

Robert Shield

Robert Shield was unanimously elected Board President at the December 12, 2008 Governing Board meeting. Mr. Shield was first elected to the Board in 2006 and is currently serving his first term as Board President.

Trustee Shield recognizes that there are many critical decisions facing our Governing Board. Over the next few months, the Board will begin to decide where to invest nearly half a billion dollars in bond money, and it will navigate the District through the difficult state budget impasse to minimize the impact on our students, teachers, and staff.

Mr. Shield intends to guide our Board through this process in a thoughtful and cooperative way. He plans to continue his work of being a unifying member of the Board, working productively with other Board members, administrative staff, teachers, parents, and students. President Shield looks forward to a challenging but highly productive year along with the other four Trustees, confident that each member of our Board remains committed to the welfare of each of our students.

Trustee Shield graduated from the University of Southern California in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He originally intended to develop a career in accounting, passing the CPA exam and working for a major international accounting firm. While working in accounting, he remained involved in his local church working with the high school youth group. Shortly thereafter, he worked full time for two years with high school and college students at a church in La Mesa.

Mr. Shield has also worked as a mortgage broker, a real estate broker, and as an internal auditor for a savings and loan company. While working in administration for a biotech firm, he elected to return to San Diego State University to obtain a teaching credential. Mr. Shield has been a public school teacher since 1997, currently teaching Social Studies at a middle school in Lakeside. In 2002, he earned a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from San Diego State University.