

# CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

## OSBA Board of Directors

Name: Lori Jane Theros

Region: Southeast

District/ESD/CC: Klamath Falls City Schools

Position #: 4

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.

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Name

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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's mission is "Dedicated to student success and education quality through advocacy, leadership and service to Oregon Public School Boards. I believe it means Equity is forefront and is used as an equity lens through out forms, programs, legal assistance, etc.

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

I hope to continue to represent my region by participating and bringing to attention, our local needs to the State OSBA board, while also learning which trainings I can recommend to my board and to other struggling board members.

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 have been a part of this board since 2009 and was president of the Association in 2014. I believe I am a strong leader and bring history and continuity to the position. I am Chair of my local board and see my role as advocating for my fellow board members, school staff, children and families

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

Navigating these terrible virus's and keeping our kids safe while enforcing state and local laws.

Funding is always a priority, now that schools are having so many issues, parents are pulling children out and we need a reassurance that we will be able to keep our doors open for the children that do come.

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

Our declining enrollment has now been compounded by the mandates for masks and vaccine.

Funding is also a huge concern.

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

As always, I email, zoom, and use the phone to talk with members from my region and other regions.

As soon as we get our conferences back to normal, it will be easier to network and encourage members to join us. I have made numerous friends throughout the state. I enjoy this work.

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

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# CANDIDATE PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL RESUME

## OSBA Board of Directors

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Term expires: 06-30-2023 Years on board: 27

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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):**

1. OSBA Board of Color Caucus 2017 - present
2. OSBA Board member 2009 – Present
3. OSBA LPC Committee 2008 – Present
4. OSBA Treasurer, Vice Chair, President Elect, President, past President 2010- 2015
5. KFCS – Board of Directors chairman 04-05, 06-08, 08-09, 11-12, 15-17. 21-22
6. KFCS Budget committee 1994 - Present
7. KFCS – Currently Chair
8. Chairman Bill Gates E-3 Small schools committee 2004-2006
9. NSBA – Native American Caucus member 2013 – Present
10. NSBA – Native American Caucus Southwest Director 2004-2006
11. KFCS -Long Range Facility Planning Committee 01-08
12. Strategic planning committee – 1992 – Present
13. KFCS Wellness and Nutrition committee 03-08
14. KFCS Policy Committee 1994 – Present
15. Consolidation Review Committee Co-Chair 08-09

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

Title 7, 9 and 6 Indian Education Board Chair 2007-2010

Regional Workforce Investment Board 07-17

Juvenile Intervention Committee 99-2011

YAT team 11 - Present

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

Employers:

Klamath Tribes

Organization of the Forgotten American

Dates:

10-11 to Present

1989 - 2011

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

**High school:** Sacred Heart Academy – Klamath Falls, OR 70-74

**College:** Southern Oregon University – Ashland, OR 1974-75

Oregon Institute of Technology – Klamath Falls, OR 89-03

**Education honors and/or awards:** Department of Labor – Outstanding Grantee Award 2009-2011

**Education and Employment for Native Americans - 2005**

Other applicable training or education:

Numerous trainings for World of Work

Numerous certificates for Adult Literacy through OED – Cam Preuss

Region X – TANF welfare to work 2011-present

Child abuse awareness, neglect, sexual assault – 2011-current

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

I worked in Burns Oregon on a supplemental youth project 2004-2011. I have served on the Youth Services Committee, Klamath County Library board and Klamath Falls Planning Commission. I served for 10 years as the Chair of the Klamath Job Council and was an advisory member to CASA Implementation Board.

**Hobbies/special interests:**

I enjoy attending Native American cultural celebrations, music, reading and spending time with my husband, daughters and 12 grandchildren.

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

Klamath Resource Committee City and County Schools 2006-2011

Job Council 1989-2011

**Additional comments:**

Being a member of the LPC and OSBA has given me a great opportunity to build linkages with our State and Local elected officials. During this time, I have met with legislators and effectively communicated the needs of Southern Oregon and Oregon Children as a whole. The friendship of other board members throughout Oregon has been indescribable.

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