

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

OSBA Board of Directors

Name: Dawn Watson Region: Southern

District/ESD/CC: Phoenix-Talent Schools Position #: 5

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.

Dawn Watson

Name

9/30/2022

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 is here to support school districts give the best education possible to their students. They believe that board members know their community best, and their voice needs to be heard and listened too. They do this by providing services, such as insurance, legal, training, and much more.

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

I want to continue to work on getting our regions voices heard, so that we can better educate our students. This would include continuing on the OSBA rural schools committee, and helping it evolve into the Rural School Caucus, and help our region have a better connection with our legislatures.

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 best skill in leadership is listening to others and giving them my respect. I think many times we're all on the same page, we all want what's best for the kids, however we have different ideas of getting there. I used this skill in many board meetings successfully.

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

I see advocating for adequate school funding as the major challenge for OSBA. The second challenge I would say is making sure all districts feel heard and supported, especially those in outlying areas.

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

Adequate school funding as the major challenge for school boards, which includes educating legislators to understand all the supports a district gives to their students to help them succeed. The second would be local control and having legislators understand that one size fits all policies do not work.

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

I will continue to email out information.

Deadline: September 30, 2022, 5 pm

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CANDIDATE PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL RESUME

OSBA Board of Directors

Name: Dawn Watson Date: 9/30/2022

Address: _____

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Residence phone: NA

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District/ESD/CC: Phoenix-Talent Schools

Term expires: June 30, 2023 Years on board: 9

Deadline: Sept. 30, 2022, 5 pm

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):

OSBA Legislative Policy Committee, OSBA Board of Directors, OSBA Finance Committee, PACE Board of Directors, OSBA Rural Schools Committee & Chair of Sub Committee of Rural Schools, PTS Board Chair, PTS Bond Committee Chair, PTS Student Investment Committee, PTS Equity Diversity & Inclusion Committee, PTS Budget Committee, PTS Administrator Bargaining Team.

Other education board positions held/dates:

None

Occupation (Include at least the past five years):

Employers: R. Watson & Associates

Dates: 6/30/2000 - Current

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

High school: Brookings Harbor High School, Brookings OR, Graduated 1991

College: LCC 1991 -1993, SOSC / SOU 1993 -1994

Degrees earned: None

Education honors and/or awards: None

Other applicable training or education: None

Activities, other state and local community services:

FACT Board of Directors (past)

Bridging Communities Board (past)

Leader in Boy Scouts

Hobbies/special interests: I enjoy walking, spending time with family & friends, being in nature and tending to my many animals.

Business/professional/civic group memberships; offices held and dates: None

Additional comments: My husband and I started our own computer programming business in 2000. Our hard work and commitment have made it a successful long term small business. We bought a family ranch 4 years ago and I now spend most of my days running the ranch, while my husband runs the office in town.

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