership.

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

The most important issue for AUSD right now is the renewal of our parcel tax. Without a renewal, the district will have to undertake a process that will negatively impact every school in Alameda. There isn't anything more important or pressing at this time.

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

I am in a unique position to help Alameda Unified School District. I will be able to jump back into role I held for four years without delay. I do not have an interest at this time of running for a 4 year term in 2024, so I will not need to spend any time or energy on a campaign. I will be able to give my full focus to trying to renew our parcel tax in March 2024.

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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