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Dan Nolan Joins Paulding County Board of Education

WHO

Dan Nolan

Epic Tents, LLC – CEO and Managing Partner
Paulding County Industrial Building Authority – chairman
Paulding County Airport Authority – member

Dan Nolan is a local businessman and active presence in the Paulding County community. After graduating from the University of Tennessee Chattanooga with degrees in Human Resource Management and General Business, he moved to Atlanta to begin a career in the event business with startup company Tents Unlimited. He oversaw extensive growth in the business and rose to the position of President and Managing Partner – a title he held for 20 years before beginning his latest venture, Epic Tents.

Over the years under Mr. Nolan's leadership, Tents Unlimited became a staple vendor to many of the nation's premier caterers, event producers, wedding coordinators, and décor and design specialists.

The company boasts relationships with the NFL, the NBA, MLB, and Live Nation Promotions, among others.

Most recently, Mr. Nolan became a Partner and Founder of Epic Tents, a joint venture providing mobile concert venues internationally to more than 20 countries. With Epic Tents, Mr. Nolan has participated in the design and construction analysis of fabric structures that are used in temporary applications, as well as long-term semi-permanent to permanent applications throughout North America.

Mr. Nolan is currently a board member of the Paulding County Airport Authority and chairman of the Paulding County Industrial Building Authority. He also serves as board president of the Governors Town Club HOA in Acworth, GA., a community of more than 300 planned estate homes, and previously served as president of the Bentwater Community Homeowners association.

Dan and his wife, Jennifer, are the parents of two girls, Lindsey, North Paulding High School graduate and current junior at Kennesaw State University, and Hailey, a junior at North Paulding High School.



Dan Nolan

WHAT

Mr. Nolan was appointed to the Paulding County Board of Education to fill the vacant District 6 seat. Mr. Nolan was selected by a vote of the Board at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 21, 2020 following a public interview round where the school board asked questions of four final candidates. Mr. Nolan was selected on the board's first vote. On April 27, 2020, Mr. Nolan was sworn into office by Probate Judge Deborah Andersen, and he will join the school board for its regularly scheduled meeting on April 28, 2020.

Mr. Nolan will represent District 6, which includes the following schools:

- Burnt Hickory Elementary School
- Russom Elementary School
- Shelton Elementary School
- McClure Middle School
- North Paulding High School



With his wife, Jennifer, holding the Bible (left), Dan Nolan is sworn in as the newest school board member by Judge Deborah Andersen.

Prospective candidates were able to express interest in the position, which was advertised on the school district web site and in the *Dallas New Era*, by submitting an application to the school district. At a special called meeting earlier this month, the Board narrowed the pool of candidates to four finalists.

Mr. Nolan joins a school board overseeing the 12th largest school district in Georgia with 30,500 students and 33 schools. The diverse district has more than 3,600 employees and an annual budget of nearly \$300 million. The school district has seen recent successes with a graduation rate climbing for the fifth consecutive year to reach 88.8 percent, the opening of the Paulding College and Career Academy, the renewal of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax capital program with more than 70 percent community support, and a five-year renewal of the district's accreditation by AdvancEd/Cognia.

Like all school systems in Georgia, the Paulding County School District is currently contending with the challenges of COVID-19 which led to the cancellation of in-person instruction and the closing of school buildings for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. The district is currently providing digital online instruction for all students. Mr. Nolan is joining a school board that will face multiple operational, budgetary and policy decisions as the district prepares for a 2020-2021 school year re-opening.

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“I would like to thank the school board for the opportunity, and I am looking forward to serving the county in this important role,” said Mr. Nolan. “The schools in our county are one of the most important resources we have to draw from. We have a responsibility to make our schools the best we can for the students we shepherd through our system. I am ready to get to work.”

WHEN

April 21, 2020 – Appointed by the Board of Education.

April 27, 2020 – Sworn in by Probate Judge Deborah Andersen

April 28, 2020 – Will participate in first Board of Education meeting

WHERE

Paulding County Board of Education
3236 Atlanta Hwy.
Dallas, GA 30132

WHY

Jason Anavitarte, who was elected to the District 6 Board of Education seat in November 2018 and took office in January 2019, recently stepped down in order to run for State Senate. Following the process described above, Mr. Nolan was then appointed to fill the vacant District 6 seat.

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