

Rod Townsend – Mr. Townsend was born and raised in Rochester, Texas. After graduating high school he attended Texas Tech University and earned a degree in Agriculture Science. He then earned a Master's Degree from Sul Ross State University. He began his career in Rochester where he taught Ag. Science for 10 years. He was also principal there for 5 years and superintendent for 2 years. Rod went to Hico ISD in 1999 as Superintendent where he spent the next 11 years. In 2010 he went to Decatur ISD where he spent 7 years as superintendent. He retired from Decatur after 35 years in education.

Rod was elected to the TASA Executive Committee in 2006 and then elected to office in 2009 and served as President of TASA in 2011-2012.

He has been married to Velvet Townsend for the past 38 years. Velvet retired from education after 32 years. She was a Special Ed. Director upon retirement. They have two daughters, Laci West who is a special Ed. Teacher in Seymour ISD and Tandi Stewart who lives in Haskell, Texas.

Rod began doing Interim Superintendent work in 2018. He has served five different districts in that role; those being Spring Hill, Peaster, Weatherford, Paradise, and Stamford. When he is not working he spends time at Rochester working with his cattle, team roping, and spending time with his four grandchildren.