

# 2020 SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES

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Sabrina Bazzo is a dedicated mom, wife and proud long-time resident of the Mira Mesa community. Both daughters, recently graduated, went to public school in Mira Mesa from K-12. She and her husband have been active volunteers from the classroom to the athletic field for the past 17 years. Sabrina began as a room mom in her daughter's kindergarten class in 2002 at Sandburg Elementary. She later went on to serve as PTA President in addition to a variety of other leadership positions. Sabrina went on to serve as PTSA President, Reflections Art Program Chairperson, and Chair of the By-Laws Committee at Challenger Middle School. She then became Mira Mesa High School Foundation President for 6 years, from 2012-2018. Mira Mesa High School is currently the largest school in the district and has a very active Foundation. In addition, she was also the Committee Chair for the Annual "Taste of Mira Mesa" (TOMM) during this time frame. Taste of Mira Mesa is a community wide fund raiser for K-12 Mira Mesa Schools

and one of the largest of its kind in San Diego, raising thousands of dollars for additional classroom supplies, performing arts programs and extracurricular activities through the school cluster. She was also President of the Class of 2018 Parent Booster Organization from 2014-2018 responsible for raising funds for senior year activities. Over the years Sabrina has aserved on Student Site Council and Student Governance Boards at the grade school, middle school and high school as parent representative, responsible for working with teaching and administrative staff to make decisions regarding budget, student curriculum and general welfare of the schools. She has also sat on principal hiring committees at both the middle and high school level. Within the larger community Sabrina is a long-time member of the Mira Mesa Town Council and in 2016 was recognized for her many volunteer efforts as Mira Mesa Volunteer of the Year. On a professional level Sabrina earned a Master of Arts in Public Health (M.P.H.) from San Diego State University. She currently works as a consultant with non-profit medical organizations including the San Diego Academy of Family Physicians. Their primary goal is to provide high quality medical education for Family Medicine Physicians including residents and students. More recently many of these physicians have been on the front lines of the Covid-19 crisis and Sabrina has worked with them to provide important resources to help confront the public health challenges they are currently facing. Sabrina's amazing effort to benefit local organizations, our schools, our community and other non-profit agencies makes her an ideal choice to serve on the San Diego Unified School District Board of Education.

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I've lived in San Diego since 1976 and I grew up right here in District A. My family moved to University City in 1979 and I attended Spreckles Elementary before moving to Mira Mesa in 1983 where I attended Mason Elementary, Wangenheim Junior High, and Mira Mesa High School. I know first-hand how a quality education makes a difference. I had amazing teachers who inspired me to do more and instilled a love of learning. This love of learning set the foundation for me to successfully earn a Bachelor's of Arts in Political Science from San Diego State University and later a Master's Degree in Nonprofit Management and Leadership from the University of San Diego and finally a Doctorate Degree in Leadership Studies at the University of San Diego. What my education provided me the most was the opportunity to succeed professionally and personally. Professionally, I honed my management and leadership skills as a nonprofit executive, now consultant, helping nonprofit organizations strengthen and grow their programs and services to better serve their communities. I've worked with organizations like

American Red Cross San Diego/Imperial Counties, MANA de San Diego, UCAN, and the San Diego Workforce Partnership, to name a few. My education also allowed me to become a part-time professor teaching graduate level courses at the School of Leadership and Sciences at the University of San Diego (USD) and Global Policy and Strategy at the University of California San Diego (UCSD).

I combine research and real-world experience in my teaching and my areas of expertise are board governance and regulation as well as earned income such as social enterprise, in nonprofit and government organizations. On a personal level, my education helped me to serve my community as a former board member of the Citizen's Review Board on Police Practices for the City of San Diego, the Clairemont Town Council, and several nonprofit organizations. Currently, I'm a board member for Holmes Elementary and Marston Middle School Parent Teacher Associations (PTA) as well as on the School Site Councils (SSC) and School Governance Teams (SGT) at both schools. I also serve as the Board President for a local nonprofit music school, Recreational Music Center. But, I have to say what I'm most proud of is being married to a wonderful husband for the last 23 years and being a parent to three amazing children. And, it's because of my children, and their classmates, that I'm running for school board. I'm not convinced that they are reaching their full potential with how the district is currently performing.

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**RICHARD ANDREW BARRERA**  
SDUSD Board Trustee

Barrera has experience as a community organizer and a leader in labor relations. He obtained a bachelor's degree in American history from the University of California, San Diego. He went on to earn a master's degree in public policy from Harvard University.

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Although born in the midwestern United States, most of my childhood was spent in San Diego with the bulk of my education being at public schools in the San Diego Unified School District as well as local public colleges and universities. Education has made all the difference for me in my journey. I am running for this position because I think I can help. I know I'm ready to fight for our children and make sure their voices are heard. I'd like to see more children look forward to being at school and feeling like it is a place they can succeed. I support living wages. I understand the importance of the support staff who make everything run. I see value in project labor agreements. I support preparing our children to be socially and technically fluent so they can succeed in the world they will inherit from us. I'd like to help make these things happen. My personal, professional, and academic background as well as experience have prepared me to serve you. My academic background includes degrees in Marketing, Operations Management, Information Systems, and Educational Leadership.

I have a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt, PMI Project Management Professional certification and ProSci change management certifications. I have also been trained in Shingo Lean which focuses on building and sustaining a culture of continuous improvement. My dissertation focus was on employee engagement within the context of strategic planning, collaboration, and innovation. Professionally, I have worked for the past 14 years at the University of California, San Diego where my responsibilities have ranged from extramural funds management to business systems analysis with a current focus on organizational development. Shortly after completing my doctorate in 2015, I began with teaching doctoral students and eventually undergraduate students at UCSD. Throughout all of this, I have been engaged with my community. I have shown up and made the effort to make a difference whenever and wherever I could because it's who I am. Most importantly, I have been in the roles of SDUSD student and parent. In closing, Ubuntu theory says, I am because we are and because we all are therefore, I am.





**DR. SHARON WHITEHURST-PAYNE**

SDUSD "E" Trustee

While serving as the human resources services administrator and certificated staffing administrator for San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD), Sharon Whitehurst-Payne, PhD, created a teacher internship program that increased the diversity of teachers in San Diego classrooms by recruiting minority and male teachers. The initial cohort consisted of primarily African American and male teachers, and it grew to increase the recruitment teachers of Asian, Pacific Islander and Filipino and Latino teachers in its subsequent years. Many of the interns continued to develop into stars in the district, serving as teachers, principals and district administrators. The program enabled the district to grow its pool of diverse teachers rather than recruit from outside the district, and the program still serves as a relevant model today.

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Dr. Whitehurst-Payne earned her bachelor's degree in mathematics and history as well as her masters of teaching mathematics at Duke University. She earned her Doctorate in Educational Administration from the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Whitehurst-Payne served as a math teacher in SDUSD at Roosevelt, O'Farrell and Mission Bay High Schools and has taught as an adjunct faculty member at San Diego Community Colleges, California State University, San Marcos (CSUSM), and San Diego State University. Additionally, Dr. Whitehurst has been called to assist several school districts as a human resources consultant, including the San Ysidro, Coronado Unified and Oceanside Unified school districts, as well as Southwestern Community College. She completed a six year term as an Accreditation Commissioner for the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Dr. Whitehurst-Payne chairs both the San Diego City Schools Education Fund and the CSUSM University Auxiliary and Research Services Corporation (UARSC), and works with the Southeast San Diego Rotary Club on the special school projects in Southeast San Diego.



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**MAY 29th 2020  
4:00PM-6:30PM**

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