

# CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

## OSBA Board of Directors

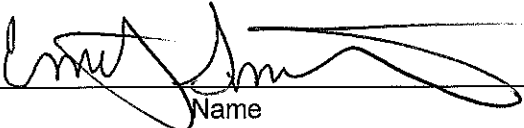
Name: Emily Smith

Region: Gorge

District/ESD/CC: Helix School District

Position #: 1

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

September 9, 2021  
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 serves to support school boards across the state of Oregon as they work to improve the success of students. This is accomplished through education, advocacy, and promotion of equity. The goals of the OSBA are to advocate for school funding, promote diversity, provide education for board members, keep students safe, and help Oregon become a leader in innovative education.

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

I hope to serve my community and my home state. As a life-long Oregonian and a product of the Oregon Public School system, I am deeply invested in the success of our public schools. I hope to bring a voice to the concerns of rural Oregon to the board, as well as bring back education and best practices from other areas to our region. I hope to join this dedicated group of individuals in order to help create and sustain a positive, equitable, and sustainable education environment for students across the state.

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 biggest strength as a leader is my ability to remain positive and calm in the face of chaos. While working as a charge nurse, we had a patient who was having a medical emergency. As the most experienced nurse on the floor, it was my job to serve as team leader until the physician arrived. I was able to remain calm, reassure the team that we had prepared for such an emergency and knew what to do, and directed the team to their individual tasks. By working together and remaining calm, we were able to provide the best possible care for the patient.

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

The two most challenging issues faced by OSBA today are the COVID-19 pandemic and all that it brings with it - keeping kids safe, strong feelings over masking and vaccines and mandates for both and the changes it brings with it to our educational system and processes. A second major challenge is how to address issues of equity and make sure that each and every one of our students across the state are supported in a meaningful way.

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

Our region is definitely faced with many challenges surrounding COVID-19. Specifically, many parents and teachers have strong feelings about masking and vaccines, and many in our rural area do not think either are necessary. Another challenge is that many students do not have reliable access to the internet, so when we think about moving to online learning, these students have the potential to be left behind.

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

I plan to make myself as available as possible for people to share their comments and concerns. I hope to be a visible leader within the school board communities so that others know I am there to serve as an advocate. I communicate best by use of email and attending in-person meetings when possible (and safe to do so).

**Deadline: October 1, 2021, 5 pm**

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# CANDIDATE PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL RESUME

## OSBA Board of Directors

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District/ESD/CC: Helix School District

Term expires: 2025 Years on board: 0

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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](mailto: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):

Helix School District, Vice-Chair 2021

**Other education board positions held/dates:**

**Occupation** (Include at least the past five years):

Employers:	Dates:
Director of Marketing & Foundation St. Anthony Hospital	2018-present
Nursing Education Manager St. Anthony Hospital	2015-2018
Registered Nurse St. Anthony Hospital	2009-2015

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

High school: Tillamook High School, Tillamook Oregon - Graduated 2002

College: Pacific University, Forest Grove OR - Graduated 2006; Blue Mtn CC, Pendleton OR -

Degrees earned: Graduated 2009; Gonzaga University, Spokane WA - Graduated 2014

High School Diploma, Bachelor of Arts in English, Associate of Applied Science in Nursing, Masters of Science in Nursing Education

Education honors and/or awards:

Graduated with Honors, Tillamook High School  
Magna Cum Laude, Pacific University

Other applicable training or education:

Child Passenger Safety Technician/Instructor  
Positive Parenting Program Evidence-Based Parenting Facilitator

**Activities, other state and local community services:**

Chairperson; Helix Park Board (2019-present)  
Helix Parent Teacher Organization Treasurer (2018-present)

**Hobbies/special interests:**

I enjoy reading, taking care of our hobby farm, and spending time with my three children ages 2, 5, and 8.

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

Oregon/Washington Health Network Board - 2021  
Oregon Society of Directors of Volunteer Services - 2018-present  
Pioneer Relief Nursery Board of Directors - 2018-present

**Additional comments:**

I have a passion for education and learning, and love spending time with children. I hope I can use my talents and dedication to serve the students, teachers, and families of Oregon.

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