

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE OSBA Board of Directors

Name: Jason E. Curtis Region: Linn/Benton/Lincoln

District/ESD/CC: Central Linn School District Position #: 10

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


Name

9/27/22
Date

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

1. Describe in your own words the mission and goals of OSBA.

The OSBA exists primarily to increase student success by supporting local Oregon school boards. That support comes through advocating for proper school funding, leadership training for local school boards, and working to pull down barriers in all aspects of education including the recruitment of new local board members.

2. What do you want to accomplish by serving on the OSBA board of directors?

As a newly appointed local school board member my situation presents an opportunity to benefit school boards statewide through OSBA board training. The questions that I bring forward in my role as a local school board member likely mirror a similar process for new board members statewide.

3. What leadership skills do you believe you bring to the board of directors? Give an example of a situation in which you demonstrated these skills.

My leadership style is to include all members in the process. I enjoy seeing individual strengths and weaknesses coming together positively. This skill was a large part of helping me recruit volunteer firefighters to a numbers declining dept. The department is now flourishing as a result of everyone's efforts.

4. What do you see as the two most challenging issues faced by OSBA?

I see effectively serving such a diverse range of school boards along with navigating the sometimes rapidly changing federal laws as the two most challenging issues. I am certain there are other areas that I will become aware of as I move forward in my local school board.

5. What do you see as the two most challenging issues faced by your region?

I see funding and communication as the two most challenging issues. Gaining local community trust in leadership through effective communication and being able to foster an optimal educational environment where the funding often falls short is a tough combination.

6. What is your plan for communicating with boards in your region?

I would like to mirror a monthly email newsletter that I receive from one of our state representatives. A simple, straightforward newsletter that highlights the month's work, upcoming events, educational opportunities, grant programs, etc. with website links for further information. Also being directly available is integral to that process.

Deadline: September 30, 2022, 5 pm

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CANDIDATE PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL RESUME

OSBA Board of Directors

Name: Jason E. Curtis Date: 9/27/22

Address: _____

City / ZIP: _____

Business phone: _____

Residence phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

E-mail: jason.curtis@centrallinn.k12.or.us _____

District/ESD/CC: Central Linn School District _____

Term expires: June 2023 ____ Years on board: 2 MONTHS

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Please send your picture (head shot). 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

Work or service performed for OSBA or local district (include committee name and if you were chair):

N/A

Other education board positions held/dates:

N/A

Occupation (Include at least the past five years):

Employers:

Sandridge Charter School Full Time Teacher

Curtis Excavation, LLC Owner

Dates:

2001-2003

2003-Present

Schools attended (Include official name of school, where and when):

High school: Lebanon Union High School, Lebanon OR, 1993-1997

College: Oregon State University, Corvallis OR, 1997-2001

Degrees earned: BS in Elementary Education

Education honors and/or awards:

National Honor Society Member

Other applicable training or education:

N/A

Activities, other state and local community services:

Brownsville Rural Fire Dept. Volunteer (Current), Brownsville Recreation Center Volunteer Coach (Current), AYSO Soccer Volunteer Coach/Ref. (Past)

Hobbies/special interests:

Attending my children's sporting events, Motocross Racing, Reading Non-Fiction (My daughters say that isn't reading, but I greatly enjoy learning new things), Community Events

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

Sharing Hands; Board Member 2014-2018

Brownsville Fire Association; Secretary, VP, President 2013-Present

Brownsville Chamber of Commerce; Member 2015-Present

Additional comments:

Thank you for your consideration

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