

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, 4 YEAR TERM  
Atascadero Unified School District**

**TAMI GUNTHER**

**Occupation:** Full Time Parent and Community Volunteer

**Education and Qualifications:** I am running for a seat on the AUSD Board of Trustees with a goal of bringing more community involvement into the decision making process in the District. Communication is essential, and I will continue to support efforts to improve and expand the use of technology toward this goal. Parents must be informed to be involved. Student's attendance, assignments, and grades must be made available in real time so that parents can become true partners in their children's education. I support arts and technology programs at all grade levels, and believe that life skills and vocational training are more important than ever for our high school students who may not be planning to attend college right away.

My experience with the District over the past ten years includes:

Elementary School Site Council, Chairperson

Atascadero High School Site Council, Vice Chair

District Advisory Committee, Vice Chair

Atascadero High Accreditation Committee 2006, member

Active PTA member

Over 500 hours of volunteer time this year, working with and for the children in our community.

Our School Board and administrators should be held to a higher standard, and should be role models for our children at all times.

Thank you for voting!

s/ Tami Gunther

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**GEORGE B. DODGE**

**Occupation:** Incumbent-Retired Army Officer and School Finance Administrator

**Education and Qualifications:** I am a retired Army Officer, K-12/College Administrator, currently a board member and administrator of a non-profit working with families. I have a wealth of experience in education finance, am a honorary life member California Association of School Business Officials, member of Atascadero Youth Task Force and a commissioner on the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education Personnel Commission. I have received recognition as Public Official 2006 from the California Teachers Association, the 2003 Lay Educator of the Year from Phi Delta Kappa, and for service to children from Asset Development Network. I am a 23 year Atascadero resident, have a BA Political Science, a Masters in Public Administration and am a parent and grandparent I believe: Schools should improve educational opportunities of children while at the same time creating a positive environment for staff; Schools should reflect and support community values; School boards should provide the community information and leadership on educational issues and advocate for education at the Federal, State and local levels; That we need to expand co-curricular and quality educational opportunities for youth; and we need to provide resources and incentives to our staff to insure that we have and keep the best people.

s/ George B. Dodge

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**COLLEEN MCCALL-PALERMO**

**Age: 44**

**Occupation:** Attorney/Parent/College Counselor

**Education and Qualifications:** I have a wealth of professional and personal training and experience to offer as a member of the Atascadero School Board. I am a California attorney with 19 years experience in advising financial services institutions, including government agencies. I am familiar with government regulation and administrative procedure. Most importantly, I have been a parent for over 17 years, with children enrolled in AUSD for the past 6 years. I have served as a PTA board member and President, and have served on the Junior High PTSA Board. I completed a two-year term on the San Gabriel School Site Council, including one year as president. I have served on three district-level committees. I am a UCLA certified college counselor, helping students prepare for post-secondary education. On the Board, I would seek greater fiscal and educational accountability in the district. Our schools should strive to provide a quality education to the greatest number of students. Increasingly the focus is on serving special interests, at the expense of others. We must reexamine if our current allocation of resources at the district level is appropriate given our educational objectives. AUSD once was the county jewel. Together we can return to excellence.

s/ Colleen McCall-Palermo

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**DONN CLICKARD**

**Occupation:** Appointed AUSD School Board Member

**Education and Qualifications:** I am a retired school teacher and Athletic Director from the Atascadero Unified School District. I have been a resident of Atascadero since 1970 serving two terms as Chamber of Commerce Board Member. I was California State Athletic Director of the Year and feel fortunate to have also been named Atascadero Citizen of the Year. Last year I was appointed to AUSD Board. My daughter is a student and I have a commitment to the quality education for all the students in the District.

The Board must support the efforts of the Superintendent, John Rogers, as he capably guides the District in the direction of continuing excellence, which has obviously been pursued. The Board must continue to support the achievements of the dedicated certificated and classified staff members who have worked so hard and so successfully to create students who are critical thinkers and lifelong learners. The main goal of the Board must be to provide the students the opportunity to become valuable members of any community that they are a part. I hope to continue my service to the community as a member of the Board, dedicated to providing the highest possible educational experience for each of our students.

s/ Donn Clickard

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**JANET WATERS**

**Occupation:** Accounting Consultant

**Education and Qualifications:** I am Jan Waters and I would like your support for my candidacy for AUSD School Board. I am a lifelong resident of California and have raised 4 children in the public school system. I have lived in Pozo since 1992, and my ten grandchildren currently attend Atascadero public schools.

I have a strong background in accounting, as a consultant to a variety of businesses, as well spending twenty years as a controller. I think it is vital that every dollar designated to the schools reach the children in the classrooms to the greatest degree possible, without being diminished by needless administrative costs.

Through my experience as a mother and grandmother of school age children, as well as my brief employment as a school teacher, myself, I feel well acquainted with the problems that our schools face today, as well as the strengths that make our school district unique.

I offer a specialized set of qualifications and experience that will benefit the Atascadero Unified School District. Vote for me, I'll do the best job.

s/ Janet Waters

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**JOEL C. TWISSELMAN**

**Age: 46**

**Occupation:** Rancher, Heavy Equipment Repair @ Metal Fabrication

**Education and Qualifications:** In recent years school districts have experienced many changes due to declining enrollment. Through teamwork, dedication and strong fiscal responsibility, Atascadero Unified Schools are prepared for the continuous challenge of bringing our students the best education possible with the resources available. We have a new Superintendent, who brings a great deal of knowledge and experience to this position. It is important that we have a strong familiar board to facilitate the transition and guarantee continued success in the positive direction that the entire district staff has worked so hard to create. Through teamwork and fiscal responsibility our District will ensure that all of our students become critical thinkers, life long learners and valuable members of our community.

s/ Joel C. Twisselman

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**NOEL M. SHUTT**

**Age: 57**

**Occupation:** Financial Services / General Contractor / Educator

**Education and Qualifications:** I graduated from Cal Poly University and the University of Missouri. During my five years of graduate school at Missouri, I received a fellowship, which included a position as an Instructor and Research Associate. I returned to California as a Professor at Cal Poly and currently hold a valid California lifetime teaching credential.

In 1982 I established Academe Enterprises, Inc., a real estate brokerage and general contractor corporation and in 1991 started a venture in financial services which includes securities, insurance, and banking. The combination of business, education, and teaching experience give me a unique expertise which can be utilized as a Board member.

My philosophy regarding public education can be summed up simply: Get better student results for less money. The AUSD needs to concentrate on academic classroom activities to benefit the greatest number of students as is possible. Vocational education, music, and art need to be a part of every child's curriculum and I believe the Board can accomplish this task by judiciously monitoring the budget and restricting funding for non-educational special interest activities.

I would be honored to use my experience and education to provide fiscally responsible supervision as your community representative on the AUSD Governing Board.

s/ Noel M. Shutt

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**DAVID T. MAY**

**Age: 56**

**Occupation:** Retired Youth Counselor

**Education and Qualifications:** Education: Bakersfield College, San Diego State, Chapman University (Credencial)  
Professional Background: Retired Youth Counselor (27 yrs.), El Paso de Robles School  
Trained in substance abuse, parenting, gang activity.  
Supervised CYA fire crew  
5 time Staff of the Year, Superior Accomplishment Award  
Community Involvement: Board President, Atascadero Education Foundation  
Chair, Site Councils at San Gabriel, AJH  
Member of DAC, PTA & PTSA, classroom volunteer  
Little League and Soccer coach  
Sunday School teacher, ECHO volunteer  
Co-Lay Person of the Year - Phi Delta Kappa  
Golden Oak Award - PTA  
Family: Married 18 yrs. To wife, Brenda, PTSA President at AHS, AEF, church, etc.  
Son, Michael, 17, senior. Varsity Football  
Daughter, Jamie, 14. Dancer, Jr. Varsity Cheer 2005

With declining enrollment in our district, we must do more to work with the community as a whole to make our city more affordable for families. We have great teachers, staff and administration and must work harder to continue the superior level of classroom achievement. I am presently a substitute teacher in this district. I have worked at all levels in the last 4 years. This has given me a unique view of our school district and how I can best serve on the Board of Trustees.

s/ David T. May

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATO PARA  
MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA GUBERNATIVA, TÉRMINO DE 2 AÑOS  
Distrito Escolar Unificado de Atascadero**

**DAVID T. MAY**

**Edad: 56**

**Ocupación:** Consejero Juvenil Retirado

**Educación y Competencia:** Educación: Bakersfield College, Estado de San Diego, Universidad de Chapman (Credencial)  
Antecedentes Profesionales: Consejero Juvenil Retirado (27 años), Escuela El Paso de Robles  
Capacitado en abuso de estupefacientes, crianza de los hijos, actividad de pandillas.  
Supervisión del personal de bomberos de CYA  
5 veces Personal del Año, Premio al Logro Superior  
Participación en la Comunidad: Presidente de Junta, Fundación de Educación de Atascadero  
Presidente, Consejos de Sitio en San Gabriel, AJH  
Miembro de DAC, PTA y PTSA, voluntario de aula  
Entrenador de Pequeña Liga y Fútbol  
Maestro de Escuela Dominical, voluntario de ECHO  
Co-Lego del Año - Phi Delta Kappa  
Galarón Golden Oak - PTA  
Familia: Casado hace 18 años con su esposa, Brenda, Presidenta de PTSA en AHS, AEF, iglesia, etc.  
Hijo, Michael, 17, estudiante de último año. Fútbol Universitario  
Hija, Jamie, 14. Bailarina, Animadora de Universidad Jr. 2005

Con la disminución de la inscripción en nuestro distrito, debemos hacer más para trabajar con la comunidad entera para hacer que nuestra ciudad sea más accesible para las familias. Tenemos maestros, personal y administración excelentes y debemos trabajar más duro para mantener el nivel superior de logro en la clase. Actualmente soy maestro sustituto en este distrito. He trabajado en todos los niveles en los últimos 4 años. Esto me ha brindado una perspectiva única de nuestro distrito escolar y cómo puedo desempeñarme de la mejor manera en la Junta de Síndicos.

f/ David T. May

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**CAROL J. NELSON-SELBY**

**Occupation:** Retired Deputy District Attorney; Classroom Volunteer

**Education and Qualifications:** Working for 18 years as a prosecutor, I saw how a single educational failure can have a devastating impact on generations of children. I realized that in order to succeed as an adult, each child needs the opportunity to experience pride in his or her work, and that school is the place where this needs to happen.

When I retired from practicing law, I began volunteering in the schools. I wrote and directed a Peer Court program at Atascadero High School which taught about civic responsibility and our system of laws. I also became a coach for the Mock Trial team at Del Rio Continuation High School, where many students experienced first hand the connection between their own hard work and success. These projects required energy and commitment on my part.

As a school board member, my commitment will be to the children who depend upon the AUSD to prepare them for their futures.

s/ Carol J. Nelson-Selby