

Six Vie for Three Board of Education Seats

Since there are only two candidates who have filed for each district in the Board of Education election, these names will be on the ballot for the General Election also. Districts A, D, and E are those to be filled.

DISTRICT A

Approximate areas: La Jolla, Pacific Beach, South Clairemont, and a portion of North Clairemont.

WARREN W. ARMSTRONG

1. Background. Graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and arrived for first duty in San Diego in 1935. Lived in China, Greece, France and Great Britain. Commanding Officer of destroyers in Pacific during WW II. Executive Officer of Camp Elliot in 1950-52, taking overflow of recruits from N.T.C. Assistant for NATO Affairs to Charles Wilson, Secretary of Defense. Retired and lived in San Diego permanently since 1961.

President of PTA and active School Bond Drive, also engaged in other community and church affairs. Son in Public High School System, entering High School this September. Age 55.

2. Goals. San Diego is rapidly becoming an educational center of the United States. This local progress in educational thinking should be in evidence on the San Diego Board of Education. Since I can devote full time to the Board of Education and have contacts in the Educational Community, I can bring imaginative and workable plans to the attention of the Board of Education and thus actually provide guidance to the Superintendent of the San Diego School System. Since I have been a tax consultant, I am also acutely aware of the problems of the local property tax payer. However, the continued re-vitalization of our Public School System would be my primary concern.

3. Segregation. I believe an impasse has been reached on meaningful action to be taken on the recommendations of the Citizens Committee on Equal Educational Opportunity. The disturbances of the last few years have indicated that the entire community is involved on a year around basis and not just in June when the schools let out and the thermometer rises. Representatives of the City Government, Business, Labor, Board of Education, the orig-

inal CCEEO, and minority groups should meet and decide what can be accomplished in San Diego in 1967-68, stressing job opportunities, vocational training and full time utilization of school classrooms, work shops, and playgrounds in South East San Diego.

4. Finance. A change has been made in the State of California's financial support of local school districts in the recently passed A.B. 272, where a portion of the increased sales tax has been returned to the local school districts. This increased State aid from a broader tax base should take the pressure off the local property tax payer. This trend should continue with emphasis.

ARNOLD O. STEELE (Incumbent)

1. Background. Graduate University of Colorado with B.S. degree in Business Administration (1939) and L.L.B. (1941). Member State Bar of Colorado and California; member Board of Education of San Diego Unified School District (1963 to present). Author of several articles on world law. Age 50.

2. Goals. (1) Continue to work for greater local autonomy in Education. SB 311 is but a beginning. (2) Continue to work for new sources of revenue for schools and for relief to home-owning taxpayer. (3) Improve quality of education for all children with emphasis on compensatory education for culturally deprived, greater emphasis on basic skills in elementary with early spotting and remedying deficiencies in basic skills.

3. Segregation. Many recommendations have been implemented and many are being studied. Every recommendation must be evaluated as to cost and as to impact on education. If shown that a recommendation would be educationally sound for all children it should be implemented. Aye, but that's the rub. It must be of educational benefit. The schools cannot be used to solve problems created by segregation in housing.

4. Finance. Only one method is feasible: i.e. greater participation by State. The State is now contributing about 42 per cent of total cost of education. This should be increased to 50 per cent and the homeowner's burden should be decreased. Economic facts of life indicate that Education should be allocated portion of Sales Tax.

Candidates Questions

Following are the questions sent to candidates for the three positions to be filled on the Board of Education:

1. Please indicate your background (biography, education, experience, etc.) as it pertains to your candidacy.
2. What do you hope to achieve if you are elected to the Board of Education?
3. Do you think further action should be taken on the recommendations of the Citizens' Committee on Equal Educational Opportunity? If so, what action?
4. Do you have any suggestions to make regarding methods of financing local districts' share of public education?

DISTRICT D

Approximate areas: Downtown, Balboa Park, College area, East San Diego, and Normal Heights.

JIMMIE KUM SUN SUE

1. Background. A. A. Degree San Diego Junior College, B. A. Degree San Diego State College, Major: Elementary Education, Minor: Air Science. Teacher for ten years: Chicago Public Schools, San Diego City Schools, National School District, St. Rita's Child Development Center (Headstart Program). Salesman: World Book Encyclopedia, Businessman: Public Relations Manager, Lyle Pennington, Inc. Age 36.

2. Goals. Bring practical ideas for consideration.

3. Segregation. No comment.

4. Finance. Be frugal with what we have.

RICHARD L. JOHNSTON

1. Background. Born Illinois, March 15, 1924. Education: B. A. University of South Dakota, 1948; Master of Public Health (Specializing in Hospital Administration), 1950. Profession: Hospital Administrator, Childrens Hospital since 1954. Active in many organizations, both civic and professional, often as President or Chairman. Married, with three children: Darcey, age 16, and Jeff, age 14, both attending San Diego High School, and Kimra, age 12, attending Roosevelt Junior High School. Age: 43.

2. Goals. As a business man on the Board of Education I would be the only one with such a background. My efforts will be strongly related to pursuing and achieving sound business policies and procedures as they relate to new and current operations and financing thereto. Education as it relates to our expanding population and technology must have sound business measures accompanying them.

3. Segregation. The Board has acted upon approximately 19 of the original recommendations. The remainder and even those acted upon should serve as a source of material to study and reflect upon with comprehensive evaluation. There is need to encompass other community agencies and activities that influence or perpetuate discrimination. Equal educational opportunity is an absolute necessity regardless of individual expectancy. Achievement by all students must be encouraged and supported for our country to continue its great heritage.

4. Finance. Continued and expanded use of sales tax and application of such revenues for financing local districts' public educational requirements is a feasible and reasonable expectancy.

DISTRICT E

Approximate areas: South and Southeast San Diego.

HARDY DAY

1. Background. Twelve years experience in Private Education, of which the past eight years as an owner — administrator of Business Colleges, that presently includes a College of Law, Court Reporting, IBM Computer Programming, and Interior Designs. Age 38.

2. Goals.

1. Stop boundary changes that would make bus-ing necessary.
2. To lower the number of students per teacher.
3. Trim the budget.

3. Segregation. No.

4. Finance. No.

GEORGE WALKER SMITH (Incumbent)

1. Background. Born in Hayneville, Alabama; educated in the Montgomery Public School system and graduated from Miller's Ferry Institute, a private Presbyterian High School; Bachelor of Science degree from Knoxville College (1951), and Bachelor of Divinity degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (1956). Elected to the Board of Education in 1963, and the same year chosen as San Diego's "Outstanding Young Clergyman." In 1964 elected Vice President of the Board of Education, and selected as one of the "Outstanding Young Men of America" by the National Board of Directors of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. In 1965 elected President of the Board of Education, received the "Lay Citizens Award" from Phi Delta Kappa, National Educational Fraternity and the 1965 award of the Juvenile Protection Committee. In 1966 was honored as one of the 27 San Diego "Gentlemen of Distinction," and in 1967 was appointed to the Board of Directors of the National School Boards Association. Age: 38.

2. Goals.

1. To continue the fine education program.
2. Continue to work for quality equal education for all.
3. Expansion of the Junior Colleges to meet the growing needs of the city.
4. Better employer - employee relationship.

3. Segregation. All actions which are educationally and financially feasible should be taken care of.

4. Finance. (1) By property tax is the only way this can be done. (2) Added State aid.

Elected officials take office on the first Monday after the first day of December, Dec. 4, 1967.

1967 ELECTION CALENDAR

Primary	General	
7/27/67	9/14/67	Last day to register in order to vote.
8/21/67	10/ 9/67	First day Absentee Ballots are available.
9/12/67	10/31/67	Last day to apply for Absentee Ballot.
9/18/67	11/ 6/67	5 p.m. Deadline for returning Absentee Ballots.
9/19/67	11/ 7/67	ELECTION DAY.

Campaign expenditure statements for candidates must be filed before Oct. 24 for the Primary Election. According to the State Elections Code the City Clerk cannot issue an Election Certificate unless campaign statements are properly filed.

Prop. A Would Raise Council Salaries

The lone proposition on the September 19 ballot is a third-time-around attempt to raise city council salaries which have been frozen at \$5,000 since 1956. Councilmen's salaries are written into the City Charter and can be altered only by a majority vote of the electorate.

Proposition A would raise the salary of Councilmen from \$5,000 to \$8,600.

Digest of Principal Provisions.

Amends section 12 of Article 111 of the Charter of the City of San Diego. The fifth paragraph will read "the rate of pay of each councilman shall be \$8,600 a year." This is an increase of \$3,600.

Factual and Legal Background.

In 1951 the annual salary for councilmen was established at \$3,600 but was later reduced by the electorate to \$2,000. In 1956 the salary was

raised to \$5,000. In 1962 the Citizens Charter Review Committee recommended that the annual salary be raised to \$8,000. This was placed on the ballot in 1964, but failed to pass. A measure to raise the pay of City Councilmen to a figure comparable to that paid to the County Board of Supervisors failed to pass in 1965. In 1966 another attempt was made to raise it to \$9,000 and again it was voted down. The present rate is easily the lowest around the nation for a city of San Diego's size (over 672,900 citizens), according to the 1966 Municipal Yearbook (councilman salary) Page 94-on.

Arguments of the Proponents.

Due to the spectacular growth of the city in the last few years, the number, scope and importance of the decisions on today's legislative calendar have changed the councilman's job to a full time commitment. They are already spending at least 40 hours

per week on research and analysis of city problems and their solution. While there has been no increase in City Councilmen's compensation in the last eleven years, the work load has tripled in that time. Now is the time to make these salaries proportional to the demands, the responsibilities and the true importance of the job.

Arguments of the Opponents.

1. A pay increase for the City Council with its present limited responsibilities as well as paying for high cost of the City Manager's department would be supporting a dual form of government.

2. Before a pay raise for the Council is considered, the City Charter should be changed to give more power to the Mayor and decrease the power and cost of the City Manager.

3. It is not the number of hours put in but the willingness to accept more responsibility that would justify a higher salary.

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