OSBA Board of Directors
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: Dawn Watson Date: 9/29/26

Address: [redacted]

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Business phone:

Residence phone: N/A

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District/ESD/CC: Phoenix-Talent

Term expires: 6/30/27 Years on board: 13

Region: Southern Oregon Position #: 5



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.

Dawn Watson 9/29/26

Name 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 believes it is vital to give all school boards the knowledge, tools, guidance, and support to lead our districts and advocate for all students in Oregon and nationwide. That work exists so boards can improve student success and educational outcomes for every learner.

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

   I want to continue the momentum of strong boards leading valuable work in their districts and remain a strong advocate for all Oregon students. I will help OSBA continue and strengthen education partnerships so we are a fierce, unified voice for public education.

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 lead with kindness and respect. This year we had hard conversations about OSBA's governance structure. I kept us focused on our shared commitment to students, compromise, and working together so the organization can grow stronger.

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

The coming legislative session will be a major challenge. We must educate legislators on the real cost of running schools and end the pattern of passing laws districts then struggle to implement. Second, we have to work together on solutions so Oregon students are not left behind and can thrive as adults.

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

Southern Oregon districts are struggling with budgets. We also need stronger partnerships and outside resources to fill gaps we cannot pay for locally, especially when services and supports are not readily available in our region.

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

I plan to email boards in our region regularly with updates from OSBA board and legislative work, and to stay available so local concerns can be shared and carried forward.

Please continue to the next section.

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CANDIDATE PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL RESUME

Work or service performed for OSBA or local district (include committee name and if you were chair):

OSBA President (1 year); Vice President (1 year); Secretary/Treasurer (1 year)
OSBA PACE Trust, 5 years
OSBA Budget Committee, 5 years
OSBA Policy Committee, 3 years

Other education board positions held/dates:

NSBA Nomination committee, NSBA Goverance

Occupation (Include at least the past five years):

Employers:	Dates:
Think Green Ranch	10/2018 - present

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

High school: Brookings Harbor High School
College: LCC / SOU
Degrees earned: None

Education honors and/or awards:

None

Other applicable training or education:

School Law Conferences, PACE trainings.

Activities, other state and local community services:

For the past three years I have served on the OSBA executive board and focused my service on OSBA and NSBA work, including statewide leadership, advocacy, and national school board engagement.

Hobbies/special interests:

I love animals and care for more than 50 on my small farm. I also enjoy time in nature and being with family and friends.

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

None

Additional comments: