## Mike Moses

Dr. Mike Moses has been an educator for over thirty years. Currently, he is Distinguished Professor of Educational Administration at the University of North Texas and holder of a chair at that institution named in his honor. He also serves as the senior educational advisor for *Raise Your Hand Texas* and the *Center for Reform of School Systems*.

Dr. Mike Moses served as the general superintendent of the Dallas Independent School District from 2001 until 2004. From 1999 through 2001, he served as the deputy chancellor for Systems Operations at the Texas Tech University System. Dr. Moses was the Commissioner of Education for the state of Texas from 1995 through 1999. Prior to that service, he was the superintendent of schools in three Texas school districts including Lubbock, LaMarque, and Tatum. He also served as a teacher and principal in the Duncanville and Garland Independent School Districts. Dr. Moses holds a bachelor's and master's degree from Stephen F. Austin State University and a doctor of education degree from Texas A&M University at Commerce.

Additionally, Dr. Moses serves in a variety of other roles. He has served as a member of the board of directors for the Trammell Crow Company, one of the largest real estate and property management companies in the world. He currently sits on the board of two publicly traded companies, Southwest Securities Services Group and Scientific Learning. Dr. Moses also serves as special advisor and consultant to corporations and entities interfacing with elementary, secondary, and higher education. His unusual blend of business and education experience gives him a unique perspective regarding matters of public policy.

Among awards that Dr. Moses has received are the Texas Business and Education Coalition's "Distinguished Service Award" and the "Golden Deeds in Education Award" from Texas A & M University. The Texas School Public Relations Association awarded Dr. Moses the "Key Communicator for Public Education Award." Both the national and Texas PTA organizations have presented him with lifetime memberships. Dr. Moses has been named distinguished alumnus in two of the state's universities. He was also selected "Superintendent of the Year" in two Texas Education Service Center Regions and has been one of the four national finalists for "Superintendent of the Year". An intermediate school in his hometown, Nacogdoches, also bears his name.

His wife, Debi, is a former public school teacher and the couple has two sons.

#### From: Peggy Smith [mailto:PSmith@swst.com] Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 12:01 PM To: JOHN P NEUBAUER Subject: Correspondence from Mike Moses

John,

It was good to see you at the Thompson & Horton reception on Friday. It has been a while. Nevertheless, I want to tell you how much I appreciate your having included Southwest Securities in previous bond sales. I am very grateful for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

As Tomball continues to grow and you have additional sale opportunities, I would be so grateful for your continued consideration of allowing them to work with you.

If there is every anything that we or I can do for you, please feel free to call on me.

I admire and appreciate the tenure that you have enjoyed in Tomball. If you see Lynn Etheridge, please give him my regards.

Thanks,

#### Mike

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### Re: Correspondence from Mike Moses

From	Mike Moses
To	John Neubauer
Date	2013/05/11 22:15
Subject:	Re: Correspondence from Mike Moses

John,

Congratulations on the bond! It must be nice to retire undefeated. You can be very proud. Great job.

Mike

From: John Neubauer [mailto:johnneubauer@tomballisd.net] Sent: Thursday, May 09, 2013 02:19 PM Central Standard Time To: Mike Moses Subject: Re: Correspondence from Mike Moses

Thanks Mike

Sent from my iPhone

On May 9, 2013, at 12:13 PM, "Mike Moses" <<u>MMoses@swst.com</u>> wrote:

John,

Good luck on the bond issue Saturday. I am pulling for you and the district.

Mike

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#### Education

- J.D., The University of Texas School of Law, 1976
  B.A., The University of Texas at
- Austin, 1973

#### Bar Admissions • Texas

- **Court Admissions**
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

#### Affiliations

- Education Law Association
- Houston Bar Association
- National School Boards Association-Council of School Attorneys
- Boy Scouts of America, Sam Houston Area Council, Board of Directors

#### Noteworthy

- The Best Lawyers in America, 2008
- Texas Super Lawyer, School and Education, 2004-2013
- Texas Lawyer, Go-to Lawyer in School Law, 2007

#### **RELATED PRACTICES**

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#### EXPERIENCE

David Thompson represents public school districts, junior colleges and other educational entities in the Gulf Coast area and across Texas. He is a frequent speaker on a variety of school law subjects at legal and educational meetings. He is a former member of the Board of Directors for the NSBA Council of School Attorneys, a national organization of over 3,000 attorneys who represent public school districts.

Mr. Thompson currently represents 84 public school districts that education over 1.8 million students in the *Texas Taxpayer and Student Fairness Coalition, et al vs. Williams et al*, lawsuit challenging the current public school finance system as being in violation of the Texas Constitution.

Prior to the current school finance lawsuit, Mr. Thompson represented 263 school districts in *Edgewood ISD vs. Meno* (Edgewood IV), challenging the constitutionality of the Texas public school finance system. Mr. Thompson represented the Plaintiffs in *West Orange-cove vs. Neeley*, challenging the constitutionality of the Texas Public School System, and successfully argued before the Supreme Court of Texas that the system violated the Texas Constitution.

Mr. Thompson serves as legislative counsel for the Texas Association of School Administrators, Fast Growth School Coalition, Houston Independent School District, other school districts and education organizations, and has been actively involved in most legislative activities affecting public education in the past 20 years.

Previously, Mr. Thompson worked for the Public Education Committee of the Texas House of Representatives, as briefing attorney for the Ninth Court of Appeals, as associate executive director of the Texas Association of School Boards, and as General Counsel for the Texas Education Agency. He also has been an adjunct professor at the University of Texas School of Law, University of Houston - Clear Lake, Texas A&M University, and the University of Houston - Main Campus.

Mr. Thompson was General Counsel for the Texas Education Agency for five years and previously served as Associate Executive Director and Director of Governmental Relations for the Texas Association of School Boards. In addition to his expertise concerning the general areas of school law listed above, Mr. Thompson has extensive experience in school finance matters, legislation, board/superintendent relations, contracts, conflicts of interest, nepotism, student residency and attendance, competitive bidding, school board policy development, and employment matters. Also, he regularly assists school boards in searches for superintendents.

Mr. Thompson is a partner in the firm Thompson & Horton LLP, and previously practiced law with Bracewell & Giuliani, one of the oldest and most prominent law firms in Texas.

#### **PUBLICATIONS AND SPEECHES**

"Analysis of Texas Supreme Court's Opinion in Neeley et al v. Orange Cove et al, No. 04-144," Tex. November 22, 2005.

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## TOMBALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION FORM

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INVOICE DATE: 06/20/13		LOCATION:	CO-Board
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DESCRIPTION: Expenses for Consulting firm for the Superintendent Search for Mr. Neubauer's replacement

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Meeting with Mike	Moses and David Thompson - Superintendent Search Firm
From	Rita Beisert
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Date	2013/03/21 16:29
Subject:	Meeting with <mark>Mike Moses and David Thompson</mark> - Superintendent Search Firm

The Board of Trustees would like to have the Principals meet with the Superintendent Search Firm and give them your thoughts concerning the profile of the next Superintendent.

## Mike Moses

FromRita BeisertToGayle Henry, John NeubauerDate2013/03/27 08:36Subject:Mike Moses

Mike Moses would like to speak with you at 10:45 for about 15 min about the search. He will call you. Peggy's number is 214.859.9372 should you need to reschedule.

RE: Letter of	Engagement from David Thompson and Mike Moses
From	Peggy Smith
To	McStravick, JohnRita Beisert
Date	2013/02/25 08:39
Subject:	RE: Letter of Engagement from David Thompson and Mike Moses

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Thanks so much! This will work perfectly.

Have a great weekend.

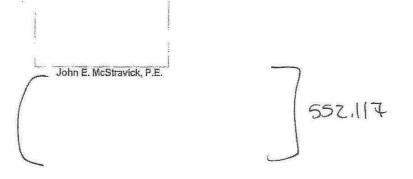
Peggy

From: McStravick, Johr Sent: Friday, February 22, 2013 1:31 PM To: Peggy Smith Cc: ritabeisert@tomballisd.net Subject: RE: Letter of Engagement from David Thompson and Mike Moses

Peggy,

Attached find a scan of the fully executed engagement letter. I think we are all set now. Let Rita, our Board secretary (copied above), know if you need an original mailed. (Rita, please use the attached for TISD records and to provide to the full Board. I can give you the original Wed if necessary.)

Thanks and have a good weekend...JEM



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From: Peggy Smith [mailto:PSmith@swst.com] Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 4:27 PM To: McStravick, John Subject: Letter of Engagement from David Thompson and Mike Moses

Mr. McStravick,

Attached you will find the letter of engagement from Mr. Thompson and Dr. Moses. Also, Dr. Moses wanted me to let you know that a new timeline will be forthcoming.

Thanks so much,

Peggy Smith

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## School Executive Consulting, Inc.

Mike Moses, Ed.D

5532 Royal Crest Dallas, TX 75229 Phone: 214-363-0794 Fax: 214-363-0796

TO:

Tomball Independent School District 310 S. Cherry St. Tomball, TX 77375 FOR: Superintendent Search Consulting Services

ATTN: John McStravick

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Candidate Expenses	\$234.48
Advertising Expense – TexasISD.com, TASA	- \$200.00
Supplies/Postage	\$125.00
Consultant Expenses	\$1011.35
Consultant Fee	\$20,000.00
TOTAL	\$21,570.83

Make checks payable to: School Executive Consulting, Inc.

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Thank you.

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## INVOICE

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entit	FORM CIC
This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 1491, 80th Leg., Regular Session.	OFFICE USE ONLY
This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code by a person who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the person meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).	Date Received
By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code.	
A person commits an offense if the person knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.	
Name of person who has a business relationship with local governmental entity. $M/A$	
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A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable in income, from the filer of the questionnaire?	come, other than investment
Yes No	
B. Is the filer of the questionnaire receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than inve direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is governmental entity?	
Yes No	
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Adopted 06/29/2007

### <u>Certification Regarding Debarment Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary</u> <u>Exclusion</u> <u>Lower Tier Covered Transactions</u>

This certificate is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 7 CFR Part 3017, Section 3017.510, Participants' responsibilities. The regulations were published as Part IV of the January 30, 1989, *Federal Register* (pages 4722-4733). Copies of the regulations may be obtained by contacting the Department of Agriculture agency with which this transaction originated.

- The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by a Federal department or agency.
- 2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation of this proposal.

## School Executive Consulting, Inc.

Organization Name

## Mike Moses

Name and Title of Authorized Representative

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06/21/2013

Date

## Tomball Independent School District

## Vendor Application Form

Return completed application to:

Tomball ISD Purchasing Department, 310 South Cherry St, Tomball, TX 77375-6668

Vendor Application	
Vendor Name	School Executive Consulting, Inc.
Federal/Tax ID Number	680556803
Address	1201 Elm St., Suite 3500
City	Dallas
State	TX
Zip Code	75270
County	Dallas
Description of goods/services you wish to provide to the District	Superintendent Search
Company email address	mmoses@swst.com
Contact Name	Mike Moses/David Thompson
Phone Number	214-859-9372
Fax Number	214-859-9309
Email Address	mmoses@swst.com
Co-op Memberships (check one)	Buyboard HCDE TCPN HGACBuy 2013 Coop (ESC-20) Other
HUB (check one)	Yes No
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Please see the information on the District Website regarding Conflict of Interest located under Departments, Purchasing.

## SCHOOL EXECUTIVE CONSULTING, INC. 1201 Elm Street, Suite 3500 Dallas, Texas 75270

February 20, 2013

Board of Trustees Tomball Independent School District 310 S. Cherry St. Tomball, TX 77375

> Re: Engagement of School Executive Consulting, Inc. for Superintendent Selection Process

Dear Board of Trustees:

We are very pleased that the Board of Trustees of the Tomball Independent School District is considering an engagement with School Executive Consulting, Inc. (Firm) as the search consultant to the District to assist the District with the selection of the superintendent. For the District to receive the maximum benefit from this representation, we believe it is helpful to define the expectations for the relationship. The purpose of this engagement letter is to set forth the roles and responsibilities to both the Firm and the District.

- <u>Scope of Engagement</u>. As search consultant for the District, we will provide services related to the District's selection of its superintendent in accordance with the following:
  - a. We will assist the Board of Trustees in recruiting and reviewing candidates that the Board may wish to consider for the position.
  - b. We will assist the Board of Trustees in preparing for an evaluation process of any candidates the Board may wish to consider.
  - c. We will assist the Board of Trustees in preparing an evaluation instrument for any candidates that the Board may wish to consider.
  - d. We will assist the Board of Trustees in preparing for the interview process with any candidate that the Board may wish to consider.
  - e. We will furnish interview questions for the Board of Trustees to utilize with any candidates that the Board may wish to consider.

- f. We will help to prepare a report document to the community outlining both the interview and evaluation process utilized to consider any candidates.
- g. We will assist the Board of Trustees in the preparation of a final contract document with any candidates that the Board shall identify its finalist for the position.
- Fees. Our total consultant fee, not including incidental charges, for assisting the Board in this process is \$20,000.00.
- 3. Incidental Charges. In addition to our fees, we will only charge for items incidental to the performance of our consulting services, such as advertising, travel expenses at coach rates or mileage rates approved by the Internal Revenue Code, and hotel accommodations (at mid-level rates). These charges will be itemized on our billing invoice to be submitted as set forth in number 4 below; supporting documentation for such charges will be provided at the District's request.
- 4. <u>Invoices.</u> We will submit one invoice at the successful conclusion of the selection process. The District agrees to pay the statement within thirty (30) days after receipt. The Board is encouraged to review the statement and discuss any question with us concerning the level of activities and the nature of the services rendered.
- 5. <u>Cooperation</u>. To enable us to render effective consulting services, we ask the District to agree to advise us of all facts and keep us informed of all developments relating to the matters referred to us by the District. We necessarily must rely on the accuracy and completeness of the facts and information the district provides us. Also, we cannot address any concerns with our representation unless we have knowledge of the concerns. Accordingly, if any problems or concerns arise during the course of our representation, please call us so the concerns may be addressed at the earliest possible time.
- 6. <u>"At-Will" Engagement.</u> Our engagement by the District is "at-will" and may be terminated by either of us at any time by written notice to the other party. In the event of such termination, the District is only responsible for payment for Incidental Charges incurred through the date of termination.
- <u>Documents.</u> An essential factor in the Firm's ability to effectively perform its services to its clients is the Firm's ability to ensure confidentiality of all documents submitted to the Firm by all candidates in the search process. As

such, the Firm maintains all candidate documents submitted to the Firm as its proprietary information, and candidates that submit information to the Firm do so in reliance upon this promise confidentiality (hereinafter, all documents submitted by candidates for the superintendent search are referred to as "proprietary information"). Disclosure of this proprietary information would cause substantial harm to the competitive position of the Firm. As such, the district may not disclose the Firm's proprietary information to any third party without the Firm's express permission. We will retain all proprietary information in our files for a limited time before destroying them in accordance with our record retention program.

Very truly yours,

School Executive Consulting, Inc.

David Thompson

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Mike Moses Approved By 3 Date:

President, Board of Trustees

Tomball Independent School District

Tomball ISD response to a community member's request for the final recommendations of the superintendent search was to appeal to the Texas Attorney General to withhold the information.



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## Via CM-RRR 7013 2250 0002 1875 4986 &

*Emai: dthompson@thompsonhorton.com* Dr. Mike Moses Mr. David Thompson School Executive Consulting, Inc. 128 South Bay Drive Bullard, Texas 75757

> Re: Texas Public Information Act Request Submitted for Tomball Independent School District

Dear Dr. Moses and Mr. Thompson:

## We are sending you this statutorily required notice as you are Tomball Independent School District's contact for your company.

We have received a formal request to inspect or copy some of our files. A copy of the request for information is enclosed. The requested files include records we received from you or from your company. The Office of the Attorney General is reviewing this matter, and will issue a decision on whether Texas law requires us to release your records. Generally, the Public Information Act (the "Act") requires the release of requested information, but there are exceptions. As described below, you have the right to object to the release of your records by submitting written arguments to the attorney general that one or more exceptions apply to your records. You are not required to submit arguments to the attorney general, but if you decide not to submit arguments, the Office of the Attorney General will presume that you have no interest in withholding your records from disclosure. In other words, if you fail to take timely action, the attorney general will more than likely rule that your records must be released to the public. If you decide to submit arguments, **you must do so not later than the tenth business day after the date you receive this notice.** 

If you submit arguments to the attorney general, you must:

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- 1. identify the legal exceptions that apply,
- 2. identify the specific parts of each document that are covered by each exception, and
- 3. explain why each exception applies.

Gov't Code § 552.305(d). A claim that an exception applies without further explanation will not suffice. Attorney General Opinion H-436 (1974). You may contact this office to review the information at issue in order to make your arguments. We will provide the attorney general with a copy of the request for information and a copy of the requested information, along with other material required by the Act. The attorney general is generally required to issue a decision within 45 business days.

Please send your written comments to the Office of the Attorney General at the following address:

Office of the Attorney General Open Records Division P.O. Box 12548 Austin, Texas 78711-2548

If you wish to submit your written comments electronically, you may only do so via the Office of the Attorney General's eFiling System. An administrative convenience charge will be assessed for use of the eFiling System. No other method of electronic submission is available. Please visit the attorney general's website at http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov for more information.

In addition, you are required to provide the requestor with a copy of your communication to the Office of the Attorney General. Gov't Code § 552.305(e). You may redact the requestor's copy of your communication to the extent it contains the substance of the requested information. Gov't Code § 552.305(e).

### **Commonly Raised Exceptions**

In order for a governmental body to withhold requested information, specific tests or factors for the applicability of a claimed exception must be met. Failure to meet these tests may result in the release of requested information. We have listed the most commonly claimed exceptions in the Government Code concerning proprietary



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information and the leading cases or decisions discussing them. This listing is not intended to limit any exceptions or statutes you may raise.

#### Section 552.101: Information Made Confidential by Law

Open Records Decision No. 652 (1997).

# Section 552.110: Confidentiality of Trade Secrets and Commercial or Financial Information

<u>Trade Secrets</u>: In re Bass, 113 S.W.3d 735 (Tex. 2003). Hyde Corp. v. Huffines, 314 S.W.2d 763, 776 (Tex.), cert. denied, 358 U.S. 898 (1958). Open Records Decision No. 552 (1990).

Commercial or Financial Information: Birnbaum v. Alliance of Am. Insurers, 994 S.W.2d 766 (Tex. App.--Austin 1999, pet. filed) (construing previous version of section 552.110), abrogated by In re Bass, 113 S.W.3d 735 (Tex. 2003). Open Records Decision No. 639 (1996). Open Records Decision No. 661 (1999).

### Section 552.113: Confidentiality of Geological or Geophysical Information

Open Records Decision No. 627 (1994).

## Section 552.131: Confidentiality of Certain Economic Development Negotiation Information

If you have questions about this notice or release of information under the Act, please refer to the Public Information Handbook published by the Office of the Attorney General, or contact the attorney general's Open Government Hotline at (512) 478-OPEN (6736) or toll-free at (877) 673-6839 (877-OPEN TEX). To access the Public Information



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Handbook or Attorney General Opinions, including those listed above, please visit the attorney general's website at http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov.

Very truly yours,

ROGERS, MORRIS & GROVER, L.L.P.

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Stephanie E. Maher Counsel for Tomball Independent School District

Enclosure: Copy of March 1, 2016 request for information.

cc: Chris Trotter

Via email, w/o encls.



Via CM-RRR 7013 2250 0002 1875 4979, w/o encl.

Via CM-RRR 7013 2250 0002 1875 4962, w/o encl.

Honorable Ken Paxton Attorney General of Texas Capital Station Post Office Box 12548 Austin, Texas 78711-2548 Attention: Open Records Division

