

CARDIFF SCHOOL DISTRICT  
1888 Montgomery Avenue  
Cardiff-by-the-Sea, CA 92007

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Written notice is hereby given in accordance with Education Code Section 35144, Government Code 54956, and other applicable law, that the following Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cardiff School District will be held on:

DATE: Thursday, December 18, 2014  
TIME: 5:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Cardiff School District  
1888 Montgomery Avenue  
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**The business to be transacted at the meeting shall be limited to the following:**

I. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
  - Mr. Mark Whitehouse, President
  - Ms. Nancy Orr, Clerk
  - Ms. Siena Randall, Member
  - Mr. Dave Clark, Member
  - Vacant
  - Ms. Jill Vinson, Superintendent

- D. Approval of agenda for December 18, 2014

II. PUBLIC COMMENT *(The purpose of the Board meeting is to conduct the School Board's business in public. The Board welcomes and encourages public comments however Board members may not respond to comments during the public comment portion of the agenda. Any member of the public who wishes to address the Board on an item on the agenda or on another topic which lies within the governing board's jurisdiction may do so, but must present a written request. Please hand your form to the secretary before the meeting. Presentations are limited to 3 minutes per person per topic. The total amount of time to be allowed on any item is fifteen minutes, unless the time limit is waived by a majority vote of the Board. The Board may 1) acknowledge receipt of the information; 2) refer to staff for further study; or 3) refer the matter to a future agenda).*

III. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

- A. Interviews of candidates to fill Governing Board vacancy (*Action*)      **A**
- B. Appointment of board member and administration of Oath of Office (*Action*)

IV. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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**Application for Board Appointment**  
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Rheastew@aol.com  
Rheastew@roadrunner.com

(please type or print):

Name Rhea Stewart  
Address 2002 Sea Village Circle Cardiff CA 92007  
Telephone No (760) 632 7970 Cellular (760) 803-5848  
Occupation Mathematics Instructional Designer

Please attach a letter citing your qualifications and why you wish to be appointed to the Cardiff Board of Trustees. (500 words maximum)

**References:**

Name	Address	Phone
<u>Dr. Ilse Ortabasi</u>	<u>1680 Meadowglen Lane</u>	<u>760 632 6693</u>
<u>Mrs. Lisa Dutton</u>	<u>1241 Rubenstein Avenue</u>	<u>760 613 1042</u>
<u>Mrs. Gail Coakley</u>	<u>1226 Sea Village Dr.</u>	<u>760 271 8428</u>

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**PLEASE NOTE: the appointee holds office until the next governing board member election, which occurs at the next general election (November 8, 2016)**

**Information contained on this application may be subject to verification**

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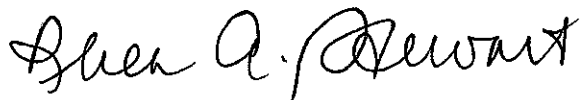
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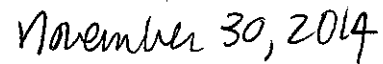
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I attest the foregoing information is true to the best of my knowledge.



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Signature of Applicant



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Date

Hello, my name is Rhea Stewart. My husband Scott and I have lived in Cardiff since 1989. All three of my children attended the Cardiff schools for all of their elementary years.

I have a bachelor's degree in Mathematics and a master's degree in Education with a concentration in Educational Technology from San Diego State University. I held a Multiple Subjects teaching credential with supplemental authorization in Mathematics. My education also includes a certificate in Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

I have worked in educational publishing for over 20 years, specializing in mathematics and science education. For the last three years, I've worked extensively with the Common Core State Standards in mathematics, creating digital content for grades 3-8. One of the Common Core projects I worked on was writing mathematics items that are included in the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) standardized tests.

During my term as a Cardiff School District Board member from 2006-2010, I worked with the Superintendent, the Board, administrators, teachers, and the community through unprecedented financially challenging times. I was one of the Board members who served on the committee that undertook the major revision to the District's strategic plan. My colleagues and I hired two superintendents during my term and wrote and delivered annual performance reviews for them. I was the Board president in 2010.

As a parent actively engaged in our schools, I have served on School Site Councils for Cardiff, Oak Crest, and San Dieguito Academy schools. I was president of all three Councils. I currently serve on the SDA Foundation and have chaired the Foundation's annual fall fundraising event the last three years. I was appointed by the San Dieguito Union High School District Board and currently serve on the Proposition AA Independent Citizens Oversight Committee. The committee provides oversight and community feedback to the school board in the District's administration of a \$449 million general obligation bond initiative approved by the voters in November 2012. I led the Committee in writing the first annual report that was presented to the Board in April, 2014.

I feel fortunate to live in Cardiff, a community that supports excellence in academics and seeks to enhance and expand all of its school programs. Serving our community is one way to actively contribute to making Cardiff the excellent place it is to live, work, and play.

I seek to be appointed to the Cardiff School District Board of Education because I believe in our schools and their unique culture, high academic standards, and focus on educating students for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. As a member of the governance team, I would bring my experience from my previous school board term and my engagement with current curricular and financial issues facing schools in California and nationwide to collaborate with the Board in leading the District.

Thank you for considering my application for Board appointment.

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Please type or print:

Name David Ross  
Address 1964 Lahard drive Cardiff CA 92007  
Telephone No (760) 944-9571 Cellular (760) 791 9571  
Occupation Financial Advisor, Morgan Stanley

Please attach a letter citing your qualifications and why you wish to be appointed to the Cardiff Board of Trustees. (500 words maximum)

**References:**

Name	Address	Phone
Mike Perry	P.O. box 7011 Rancho Santa Fe, 92067	858-204-3261
Jaime Paxson	2019 Via Tiempo, Cardiff 92007	760-633-1395
Mark Emkjer	19357 Calle Stellina, Rancho Santa Fe,	858-414-1023

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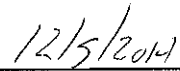
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Signature of Applicant



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Date

To the board of directors.

I am writing to you because I would like to fill the vacancy on the board of Cardiff School Board that has just become available.

I am, and have been a parent of a student at the school for the past six years. For the last three years I served as a board member of the Parent Association and have been active in several volunteer projects: chairing the magazine drive, the ice cream socials, treasurer of Cardiff Sea for two years and have held other board positions. I taught school in Encinitas and the San Diego School District for several years. My commitment to a superior school system is ongoing and driven by the fact that the school has proven its excellence in the education of my children.

I am currently employed by Morgan Stanley as a financial advisor, a position that I have had for the past 15 years.

I feel that my qualifications as a teacher, parent, volunteer, as well as my experience in the financial industry will be an asset which I am anxious to bring to Cardiff Sea.

I look forward to serving of the Board and to hearing from you.

Best regards



David Ross



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(please type or print):

Name Todd Davis

Address 1618 Deban Road, Cardiff

Telephone No ( )      Cellular (760) 445.4227

Occupation Commercial Real Estate Broker

Please attach a letter citing your qualifications and why you wish to be appointed to the Cardiff Board of Trustees. (500 words maximum)

**References:**

Name	Address	Phone
<u>Bill Rodewald</u>	<u>1574 Summit Ave, Cardiff</u>	<u>760.436-4385</u>
<u>Sandy and Tom Cordato</u>	<u>1492 Summit Ave, Cardiff</u>	<u>760.944-0663</u>
<u>Lynne Sallens</u>	<u>Cardiff Elementary</u>	<u>760.632.5892</u>

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Re: Application for Board Appointment

Dear Board:

I would like to be considered for the open Board seat to help keep the high standards of our School Board. I currently have a kindergartener and a third grade student at Cardiff Elementary, and would like to contribute my time and insight to keep the high standards of our educational system.

I am familiar with sitting on Boards, as I have been the president of a home owners association in San Clemente from 1999-2001, I am currently the Board Chair for the San Diego North EDC, a current Board member of the San Diego Regional EDC, and active on several other advisory groups in the community. I understand that a board must work together to gain the most out of the different perspectives, and therefore hopefully reach the best decisions for the greater good.

In my opinion, the education of our children is one of the most important issues facing society today. Working with different businesses every day, I hear from employers what they are looking for in the next generation. The feedback I hear the most is they need people who know how to problem solve. I believe project based learning is a great way to achieve this.

I have talked with many educators, from elementary school to higher learning schools, about the challenges they face and the opportunities they have. My grandfather was an elementary music school teacher all of his career, my sister-in-law is an administrator in the Clovis West School system and many friends of mine are a part of the education system. I really enjoy engaging them in conversation about what is working and what could be improved upon in their different systems. I understand that there is no one answer, and that different people learn and react differently and a certain amount of flexibility is key.

Support for the kids and educators is paramount. I have heard too many stories of teachers that spend their own money and time to help kids get to a better place. I hope to be able to be a part of a strong network to work towards common goals.

Respectfully, Todd Davis