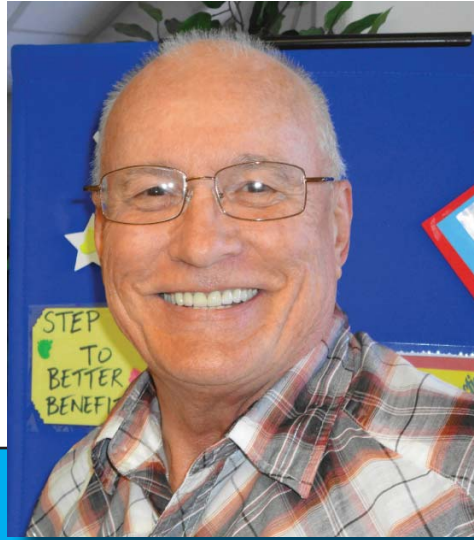


## I Remember...



*Becky McMillan- Retired Teacher*

I remember this board violated state law and kept our educators' state mandated salary increase to help balance the school district's budget at the expense of employees. When the Texas Education Agency's Administrative Law Judge ruled against them, they chose to continue wasting taxpayers' dollars by fighting the decision instead of doing the right thing like every other school district did. I have a memory and I have not forgotten. That's why I am not voting for any member of the school board running for re-election or any of their hand-picked successors. I want a new school board that will represent all McAllen citizens, not just the monied few. I want a school board that will place the interests of our children, first. That's why I'm voting for a new school board in May. I'm supporting Debbie Crane Aliseda in Place (1), Hilda Garza DeSazo, Place (2), Erica de la Garza in Place (4) and Allen Watkins in Place (5).



## I Remember...

*Wally Kostenko, Retired Teacher*

I remember how this school board hired new teachers and then laid them off at end of the 2009-2010 school year to cover the deficit they had created through poor business decisions. Even now probationary teachers may not have jobs at the end of next school year.

## I Remember...

I have also not forgotten they stopped televising citizens' comments when the public became aware of the decisions being made and began expressing their concerns during public forum. We need a real change.

## I Remember...



*Gus Martinez, Retired Teacher*

I am not voting for the incumbents in the school board election because I remember this board took a budget surplus and turned it into a big deficit, even before the state announced its budget crisis. I have not forgotten that these trustees cared more about building new facilities than they did about saving the jobs of people who worked directly with the students. I feel this board has lost touch with the community and does not know what our schools need most. The children of McAllen deserve better. If we keep electing the same kind of people, we can expect to get the same kind of results.

That's why I'm voting for Debbie Crane Aliseda in Place (1), Hilda Garza DeSazo in Place (2), Erica de la Garza in Place (4), and Allen Watkins in Place (5).

## I Remember...



*Rosemary Miranda- Immigration Attorney*

I remember former House Public Education Committee Chair Paul Sadler was a pivotal figure from 1993 through 2001 in a whole series of Texas legislative efforts that drove increases in school funding and improvements in state education policy.

Mr. Sadler challenged the often-heard claim that schools “should be run like a business.” Sadler said he had worked in the business world as well as in law and politics, and he had found the business sector often proved to be the least competent and least efficient of all, focused more on what is convenient and cheap than on what is beneficial. I think Mr. Sadler would be disappointed the way the McAllen ISD school board has run our district the past several years. That’s why I’m voting for a new school board in the May elections. I’m voting for Debbie Crane Aliseda (1), Hilda Garza DeShazo (2), Erica de la Garza (4) and Allen Watkins. (5).



## I Remember...

*Barbara Montemayor- Retired Teacher*

I remember this school board made some poor choices. They never apologized to the public for making bad decisions and laying off school employees in 2010.

I haven't forgotten how they let many teachers and classroom assistants go. They told the parents that larger classes would have no impact on their children if they had a good teacher. When asked if adding six to eight children to their families would impact their lives, they seemed clueless. All we were told is that they had tough choices to make and that we could all get by with fewer people. Then they hired two new associate superintendents to help the superintendent manage fewer district employees. He already had three assistant superintendents. That's why I am not supporting this school board in the elections. I'm voting for Debbie Crane Aliseda in Place (1), Hilda Garza DeShazo in Place (2), Erica de la Garza in Place (4) and Allen Watkins in Place (5).

## Remember



Early voting for School Board elections runs May 2-10. During the early voting period, citizens may vote at any of the following locations.

Early voting locations:

Old City Hall, 311 N. 15th St.

Palm View Community Center, 3401 Jordan Ave.

Lark Community Center, 2601 Lark Ave.

Early voting schedule:

May 2-6 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

May 7 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

May 8 Closed

May 9-10 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Election Day is Saturday, May 14. The polling places will be open from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. You must bring either your Voter Registration Card or Driver's License.

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