

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

Immediately, the OSBA's greatest challenge is assisting districts and boards as their students and staff recover from the effects of the pandemic. Schools will need resources and funding for years to come in order to help students make up for learning losses and the impacts on student mental health and well-being.

OSBA also has a role to play to unite district school boards, staff, superintendents, students and parents to work together toward common goals. The disruptions to our communities in the past two years have created cultural and political divisions that are negatively affecting students.

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

Both of the issues stated as challenges for the OSBA are also challenges faced by my region.

Also, recruiting and retaining qualified teachers, staff, and administrators remains a huge challenge, made even more difficult by the pandemic, especially in our mostly remote Northeastern Oregon school districts.

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

I regularly update regional board members via the OSBA list serve. I attend (and encourage board members in my region to attend) OSBA events such as the Fall Regionals and the summer and fall conventions. I am always accessible via phone or email.

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CANDIDATE PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL RESUME

OSBA Board of Directors

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District/ESD/CC: Grant County ESD _____

Term expires: June 2023 _____ Years on board: 2 _____

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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):

Grant School District #3 (John Day) Board of Directors: July 1, 2013-June 30, 2021

Board Chair: 6 years

Grant County ESD Board of Directors: appointed May, 2021

Other education board positions held/dates:

Grant County ESD Budget Committee: 2016-2021

EOU Board of Trustees, appointed July 1, 2022 (4-year term)

Rural Caucus: OSBA Liaison

Occupation (Include at least the past five years):

Employers: Eastern Oregon University

Dates: 1993-2017

Regional Center Director, John Day (retired)

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

High school: Burns High School, Burns, OR 1966-1970

College: Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio – 1970-1971

Southern Oregon University, Ashland, OR – 1971-1972

University of Oregon, Eugene, OR – 1972-1973

University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota – 1978-1979

Eastern Oregon University, La Grande, OR – 1992-1993 (distance learning)

Degrees earned: Bachelor of Science in Education, 1979, University of North Dakota

Education honors and/or awards:

Magna Cum Laude

Beta Sigma Phi

Distinguished Administrative Professional 2017, Eastern Oregon University

Other applicable training or education:

Graduate credit in Education from Eastern Oregon University

OSBA board development in Roles and Responsibilities, Community Engagement, Board Leadership

Activities, other state and local community services:

Blue Mountain Healthcare Foundation

City of John Day Fire Station Advisory Committee

City of John Day Project Advisory Committee

City of John Day Budget Committee

EOU/BMCC College Advisory Committee

Hobbies/special interests:

Exploring and enjoying Oregon outdoors via hiking, camping, & regular beach trips

Gardening

Book club member 25 years

Travel – US and International

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

NACADA – (Global Community for Academic Advising) 1993-2017

Beta Sigma Phi: 2014-2017

UPCEA (Association of Professional, Online and Continuing Education (2010-2017

Additional comments:

It would be an honor to continue to represent the 37 ESD's and school boards of Wheeler, Grant, Union, Wallowa, Baker and Malheur counties of OSBA's Eastern Region 1. I look forward to supporting the establishment of a Rural Caucus Advisory at OSBA.

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