



SECAT Trust Board

The Trustees have a four-year term of office and are responsible for:

- Ensuring the quality of educational provision
- Challenging and monitoring performance
- Managing finances and property
- Managing the Principals
- Ensuring compliance with charity and company law
- Ensuring operation in accordance with the Funding Agreement

Maurice Sweeting (Chair of Trust Board)

- **Appointed Trustee from 1/9/2016**
- Retired, taking on volunteer roles within the Education sector
- Chair of the Schools Forum for Southend-on-Sea
- Previously employed within the Ministry of Defence
- Secondment to the Council of Civil Service Unions ending as secretary. Delivered the negotiation of all issues relating to employment and employees within the Civil Service.
- Joined the MOD Defence Academy to deliver a MA programme to overseas students.
- Experience school governor in both primary and secondary phases

Robin Knight (Information Technology)

- **Appointed Trustee from 1/9/2016**
- Employed in the IT service sector,
- Founding member of the Shoebury Educational Partnership
- Local Governor supporting the Southend Schools Governors Association

Mark Schofield¹ Chief Executive Officer (Education and Leadership)

- **Ex-officio from 1/9/2016** (Resigned 31/08/2018)
- Head Teacher of Shoeburyness High School since 2009 during which time there have been two letters of commendation from the Secretary of State for being one of the 'Most Improved Schools' in the country.
- Last two Ofsted inspections have been graded Good with Outstanding
- Executive Head Teacher at Cecil Jones College from January 2014 to February 2015
- Led the bid team that made Shoeburyness High School the first specialist school in Southend Borough

David Parker² (Leadership)

- **Appointed Trustee from 1/9/2016** (Resigned 8th December 2017)
- 22 years' military service as senior member of Special Investigation Branch
- Set up own business, Daro Associates in 2004. Remains a director but retired from active involvement
- Experience in negotiating and procuring supplies
- Freeman of the City of London

- Liveryman within the Guild of Security Professionals
- Director of the Scottish Business crime Centre

Pam Dewey¹ (Education and governance)

- **Appointed Trustee from 1/9/2016**
- Teacher of MfL for over 30 years
- Previously hospital governor
- Oversaw the amalgamation of a local Infants and primary school and the purchase of the private pre-school
- Sits on the Independent Appeals Panel for admissions and exclusions in Southend. Thurrock and Essex
- Vice Chair of the Southend School Governors Association for nine years
- Founding member of the Shoebury Educational Partnership
- On the committee of Southend Children's University having set it up three years ago

Simon Goodall² (Education) (Chair of Audit Committee)

- **Appointed Trustee from 1/9/2016**
- Retired teacher
- Worked for Leicestershire Education authority as IT consultant
- Church warden at South Shoebury Church of England Parish
- AQA coursework moderator

Christine Gosling² (Safeguarding & Community) (Chair of Audit Committee)

- **Appointed Trustee from 1/9/2016 (Resigned 4th December 2017)**
- 36 years' secondary school teaching
- Advanced Skills Teacher status
- 10 years Deputy Headteacher
- 8 years as Head of school which she set up for a National Foster Care Group
- Voluntary work with local charity with special needs children and adults (20 years)
- Setting up projects within the community - current project involved in the community hub being set up in West Road/ Little Free Library project to encourage literacy and reading in more deprived areas
- School Governor at Shoeburyness High School with responsibility for training, Governor Observations, Special Educational Needs

Peter Melville¹ (Finance & Governance)

- **Co-opted Trustee from 1/9/2016**
- Chief Operating Officer for the South West Essex Community Education Trust
- Business & finance Director for William Edwards School, Essex.
- Background in community and project development work before moving into school business and financial management
- Expertise in academy conversions, business and finance, marketing and governance
- Specialist Leader of education and an Associate Practitioner for the National Association of School Business Management
- Founded Incensu, designed to support schools with procurement decisions
- Governor of two primary schools

Graham Lane¹ (Finance & Governance) (Chair of Finance Committee)

- **Co-opted Trustee from 1/9/2016**
- Prior to retirement in 2008 was a partner in a top thirty London firm of Chartered Accountants handling a portfolio of clients and managing 150 staff
- Governor for 18 years
- Instrumental in the merger of Thorpedene junior school with the adjacent infant school
- Involved in the setting up of a Nurture Base with Southend Local Authority and a member of the steering group until 2015

Mark House¹ (Business, Finance & Marketing)

- **Appointed Trustee from 1/9/2016** (Resigned 6th December 2018)
- Over 25 years in professional and financial services firms in senior and operational roles
- Previously Executive Director at Coutts Bank
- Provides advice and expertise with leaders of global professional and financial services firm
- Range of experience from digital, to client, to operational design and delivery
- Local governor
- Trustee and director of a national young person's association

Michelle Palles-Clark¹ (Finance)

- **Appointed Trustee from 1/12/2018**
- Local governor

Graham Reeder² (Primary Education)

- **Co-opted Trustee from 2nd October 2017**
- A qualified teacher and former primary school Deputy Headteacher
- 10 years in private business
- Previously School Inspector for Independent Schools Association
- Local Governor
- Secretary of Westcliff-on-Sea Rotary Club
- Experience of industry, education and working in the community

Sue Rollason

- **Appointed Trustee from 1/12/2018**
- Lead of the Working Together team including Health, Police and LA (LA represents education and social care.)
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Brian Sandford² (Governance and Secondary Education)

- **Co-opted Trustee from 2nd October 2017**
- Over 50 years' experience in education
- A qualified teacher and former secondary school Headteacher.
- Education Director for one of the Great Twelve City of London Livery Companies
- Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Skinners
- Freeman of the City of London
- Chair of Governors of Bourne Green Junior School
- General Secretary and Trustee of the European Association of Teachers
- Experience of delivering management and governance training

¹Member of Finance Committee

²Member of Audit Committee