

# TX Local Political Subdivision School District

## Northwest ISD Place 5

Description:

[https://www.nisdtx.org/about/board\\_of\\_trustees/election\\_information/](https://www.nisdtx.org/about/board_of_trustees/election_information/)

<https://www.tasb.org/Board-Service.aspx>

2020 - Place 5, Place 6, Place 7

### Candidates (choose 1):

#### Steve Sprowls

Biographical Info:

Filing:

[http://www.nisdtx.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_232117/File/School%20Board/Election/2020%20Trustee%20Election/Steve%20Sprowls%20-%20Application%20-%20Website.pdf](http://www.nisdtx.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_232117/File/School%20Board/Election/2020%20Trustee%20Election/Steve%20Sprowls%20-%20Application%20-%20Website.pdf)

Questions:

## Northwest ISD Place 6

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2020 - Place 5, Place 6, Place 7

### Candidates (choose 1):

#### Lillian Rauch

Biographical Info:

Filing:

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Questions:

Q: *What are your qualifications for this office?*

A: - no response -

Q: *What school safety measures are your highest priority?*

A: - no response -

Q: *What can the Board of Trustees do to encourage teachers to stay in the system?*

A: - no response -

Q: *What actions will you support to stabilize the district's financial status?*

A: - no response -

Q: *How do you define educational equity?*

A: - no response -

Q: *COVID-19: What actions can the school district take to address the health and economic impact caused by COVID-19?*

A: - no response -

Q: *Open Government: How will you ensure government transparency (open records, open meetings) is maintained during a state of emergency?*

A: - no response -

Q: *Budget: How will you address any budget deficit caused by COVID-19?*

A: - no response -

Q: *Two Minute Video Option: Comment on the recent civil rights demonstrations. (Video cannot be more than two minutes. If the video is not hosted on YouTube include the full URL to the video in the Text Response box. Do not include any other comments in the Text Response box.)*

A: - no response -

#### Jennifer Zazula

Biographical Info:

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/votejenniferz>

Questions:

**Q:** *What are your qualifications for this office?*

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *What school safety measures are your highest priority?*

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *What can the Board of Trustees do to encourage teachers to stay in the system?*

**A:** - no response -

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**A:** - no response -

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**A:** - no response -

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**A:** - no response -

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2020 - Place 5, Place 6, Place 7

### Candidates (choose 1):

#### Ron Hastings



#### Biographical Info:

**Mailing Address:** 12525 Park Ridge TrAIL Fort Worth, Texas 76179

**Campaign Phone:** (817) 239-6786

**Education:** I have a Bachelor degree in History from Cameron University in Oklahoma and received a Masters degree in Counseling from Texas Woman's University. I have additional hours in Educational Leadership and hold certificates in School Counseling and Principal from the state of Texas.

**Experience :** I taught briefly in Lawton Public Schools before going to work for the Goodyear Tire Plant in Lawton. After eight years. I left and went to work for Hurst Euless Bedford ISD as a teacher coach. While working in HEB I received my Master's in Counseling and moved to L.D. Bell high school as Counselor. After receiving my Principal's certification I applied for and secured a position as Assist. Principal at Northwest High School. In 2014 I moved to EMSISD as Director of Counseling/Campus Support

**Facebook:** [http://Ron Hastings Candidate for NISD School Board Place 7](http://Ron%20Hastings%20Candidate%20for%20NISD%20School%20Board%20Place%207)

**Other Address:** 12525 Park Ridge TrAIL

#### Filing:

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#### Questions:

**Q:** *What are your qualifications for this office?*

**A:** I have spent over 30 years working with kids and parents, helping them through the educational process. I have an understanding of the needs of students and teachers in this ever-changing process. I was part of the District's Long-Range Planning committee for several years and was a member of the design team for the remodel of NHS and building

of Byron Nelson. I have served in positions as a classroom teacher, counselor, Assistant Principal, Associate Principal, District Coordinator of Guidance, Director of Counseling. After retiring I have continued to serve the students/ parents and teachers of NISD as a Trustee on the school Board. I believe that I bring to the table skills that no other candidate possesses, which will give me the ability to continue as a productive member of the Board.

**Q:** *What school safety measures are your highest priority?*

**A:** My top priority is to make sure all students are safe at school. I believe that the District must constantly audit and adjust, as needed, to maintain a high level of security and safety. During my time on the Board, the District has completed remodeling the entrances to all schools that require a person to show an ID before entering and all must enter through a series of doors. The District must continue to find ways to keep our students safe not just from outside the building but from within. We must stop bullying both in person and on social media, I believe that through sound SEL teaching this can be achieved.

**Q:** *What can the Board of Trustees do to encourage teachers to stay in the system?*

**A:** By providing excellent leadership at the campus and district level. We must hire the best principals, coordinators, directors and Superintendent. We must listen to their concerns and respond to those concerns immediately. We must provide them with all the tools they need so they can focus on teaching our kids not doing paperwork! Finally, we must support and back our teachers and provide them with a decent salary.

**Q:** *What actions will you support to stabilize the district's financial status?*

**A:** At a minimum, the state must continue to fund schools as passed during the last legislative session. They must also look at ways to help fast growth districts meet increased funding needs. They also need to look at ways to reduce property taxes and still maintain school funding. I will work with our legislatures before and during the next session to ensure their support for increased school funding.

**Q:** *How do you define educational equity?*

**A:** All students, no matter their needs or challenges are provided with an equal opportunity to reach their potential. To do this we have to hire teachers that understand students' needs and build relationship with each student, we must focus on the whole child! As an example, if they are hungry or afraid, they can't focus on learning to read. Things the district has in place are SEL (Social Emotional Learning), RTI (Response to Intervention) and Communities in Schools. Finally, we must work as a team with parents/guardians to do what is right for each student.

**Q:** *COVID-19: What actions can the school district take to address the health and economic impact caused by COVID-19?*

**A:** - no response -

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**A:** - no response -

### **Jennifer Murphy**



#### **Biographical Info:**

**Mailing Address:** 12829 Gallant Ct Fort Worth, TX 76244

**Education:** BA, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

**Experience :** 20 plus years of non-profit philanthropy, including public school district formula and discretionary funding.

**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/MurphyforNorthwestISDTrustee/>

**Filing:**

[http://www.nisdtx.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_232117/File/School%20Board/Election/2020%20Trustee%20Election/Jennifer%20Murphy%20-%20Application%20-%20Website.pdf](http://www.nisdtx.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_232117/File/School%20Board/Election/2020%20Trustee%20Election/Jennifer%20Murphy%20-%20Application%20-%20Website.pdf)

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What are your qualifications for this office?*

**A:** Throughout my career, I have dedicated myself to serving the community through my daily work. With a career in non-profit and educational fundraising, I have had the opportunity to be a part of some really incredible endeavors. Some of the most rewarding work I have ever done is with the public school district I worked for in San Antonio (Northside ISD) and here in Northwest ISD. I believe that the combination of my professional experience, personal commitment to community service, and my dedication to equality for all makes me an ideal candidate for this position. Additionally, during the 2018/2019 school year, I was nominated to participate in the Leadership NISD program. This program is an academic year-long program for community stakeholders to learn in-depth about all aspects of the school district. In May 2019, I successfully "graduated" from this program and the information I learned will help me serve in a better capacity.

**Q:** *What school safety measures are your highest priority?*

**A:** School safety is a complicated issue. So many people from many different backgrounds have differing opinions about what school safety looks like. I believe we have to listen to our front line staff members who are with our kids and working on our campuses every day. We also have to consult with security professionals who specialize in facility safety management. The highest priority safety measure, in my opinion, is our students ability to feel safe and taken care of when they step on their campus. A student cannot properly learn and be engaged in their classes without this. This is achieved by working with professionals from across many different backgrounds.

**Q:** *What can the Board of Trustees do to encourage teachers to stay in the system?*

**A:** Listen. We have to listen to teachers and understand the things they see and do every day. We have to give teachers the tools they need and we have to understand why it is they need those tools to be successful. In networking my teachers that I know personally and professionally across Northwest ISD, the landscape of educating students is constantly changing. We, as board members, have to advocate for our teachers and help them not only in their professional struggles but in their personal struggles as well. Teachers give so much of themselves to their students and campuses. They deserve our full attention and our maximum effort in giving them what they need.

**Q:** *What actions will you support to stabilize the district's financial status?*

**A:** Stabilizing the financial status of Northwest ISD is critical to the future of the district and to the success of its continued growth. I believe that the district has done a good job of setting up a favorable financial outlook that is building a solid foundation for the crazy amount of growth we are facing. We have to continue to utilize planning committees, talk with community stakeholders, and hold staff members accountable in maintaining a comprehensive knowledge base state and federal funding initiatives that impact our district.

**Q:** *How do you define educational equity?*

**A:** Educational Equity is essential in public education. I believe that all students should have access to all the resources and tools that will set them up for a successful future. Educational equity has to be fair and it has to be inclusive of all. At Northwest ISD, we have to listen to our teachers and our campus-based administrators. Each campus serves a unique population of students and it is critical that the autonomy of each campus is celebrated without hesitation.

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**A:** - no response -

## **Northwest ISD Proposition A**

**Description:**

The issuance of \$937,702,000 of bonds by the Northwest Independent School District for school facilities and the purchase of land, buses and vehicles and levying the tax in payment thereof. This is a property tax increase.

For  
Against

[https://www.nisdtx.org/news/what\\_s\\_new/school\\_board\\_calls\\_for\\_three\\_elections](https://www.nisdtx.org/news/what_s_new/school_board_calls_for_three_elections)

<https://www.nisdtxbond.org/>

### **Yes - For the Measure**

Biographical Info:

Questions:

### **No - Against the Measure**

Biographical Info:

Questions:

## **Northwest ISD Proposition B**

Description:

The issuance of \$23,573,000 of bonds by the Northwest Independent School District for recreational facilities and levying the tax in payment thereof. This is a property tax increase.

For

Against

[https://www.nisdtx.org/news/what\\_s\\_new/school\\_board\\_calls\\_for\\_three\\_elections](https://www.nisdtx.org/news/what_s_new/school_board_calls_for_three_elections)

<https://www.nisdtxbond.org/>

### **Yes - For the Measure**

Biographical Info:

Questions:

### **No - Against the Measure**

Biographical Info:

Questions:

## **Northwest ISD Proposition C**

Description:

The issuance of \$8,840,000 of bonds by the Northwest Independent School District for Texan Stadium and Northwest ISD Stadium and levying the tax in payment thereof. This is a property tax increase.

For

Against

[https://www.nisdtx.org/news/what\\_s\\_new/school\\_board\\_calls\\_for\\_three\\_elections](https://www.nisdtx.org/news/what_s_new/school_board_calls_for_three_elections)

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### **Yes - For the Measure**

Biographical Info:

Questions:

### **No - Against the Measure**

Biographical Info:

Questions:

## **Northwest ISD Proposition D**

Description:

The issuance of \$16,485,000 of bonds (with a maximum maturity of three years) by the Northwest Independent School District for instructional technology and levying the tax in payment thereof. This is a property tax increase.

For

Against

[https://www.nisdtx.org/news/what\\_s\\_new/school\\_board\\_calls\\_for\\_three\\_elections](https://www.nisdtx.org/news/what_s_new/school_board_calls_for_three_elections)

<https://www.nisdtxbond.org/>

## Yes - For the Measure

Biographical Info:

Questions:

## No - Against the Measure

Biographical Info:

Questions:

## Northwest ISD Proposition E

Description:

Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate of \$1.4663 per \$100 valuation in Northwest Independent School District for the current year, a rate that will result in an increase of 17 percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the district for the current year as compared to the preceding year, which is an additional \$33,329,382.

For

Against

[https://www.nisdtx.org/news/what\\_s\\_new/school\\_board\\_calls\\_for\\_three\\_elections](https://www.nisdtx.org/news/what_s_new/school_board_calls_for_three_elections)

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## Yes - For the Measure

Biographical Info:

Questions:

## No - Against the Measure

Biographical Info:

Questions:

## Precinct

### Denton County Elections

Description:

**The current election is the November 3, 2020 General Election.**

**Tuesday, November 3, 2020 - Uniform Election Date**

Last Day to Register to Vote - Monday, October 5, 2020

[First Day of Early Voting - Tuesday, October 13, 2020](#)

Last Day of Early Voting - Friday, October 30, 2020

**Municipal Runoff Election – December 8, 2020 \*\* if needed\*\***

[Voting and the Coronavirus](#) from LWVTX

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Where available LWV Denton links the application for a place on the ballot for each candidate for city/town councils and school boards. Some jurisdictions do not post this information. Some jurisdictions redact content of the form, such as an email address.

Limited candidate information for county, district and state elections is at the Texas Secretary of State using search criteria: <https://candidate.texas-election.com/Elections/getQualifiedCandidatesInfo.do>

The only way the League invites candidates to answer questions is through an email invitation. No email, no invitation. The League encourages voters to examine applications for a place on the ballot for other methods of contacting candidates. The League further encourages voters to contact the jurisdiction asking the jurisdiction to better comply with [HB 305 \(2019\)](#).

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Texas' even year November ballot is determined by a nomination process either by election or convention. In 2020 the Democratic and Republican parties were required to

nominate by election. The election day was March 3, 2020. The Green and Libertarian parties may nominate by convention. The convention day was March 10, 2020. Voters may participate in only one party's nomination process.

[Introductory Note Concerning Conventions of Parties Holding Primary Elections](#)

[VOTETEXAS.GOV](http://VOTETEXAS.GOV)

[Texas Secretary of State Elections Division](#)



**LWV Texas:** [Find Your County Election Website!](#)

**LWV Texas:** [Election Information](#)

**League of Women Voters of Denton**

<http://www.lwvdenon.org/>

**Upcoming Elections:**

May 2, 2020 - Local Political Jurisdictions (cities, towns, school districts, special districts)  
Postponed until November 3, 2020

**Saturday, May 2, 2020 - Uniform Election Date (Limited)**  
**POSTPONED UNTIL NOVEMBER 3, 2020**

Denton County Notices:

[Notice of Voting Order Priority](#) PDF

[Notice of Elections – Postponed May 2nd Elections](#)

[Candidates Unopposed Declared Elected – May 2, 2020 Elections](#)

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**Active Contest List:** [https://www.votedenton.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/1120\\_Verity\\_Active\\_Contest\\_v5.pdf](https://www.votedenton.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/1120_Verity_Active_Contest_v5.pdf)

**Early Voting Locations:** [https://www.votedenton.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/1120\\_EV\\_Locations\\_final.pdf](https://www.votedenton.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/1120_EV_Locations_final.pdf)

**Election Day Locations:** [https://www.votedenton.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/1120\\_Unconsolidated\\_ED\\_Locations\\_final.pdf](https://www.votedenton.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/1120_Unconsolidated_ED_Locations_final.pdf)

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**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Denton County Elections**



**Biographical Info:**

**Election Date and Type:** 2020 November General Election – November 3, 2020

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**Map:** <http://www.votedenton.com/voting-precincts-maps/>

**Active Contest List:** [http://www.votedenton.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/1120\\_Verity\\_Active\\_Contest\\_v5.pdf](http://www.votedenton.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/1120_Verity_Active_Contest_v5.pdf)

**Denton County Elections:** <http://www.votedenton.com/upcoming-election-information/>

**Denton County Voter Lookup:** <http://www.votedenton.com/voter-lookup/#VoterEligibilitySearch>

**Denton County Precinct Lookup by Address:** <http://www.votedenton.com/precinct-lookup-by-address/#Search>

**Early Voting Locations:** [http://www.votedenton.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/1120\\_EV\\_Locations\\_final.pdf](http://www.votedenton.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/1120_EV_Locations_final.pdf)

**Election Day Polling Locations:** [http://www.votedenton.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/1120\\_Unconsolidated\\_ED\\_Locations\\_final.pdf](http://www.votedenton.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/1120_Unconsolidated_ED_Locations_final.pdf)

**Texas Voter Lookup:** <http://teamrv-mvp.sos.texas.gov/MVP/mvp.do>

**Questions:**