CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE
OSBA Legislative Policy Committee

Name: _______________________________________________ Region: South Coast ESD
District/ESD/CC: ________________________________________ Position #: _________ 7

I certify that if elected I will faithfully serve as a member of the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee. My nomination form has been submitted to OSBA (or is attached to this document) as evidence.

Fred M Brick 9/27/2019
Name Date

Be brief; please limit your responses to 50 words per question.

1. What do you want to accomplish by serving on the Legislative Policy Committee (LPC)?
   As with my job as a History and Political Science professor, I would love to see the theoretical concepts and real events I have presented in class in a more real-world situation. I would like to observe and participate in policy development. I will learn a great deal in the process. I have enjoyed working with the committee over the past two years and wish to continue.

2. What leadership skills do you bring to the LPC? Give an example of a situation in which you demonstrated these skills.
   As an elected member of my ESD, and its Chair for the last two years, I have spent the last seven years working to improve education along the South Coast. I also spent two years on the Coos Bay City Council attempting to build coalitions to solve economic development and waste water treatment issues.

3. What do you see as the two most challenging legislative issues faced by OSBA?
   State-wide education funding and the implementation of the Student Success Act. Secondly, I am particularly interested in equity. I believe that understanding the differences between urban and rural equity issues will be an interesting conversation.

4. What do you see as the two most challenging legislative issues faced by your region?
   Much of the South Coast is limited in the educational opportunities that they can offer because of the poor quality of the facilities. Capital construction funding is a critical issue for all of our school districts. Changes in state funding policies and priorities is also something that needs to be addressed. Local bond victories will not be enough. Cities like Myrtle Point need help!

5. What is your plan for communicating with boards in your region about legislative issues?
   Over the past two years I have visited a number of our component school districts sights and met with board members and staff. I have communicated my desire to pass on their viewpoints on their struggles to the LPC. That is really why I want to be on this committee, to learn more about how legislative initiatives impact the South Coast and to provide my insights about local conditions to the LPC.

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District/ESD/CC: South Coast ESD

Term expires: 6/30/2023
Years on board: 7

Work or service performed for OSBA or local district (Include committee name and if you were chair):
South Coast ESD Board, I am currently the board chair.
Technology Committee of my local ESD
Communication Committee of my local ESD
Budget Committee of my local ESD

Other education board positions held/dates:

Occupation (Include at least the past five years):
Employer: Southwestern Oregon Community College
Professor of History and Political Science

Schools attended (Include official name of school, where and when):
High school: Owatonna High School, Owatonna, Minnesota…1978 to 1982
College: College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota…1982 to 1986
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota…1986 to 1994

Degrees earned: BA…MA…ABD

Education honors and/or awards:

Deadline: September 27, 2019, 5 p.m.
Please send your picture (head shot, labeled with your last name). A high-resolution digital photo is preferred but a print is acceptable; e-mail to OSBAelections@osba.org or mail to:
Oregon School Boards Association,
1201 Court St NE, #400, Salem, OR 97301
Other applicable training or education:

Activities, other state and local community services:

AFT Oregon Representative for Local 3190
Foster and Adoptive Parent
Assistant Soccer Coach

Hobbies/special interests:

Music, hiking, boating, fishing, church architecture.

Business/professional/civic group memberships; offices held and dates:

Coos Bay City Council person – 2014 to 2016

Additional comments:

I have seven children who have attended public schools for all of their education. My wife and I were also foster parents for three years until we began adopting. We have three adopted special needs children and have raised them all since their infancy. Because of my adopted children, I came into contact with the ESD. I soon realized what an integral part they played in our local educational community and was lucky enough to be appointed to a vacant seat on the board. I began going to state-wide OSBA trainings and conferences. I have also been a frequent delegate to state AFT-Oregon Conventions. This has provided me with a wide variety of perspective and experiences with education in our state. I wish to further my education and provide input by being a member of the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee.

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