CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE
OSBA Board of Directors

Name: Linda Hamilton
Region: Lane County

District/ESD/CC: Lane ESD
Position #: 7

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.

Linda Hamilton 09/26/2019
Name Date

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

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

OSBA mission is to provide resources, advocacy, and professional development to school board leadership across the State of Oregon. OSBA is all about building a foundation for student success.

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

It is my hope to advance an equity lens for all students. I will strive toward seeing students achieve excellence by having the access and opportunity of a good quality of education. I will advocate for all students success.

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.

I bring 32+ years of public service in government. I have worked tireless hours in public safety with youth and families. I currently supervise sex crimes in Parole and Probation as a Correctional Counselor; I have served on many boards and commissions that serve our community in Lane County. The Boards and Commissions, I have served on as a community leader, are Boards that exercise practices that make a difference for children, families or our Lane County community.

For example, as a Law Enforcement Peace Officer, I mentor K-12 youths in Lane County school districts and my family have hosted many international students, high school and higher education. I encourage and motivate youth/students to thrive, to be their best at achieving life goals, by building a firm solid foundation of confident in who they are. Students need to know what they do and do not do can limit their success. The leadership skills I bring connect and help others be success. Through mentoring, I have student success stories and many of my mentees are still in contact with me and travel across the country to visit. I am known as “mom” by my mentees and the relationship is love between my students and me because I helped them reach their future goal. Leadership is leading with a heart of love and helping others. I bring leadership skills of love, caring and hope. I submitted a recommendation for one of my host students this week to New Mexico State University.

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

The most challenging issues OSBA is faced with is P-20 funding and the implementation of the Student Success Act.

5. What do you see as the two most challenging issues faced by your region?
The two most challenging issues I see faced in my region are related to the implementation of the Student Success Act: Accountability and Community Engagement. Other challenging issues in my region include improving student success in graduation rates, reducing chronic absenteeism and greater access for Career Technical Education (CTE) for all students.

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

I have been elected to an At-Large position on the Lane ESD Board, serving the sixteen school districts. I go in-person to component school district board meetings in Lane County. I have visited most school districts in Lane County such as Oakridge, Junction City, Creswell, Springfield School District, Eugene 4J, Pleasant Hill, South Lane/Cottage Grove, Siuslaw School District/Florence. I also visit many schools within the districts, participate on forums, and give presentations to high school students. I will communicate by email, in person visits and announcements at board meetings.

Deadline: September 27, 2019, 5 pm

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District/ESD/CC: Lane ESD__________________________________________

Term expires: June 2023 _______ Years on board: ___4____

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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):
At Large Regional –Oregon School Board Members Caucus of Color /OSBMCC

Other education board positions held/dates:
Eugene 4J School District Equity Committee

Occupation (Include at least the past five years):
Employers: Lane County Administration Dates: Since January 1997
Oregon Department of Corrections April 06, 1987 thru December 31, 1996

Schools attended (Include official name of school, where and when):
College: Lane Community College, Eugene 1997-1998, University Of Oregon 1999-2012
Degrees earned: Associate Degree/Community Service, BS Degree/Political Science

Education honors and/or awards:
2012 University of Oregon Jungle Award
2010 Lane County Sheriff Office Above and Beyond Award
2006 Oregon Youth Authority Minority Service Award
1996 Defensive Tactics Award

Other applicable training or education:
Law Enforcement Data System/LEDS certification
Department of Public Safety Standards and Training
Statewide Sex Offender Network Training
Mentorship Training
Defensive Tactics Training
Firearms Training
Trauma Informed Training
Crisis Intervention Training

**Activities, other state and local community services:**
2015 Elected Official At Large Board of Director---Lane Education Service District
One of Founders of Oregon Black Education Foundation
Current Council Member of UO President Diversity Advisory Community Council
Former Member of the Governor’s Youth Re-Entry Group
Former Member of Human Service Commission/Community Action Advisory Committee
Former Human Rights Commission Chair for 3 years, served 6 years
Former Police Commission member
Former member of Lane County Advisory Council for Disability Services
Former member of Eugene 4J School District Equity Committee
Former Board of Directors for Big Brother Big Sister-mentorship organization
K-12 Mentor

**Hobbies/special interests:**
Meeting New people
Walking-- Site Seeing
Social Gathering Network
Dancing

**Business/professional/civic group memberships; offices held and dates:**
Current Interim President for Blacks In Government, Since November 2015
Equity-Excellence-Opportunity/Professional Development

**Additional comments:**
I was born in Louisiana, twelve (12) siblings and I being number seven (7) of the twelve sibling. I was the first to graduate high school and the first to graduate college.

My husband is Rick Hamilton, Oregon State Police, Western Oregon State College Alumni, Post- Secondary Education. My daughter is Tiwanna Hamilton, University of Oregon Alumni, School of Journalism and Communication (SOJC), with a minor in Business. She works in NYC as Executive Account.

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