

**Pflugerville Council of Neighborhood Associations**  
**Pflugerville School Board Candidates Forum**  
 April 22, 2013

**Tony Hanson**  
**Place 3 Candidate**



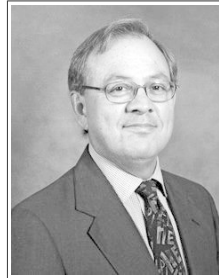
Tony moved to Pflugerville in 1995 with his wife, Kim. Tony and Kim have been married for 20 years, and have two daughters who attend PISD schools.

He received his high school diploma from R. L. Paschal High School in Fort Worth, Texas, and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from Prairie View A&M University. He currently, works for the Texas General Land Office as a Senior Internal Auditor. He is a Certified Internal Auditor and Certified Information Systems Auditor.

After moving to Pflugerville, Tony joined Saint Mary Missionary Baptist Church where he has served as a deacon, Chairman of the Deacon Board, and Youth Minister. He is also an ordained minister.

He is a founding member of PISD's MEN's group. He also volunteered with Brookhollow Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), as well as participated on the Citizens Bond Committee. In addition, he is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

**Mario Acosta**  
**Place 3 Candidate**



- MED-Texas State University
- Superintendent Certification- Sul Ross State University
- 36 years Experience- Public School Education
- 24 years Experience- Public School Administration
- 12 years Experience- PISD Campus Administration
- PISD Board Member- Texas Top 5 School Boards-2009-10
- Employed by Texas Education Agency (TEA)
- 15 year PISD Resident
- Father of 2 PISD Graduates

I am a product of public education and believe in it. My experience as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, principal, superintendent, board member and my current job with the Texas Education Agency gives me a 360 degree view of what it takes to have a successful school district and campuses. I am seeking re-election because I am uniquely qualified to help lead PISD in providing the best education to all our students and providing a positive climate for all our staff. My top priorities are:

- Selection of a superintendent
- Developing a bond proposal issue
- Transitioning into the new state accountability
- Maintaining a balanced budget

**Lance Sandlin**  
**Place 5 Candidate**



- Pflugerville resident since 2004
- 22 years Professional Experience including Manufacturing, Technology, Sales Management, and Small Business Ownership
- Vice President and Founding Board Member of Pflugerville Youth Football and Cheer Association 8 years
- Graduate of University of Mary Hardin Baylor, BBA in Business Administration
- Served in High School & College Ministry Leadership, First Baptist Church
- Married 16 years to Carol. Daddy to Elizabeth, Zachary, Jackson, and Aidan.

**GOALS**

- Provide outstanding leadership to the parents, students & teachers of P.I.S.D.
- Coordinate with Administration, Teachers & Staff to create a SAFE environment on ALL campuses.
- Bridge relationships to respect and improve communication.
- Serve the needs of all students.
- Responsibility & Accountability

**Carol Fletcher**  
**Place 5 Candidate**



Carol Fletcher began her career in education as a science teacher at PMS in 1989 following her graduation from Texas A&M University. In 1995, after serving in numerous leadership roles and being honored by her peers as PMS Teacher of the Year, she attended UT Austin and completed her Master's degree in 1996 and Ph.D. in 1998, both in Science Education. She and her husband Clint have lived in PISD for 20 years and have two boys, Ben and Wiley, who attend PHS and PCMS respectively.

Dr. Fletcher is the Associate Director of the Texas Regional Collaboratives (TRC) at UT, the state's largest math and science teacher professional development program. In her position at UT, she has spent the last 14 years working with TEA, the TEKS, No Child Left Behind, business partners, higher education, and thousands of teachers from around the state and has used these experiences to help PISD tackle the many challenges we have faced.

Dr. Fletcher was elected to the PISD Board of Trustees in 2001 and served as Board President from 2006 to 2011. During her tenure as Board President, PISD was named one of the top five school boards in the state.

**Vernagene Mott**  
**Place 4 Candidate (unopposed)**



- Currently completing 3<sup>rd</sup> term, presently serving as Board Vice President
- TASB director, Region 13 (59 school districts)
- 2007 Leadership TASB Master Trustee; LTASB Alumni charter board member
- Organizer and Charter Member of the Pflugerville Education Foundation
- 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award Greater Pflugerville Chamber of Commerce
- Retired High School Math/Chemistry Teacher (35+ yrs); Dept. Chair, NHS Sponsor
- Immanuel Lutheran organist, pianist, Co-authored/published 3 books on local history
- E3 Alliance participant
- Attendance at Regional, State, National NSBA-FRNC School Board Conventions:
- Central TASB member, organizer, contributor
- 2010 Region 13 Board and State Honor Board (finalist at TASA/TASB Convention)
- 2010 Pflugerville Education Foundation Distinguished Alumni Award
- PISD Board was 2011 PCC Outstanding Citizen of the Year
- Region 13 SOTY Selection Committee
- Architectural Committee for the Caudill Award at Convention
- Active in advocacy with lawmakers, grassroots meetings for education
- Special time with 12 grandchildren; love gardening

**Write Notes Below**

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**Our Mission: *Building Community Together***

Since 1985, PFCONA has been a discussion forum for solving challenges Pflugerville neighborhoods have like safety, traffic, environment, zoning, resident relations, HOA governance, and protecting home values.

**Program Agenda**

- Housekeeping (3-5 minutes)
- Introductions (15 minutes, 3 per candidate)
- Candidate Q & A (prepared & audience submitted (~60 minutes))
- Closing statements (15 minutes, 3 per candidate)

**Audience Decorum**

- Please mute or turn off your cell phone.
- Please be quiet so we may all hear candidates. If you get up from your seat, do so quietly.
- Please submit written questions on cards and pass them to the aisle for collection.
- Questions are to be directed to all candidates. We apologize if yours is not asked in the interest of time or duplication with other questions.
- Respect those who are speaking, even though you may not agree. This is a public meeting.
- All candidates have the same time to answer. Please let our time keeper and moderator indicate when time is up.

**Questions**

Below are questions sent to all candidates in advance for their consideration.

- What are the top three issues facing the school board and which one should be the number-one priority?
- What attributes will be critical in your selection of a superintendent candidate?
- What is your position on the need for a bond package in the next fiscal year and what items do you believe are most critical? What other avenues do you think should be considered as alternatives to a bond? (3 minutes)
- Currently the board does not video public board meetings for live video streaming or posting recordings for on-demand viewing like other school districts and cities. What is your position on investing funds to record and stream video of Board meetings to increase transparency and accountability to the public?
- The Texas Legislature is considering changes to the testing standards and their impact for students. What is your position on proposed legislative changes?
- What is your position on the Domestic Partnership insurance benefits that the District chose to offer in 2013? Do you agree or disagree, and why or why not?