

**SHERMAN**

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

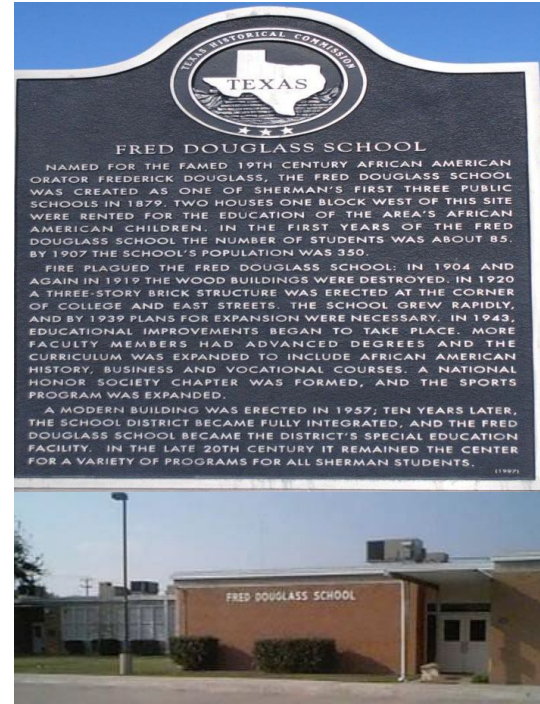
# Facility Naming Committee Meeting

**Dr. Thomas O'Neal, Deputy Superintendent**

*February 29, 2024*

# Naming Policy Overview

- Guidelines for Naming Facilities
- Process for Naming Facilities
- Naming Facilities Selection Committee Composition
- Specific Criteria to Consider for Nominated Names



# Guidelines

A facility or portion of a facility may be named for

- a person;
  - i.e., Henry Sory Elementary
- in honor of an historic event or place;
  - i.e., Alamo High School
- a distinctive geographic location; or
  - i.e., Sherman High School
- for a major donor
  - i.e., AT&T Stadium or Globe Life Park in Arlington



# Guidelines For Naming Facilities

## (One Or More Must Be Met)

- Person must make significant contributions and be a role model.
- Person must make significant contributions and be connected to the District.
- Person must make substantial contributions to his or her field.
- Name may be reused if the facility has been demolished (i.e., Washington Elementary).
- Historic event must have major significance.
- Extensive research shall be conducted on all names.



**Henry W. Sory  
Elementary**



# Process

- Name may be solicited by the District.
- Name may be submitted by the public.
- Nominations must be made in writing on a form provided by the District.
- Nominations will be considered and selected within a specific timeframe.



**Percy W. Neblett  
Elementary**



# Selection Committee Members

- Superintendent or designee (Chair)
- Site administrator (if applicable)
- At least two parents from...
  - The attendance zone (if applicable) or
  - The District Improvement Committee
- Appropriate district level administrative staff recommended by the Superintendent



**Dillingham  
Elementary  
School**

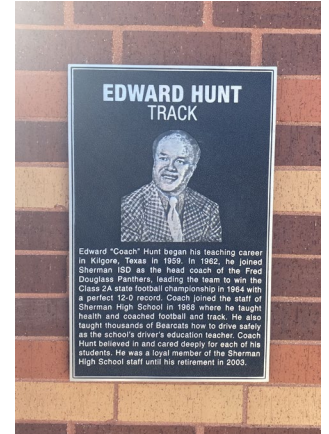


# Specific Criteria To Consider



**Tommy  
Hudspeth  
Athletic  
Complex**

- Does the nominated name reflect direct and substantial association and achievement of extraordinary and lasting distinction (e.g., an individual's scholarship, creativity, leadership, and humanitarian and public service)?
- Has the nominee served the District?
  - The length of years of service
  - The quality and quantity of contributions
- Weight may be given to an individual who gained distinction in the area or areas related to the usage of the facility.



**Edward Hunt  
Track**



# Timing

- Names must be submitted via the official form process at any time, but consideration by the Board will occur from January to March.
- Names submitted in an untimely manner may be considered in future years.
- Form is accessible at <https://www.shermanisd.net/Page/8077>



**Jefferson  
Learning Center**





# Committee Role

- Agree upon a recommendation as it relates to the application to be presented to the Board.
- Determining whether or not this is a worthy name for future Board consideration of naming facilities or a portion of a facility.



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**Questions?**

# Applications Received



Dr. Tony Fillman



Mr. Jack Pierce



Dr. David Hicks



# Dr. Tony Fillman

## Historical References and Notable Accolades, Accomplishments, and Distinctions:

- Dr. Tony Fillman was born in Chandler, Oklahoma in 1927 and passed away in Sherman in 2008
- Dr. Tony W. Fillman graduated from Stonewall High School, he was honored with being neither absent nor tardy for all 12 years
- Received his B.S from Oklahoma Baptist University, following three years as a medic in the navy
- Fillman received his Masters from Oklahoma University and Doctorate from North Texas
- Dr. Fillman was a community church leader in Sherman at Fairview Baptist Church with his wife Joan (who was also an educator in Sherman) for over 40 years
- Dr. Tony W. Fillman started his career in Sherman teaching physics at Sherman High School
- His next achievement was going on to be the Principal at Washington Elementary, before becoming Piner Middle School Principal and Sherman High School Principal



# Dr. Tony Fillman

Historical References and Notable Accolades, Accomplishments, and Distinctions:

- He also served as a Business Assistant and Business Coordinator
- Tony was a member of the toastmasters club as well as serving as president for 2 years in Kiwanis.
- His 12 year tenure as Principal at Sherman High School is the longest on record
- Dr. Fillman passed away January 13, 2008
- Dr. Fillman's career in Sherman was as follows:
  - 1954-1959 Sherman High School Teacher
  - 1959-1960 Washington Elementary Principal
  - 1960-1969 Piner Jr. High Principal
  - 1970-1982 Sherman High School Principal
  - 1982-1984 Business Assistant
  - 1984-1990 Business Coordinator



# Mr. Jack Pierce

## Historical References and Notable Accolades, Accomplishments, and Distinctions:

- Mr. Jack Pierce was born at home in 1936 and passed away in Sherman in 2020
- Mr. Jack Pierce attended Sherman school starting at Crocket Elementary and graduated from Sherman High School in 1954.
- Mr. Pierce was co-captain of the 1954 basketball team which competed in the state tournament where he received all-state honors. He also played baseball.
- Received his B.S. from North Texas State College where he lettered in basketball all 4 years.
- Pierce also received his Masters from North Texas State College as well.
- Mr. Pierce and his wife Pat were involved in the Woods Street Church of Christ
- Mr. Pierce started his career in Sherman in 1960 where he served as a teacher, coach, and administrator
- He continued attending events and supporting Sherman ISD even after his retirement



# Mr. Jack Pierce

Historical References and Notable Accolades, Accomplishments, and Distinctions:

- He had a second career as a stained glass craftsman which included many local churches, Willowood Chapel, and a church in Honduras
- Mr. Pierce passed away October 16, 2020
- Mr. Pierce's career in Sherman was as follows:
  - 1961-1973 Teacher/Coach at MS/HS
  - 1973-1992 Assistant Principal at Dillingham, Piner, and Sherman High School



# Dr. David Hicks

## Historical References and Notable Accolades, Accomplishments, and Distinctions:

- Dr. David Hicks was born in West Palm Beach, Florida in 1967 and passed away in Ft. Worth in 2022
- Dr. David Hicks graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School
- Received his B.A. from University of Dallas
- Dr. Hicks received his Masters and Doctorate from the University of North Texas
- Dr. Hicks was a community leader in Sherman being very involved in Sherman Noon Rotary and began the Rotary reads program still active today
- Dr. Hicks started his career as a teacher at DeWitt Perry Middle School in Carrollton
- He served as an educator for 34 years as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, area superintendent and superintendent





# Dr. David Hicks

## Historical References and Notable Accolades, Accomplishments, and Distinctions:

- Under his leadership, SISD passed a \$176M bond and constructed a new Sherman High School
- Dr. Hicks also began working with city officials in preparation of the TI and GlobiTech 313 agreements which supported their expansions in Sherman
- Dr. Hicks passed away September 9, 2022
- Dr. Hicks' career in Sherman was as follows:
  - 2016-2022 Superintendent



# Artifacts

- Nomination Forms – Including letters of support
- Obituaries – including digital guestbook comments if available
- Photos - If included with the nomination

