

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

OSBA Board of Directors

Name: Kris Howatt

Region: Multnomah

District/ESD/CC: Gresham-Barlow School District Position #: 18

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.

Kris Howatt
Name

August 25, 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.

OSBA exists to train and support locally elected school board members. They enable school board members to effectively serve the students in their respective community. OSBA provides a perspective beyond local districts, advocating at the State and National level.

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

Over the years, OSBA has become a “go-to” organization for education issues in the State. Our board members are invited to meet around key legislation, emerging issues, and trending developments. I want to continue to advance the impact of OSBA and maintain their relevance in the education sphere.

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 do my research and make sure that I am including the relevant perspectives. I have been directly involved in OSBA’s governance remodel, the realignment of OSBA goals, expanded opportunities for our students through CTE and the additional resources from the Corporate Activity Tax. My success in these endeavors hinged on bringing other supporters along and encouraging collaborative efforts.

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

The political polarization of education in the State. The changing demographics of our student population, and how to better support these students and their communities.

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

Supporting our diverse student population. Engaging our newly elected board members in timely and appropriate training opportunities.

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

COVID adjustments have provided a nice platform to view regional board meetings, but they aren’t a perfect substitute for in-person conversation. I’m looking forward to a return to in-person training, conferences, roundtables, and regional meetings. In the meantime, virtual, email, and phone are the communication methods.

Deadline: October 1, 2021, 5 pm

Materials submitted by the candidate on this form may be subject to a public information request under ORS Chapter 192.

CANDIDATE'S DATA SHEET

To: Scott Rogers, OSBA President-elect

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Gresham-Barlow School District 10j

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Primary Occupation: **Small Business Owner – Feather Your Nest Quilt Store**
Director, Gresham-Barlow School District
Director, Oregon School Boards Association

Education Background: **Sam Barlow HS (1979) Honors - Gresham, Oregon**
Mt. Hood Community College – Gresham, Oregon

- **Political Science Major (2010-2011)**
- **Desktop Computing (1986)**
- **Aviation Major (1979-1980)**

Professional Experience: **Small Business Operation (2014-2021)**

- *Supply Chain Management*
- *Customer Service (online & in person)*
- *Shipping Production*
- *Skills Instruction & Demonstrations*

Portland General Electric (PGE) - (1979-1994)

- *Computer Specialist /Contract Administrator*
- *Computer Tech Support, Software trainer, Word Processing*
- *Meter Reader (field work, customer service), Utility Workman*

LOCAL LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

1. Name of School District/Board of Education on which the nominee serves:

Gresham-Barlow School District (GBSD)

12,000 student enrollment/100,000 population

2. Date of service on Local School board (including current term):

December 2000 to present

3. When does the current term expire?

June 2023

4. List all dates and offices that the nominee has held on the Local School Board:

Chair	2010-2011, 2017-2019
Vice Chair	2008-2009, 2014-2015, 2021-2022
Interest-Based Bargaining Team - classified	2012, 2016, 2020
Negotiating Team – Classified	2004, 2008
Negotiating Team – Licensed	2012, 2020, 2021
Continuous Improvement Plan Committee	2010-2011
Audit Review Committee	2008-2011
Superintendent Search Committees	2001, 2003, 2009, 2011, 2017, 2021
Multnomah County Regional Equity	2019-2021
Wellness Committee/Nutrition Services	2004-2020

5. Local Leadership experience in community (list community service such as church officer, other government experience, Chamber of commerce, etc.)

GBSD Capital Bond Committee	2000, 2013, 2016
Member – Historic Downtown Gresham Business	2015-2021
Member – Gresham Chamber of Commerce	2014-2021
Eastgate Chapel Kitchen Director	2008 - 2014
East Metro Legislative Forum Committee	2008, 2010
East Metro Talented-Gifted Network	2003-2006
Market Mavens LLC – Investment Club {Treas.}	1997 - 2017
Parent Teacher Club {President, Sec, Treasurer}	1995-2001

STATE LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

1. State Association Leadership – Oregon School Boards Association

<u>Offices Held</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Past President	2013
President	2012
President – elect	2011
Secretary/Treasurer	2010
Board of Directors	2006 – present

2. State Association Committee Assignments

OSBA Legal Assistance Trust - Chair	2018-2021
OSBA Executive Director Search Committee	2012-2013
OSBA Policy Review Committee (co-chair)	2011-2012
OSBA Finance Committee	2010, 2012
OSBA Budget Committee	2010, 2011, 2012
OSBA Executive Committee	2010 – 2013
OSBA Governance Review Committee	2007-2008
OSBA Legislative Policy Committee	2006 – present
NSBA Annual Conference Delegate	2011 (alt.), 2012
OR Dept. of Education – <i>Talented & Gifted Task Force (SB-990) – co-chair</i>	2011-2012
OR Dept. of State Lands – <i>Remediation and Rulemaking Advisory Committee</i>	2011-2012
“Courageous Conversations” (CFEE) Graduate <i>(Coaching for Education Equity)</i>	2010

3. Other State Association Leadership Experience

Statewide Regional Tours	2012
<i>{Over the course of 6 weeks (September thru October), 17 regional meetings, visiting 600+ board members, traveling 4500 miles throughout the state of Oregon}</i>	
OSBA Annual Convention Speaker	2011, 2012
OSBA <u>Leadership Institute</u> Platinum Level	2011
NSBA School Board Recognition	2010
<i>(School Board Leadership – 1 of 3 in Oregon to receive)</i>	
OSBA <u>Leadership Oregon</u> Certification	2007
OSBA <u>Leadership Institute</u> – GBSD Board Award	2005 – 2009
<i>(Commitment to ongoing professional development – 5 years)</i>	
OSBA Board Member of Color Caucus	2018 - Present

NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION EXPERIENCE

1. National Leadership Experience

Pacific Region Vice Chair	2013
Pacific Region Policy/Resolution Chair	2013

2. NSBA Committee Assignments

Pacific Region Nominating Committee	2011 (December)
Pacific Region Policies/Resolutions – alternate	2011, 2012
NSBA Credentials Committee	2011 (April)

3. Other National Association Leadership Experience

Native American Caucus Member	2011, 2012
NSBA President’s Retreat	2011
Pacific Region Meetings, delegate	2010 - 2013
Pacific Region Meetings, non-delegate	2009, 2010
Federal Relations Network	2008 – 2018
NSBA Equity Symposium	2016-2018
NSBA National Conferences	2005, 2007, 2010 – 2013, 2016-2019

