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Nacogdoches ISD trustees named Alton Frailey as interim superintendent during a special board meeting Thursday, March 8, 2018. Current superintendent Sandra Dowdy's resignation takes effect March 16.

"We anticipate Mr. Frailey to be at work for the district effective March 19, with the goal of being onsite fulltime in Nacogdoches by April 1," said NISD Board President Rev. James Ervin.

Frailey is a Nacogdoches County native and retired in 2016 after a 33-year career in public education, the last nine years as superintendent of Katy ISD near Houston. At Katy, Frailey was responsible for operations of 60 campuses, more than 73,000 students and a \$700 million budget.



He is a past president of both the American Association of School Administrators and the Texas Association of School Administrators. In Katy, Frailey served on a number of boards, including the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce, Katy Area Economic Development Council, Junior Achievement of Southeast Texas, West Houston Association and The Bible Seminary.

Frailey was named in 2016 a Living Legend by the Houston Association of Black School Educators, and a Super Trailblazer, Top 50 Black Professionals and Entrepreneurs. In 2012, he was named a Distinguished Administrator by the Texas Music Educators Association and in 2010 he was named the Region 4 Education Service Center Superintendent of the Year.

In 2015, Frailey was named to the Stephen F. Austin State Board of Regents. It was at SFA that Frailey earned both his bachelor's degree in elementary education and master's degree in educational administration.

Frailey is a 1979 graduate of Central Heights High School before going on to SFA. He began his teaching career in Goose Creek CISD and later became an assistant principal there. For 13 years, Frailey worked at Spring Branch ISD in administration before moving to Cincinnati, Ohio, in 2002 where he was named superintendent. He returned to Texas to be superintendent at DeSoto ISD near Dallas before being named superintendent in Katy in 2007.