

Gary Fox Announces Candidacy for Waxahachie ISD School Board, Place #1

Gary Fox, a career educator and lifelong resident of Waxahachie, has officially announced his candidacy for the Waxahachie ISD School Board.

Fox is a product of Waxahachie ISD, having started school at Northside Elementary and graduating from Waxahachie High. Learning from some of the best educators in Waxahachie - Mike Turner, Wanda Cain, L.T. Felty, Eddie Finley, Billy Ray Hancock, and many others - inspired Fox to also pursue a career in education. He graduated from The University of Texas at Arlington and became a teacher, coach, and athletic trainer. He then attended Tarleton State University to obtain his special education certification.

Fox found his true calling as a special education teacher, mentoring the students who were struggling academically or behaviorally. "My gift is taking kids who are deemed 'unteachable' or 'unmanageable' by others and proving those people wrong," stated Fox. "All students deserve to have the best education possible and can succeed in the classroom and beyond - we just have to be creative in how to reach them." Fox spent the last 21 years of his 30 year career bringing innovation to his special education department, creating horticulture, music, and equine therapy programs to better support students.

From Teacher to Trustee

After retiring from teaching, Fox served 9 years on the Waxahachie ISD School Board of Trustees, giving back to the district in a new way. He gained firsthand experience in overseeing the district's finances, campus construction projects, policy changes, and student/staff grievances during a time of unprecedented growth and unstable state support. While challenging at times, Fox enjoyed being a strong voice for the students, staff, and taxpayers of the district. He listened to community members' concerns, was always present at district events, and strived to make Waxahachie ISD a place that students and staff felt safe and supported. He only chose not to seek re-election in 2018 due to health problems he was facing at the time. After undergoing a heart procedure, Fox is in good health and ready to serve Waxahachie ISD again.

"I love Waxahachie and want the best for our students and staff," Fox said. "I feel confident my experience as a teacher and school board member will allow me to hit the ground running to advocate effectively for our students, staff, and community."

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