

# CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

## OSBA Board of Directors

Name: Mark Boren  
District/ESD/CC: Fern Ridge School District 28J

Region: Lane  
Position #: 6

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.

Mark Boren  
Name

September 30, 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 serves school board members, their districts, and ultimately students across the state. OSBA has been leading the way to lobby for the highest amount of funding so that students can be more fully served. OSBA provides leadership training and support for school board members and educators throughout the state.

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

My goals moving forward, both on the Fern Ridge Board and if elected to the OSBA Board, are to provide an environment for component district leaders that supports student and staff success both in and out of the classroom.

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 24 years in the Fire/EMS service, making leadership decisions on and off emergency scenes has given me a unique insight into making decisions on educational boards. I have also coached athletics in the schools and the community helping to form future leaders.

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

I believe one challenge is to recruit new leaders to local school boards and retain quality leaders. Another challenge is to continue to lobby to keep the current funding and increase future funding so that students will have every opportunity to be successful.

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

The ability to implement strategic planning which includes making decisions looking through an equity lens and involving parents and students in this process.

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

As a component district liaison for the Lane ESD Board, I would continue communication with the current districts in western Lane County and expand the OSBA Vision, Mission, Values and Goals to the entire region.

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Other applicable training or education:

OSBA Leadership Institute Status - Bronze

National Fire Academy - Leadership Series

National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) - Instructor III

International Association of Fire Chiefs - Recruitment & Retention Certification Course

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

Region 5 Training Association (R5TA) - Secretary 2003 - 2012

Oregon Fire Instructors Association (OFIA) - Secretary 2005 - 2010

**Hobbies/special interests:**

Start Making A Reader Today - Volunteer, Veneta Elementary 2003-Present

Fern Ridge School District Outdoor School – Volunteer 2008-2019

Elmira Boys & Girls Basketball – Volunteer Coach 2007-2018

Clock Keeper Elmira High School Basketball 2006=Present

Elmira High School Booster Club – President 2009-2011

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

**Additional comments:**

Commitment. Integrity. Community. Family. These are just some of the key tenets I live by and will bring to the OSBA Board of Directors. Serving as a board member is a convergence of experiences and principles, including an understanding of Board processes, customer experience and goals for success.

As a retired Training Officer, I have been educating firefighters for the past 20+ years. I have been invested in serving the public in both my career and volunteering for the past 30+ years. With my service throughout Lane County, I have built relationships with parents, students, staff members and the community at large.

I am also a firm believer in giving back to communities. My vast volunteer experience includes a variety of

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