

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

OSBA Board of Directors

Name: Jacob Cain Region: **Gorge**

District/ESD/CC: Morrow County School District Position #: **2**

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

Jacob Cain

Date

October 30th, 2021

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

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

To provide stable funding and support for public schools in Oregon focusing on the success of all students to be career or college ready. Provide the support at the state level to allow all public schools regardless of size and location to provide the best possible education to their students.

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

I'd like to further my knowledge of the educational system in Oregon while being an advocate for our students and schools. My goal is to make a difference by supporting our educational system and working towards constant improvement for the good of each school and its students.

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.

Professionalism, Listener, Tactfulness, Perspective, Collaboration

I currently am the chair of the City of Boardman Planning Commission. Through this role I run meetings and keep information flowing to several parties. I've had to be a good listener as challenges arise within the planning department with applicants and the City. Using tactful approaches and providing varying perspectives to all parties involved has helped resolve conflict while meeting the needs of everyone involved. This role requires professionalism in all areas while dealing with some that may not be professional.

I am currently the Director of Engineering for the Port of Morrow. On a daily basis I interact with people from a wide variety of backgrounds, skills, opinions and views. I've successfully navigated this space while collaborating with all these different aspects to grow the success of the Port within the City and the County.

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

I see funding and the differing views and beliefs amongst residents of Oregon as the 2 most challenging issues that OSBA is faced with. Funding is necessary and always a challenge within education and the atmosphere of so many views and beliefs of what is best for education and finding a way to navigate that space and come out with a solution that truly is what is best is a continuous challenge.

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

1. Unfortunately, the most challenging issue for our region in today's climate is COVID-19. There is a divide in our communities that is seeping into our districts. More specifically the mandates. With such convictions the region has been walking on eggshells due to a one size fits all approach from our state leadership. Our rural eastern Oregon school districts need local control to better meet the demands of electorate to maintain a system that is trusted and supported by our parents.

2. Read issue number 1 above.....

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

This would be a multi phased approach. First, I would attend school board meetings in our region to meet the boards in person so there is a face to our names. I would then make sure to broadcast my contact information and collect the same. The most important aspect of effective communication personability. The stance of my door is always open is truly what I believe in.

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: Morrow County School District

Term expires: 6/30/2025 Years on board: 1ST

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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):

I currently serve on the School Board for the Morrow County School District. I have not had the honor of chair.

Other education board positions held/dates:

N/A

Occupation (Include at least the past five years): Professional Civil Engineer

Employers: The Port of Morrow Dates: May 2013 - Current

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

High school: Weston McEwen High School – Athena, Oregon

College: Oregon Institute of Technology – Klamath Falls, Oregon

Degrees earned: Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Education honors and/or awards:

Other applicable training or education:

I am actively involved in maintaining my professional license which requires continuing education on a bi-annual basis. To date, I have completed over 80 hours of professional development in the course of 4 years. I have also attended local, regional, and national conventions and seminars as it relates to education in my profession.

I have also completed coursework at the Blue Mountain Community College to gain enough credits to sit for additional Professional licensure (Surveying / GIS).

Activities, other state and local community services:

City of Boardman Planning Commission

Hobbies/special interests:

Kids, Family, Ranching, Hunting.

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

N/A

Additional comments:

My background in educational boards is limited at best however, I excel in each endeavor I dedicate my time to. My biggest priority is raising my family. Being on this board would help me provide the most impact on making sure my children are actively engaged in the best education possible. My kids will succeed along side everyone else's kids as that's what a public school system is all about.

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