OSBA Board of Directors
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: Mariah Rossi Date: 09/29/2026

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District/ESD/CC: Three Rivers

Term expires: 6/30/2029 Years on board: 1

Region: Southern Oregon Position #: 5

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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.

Mariah Rossi 09/29/2026

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.

   To provide the education and resources needed for local school boards to properly govern local school districts.

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

   For too long, Oregon public education has focused on preventing failure rather than cultivating success. The results are concerning; declining enrollment, declining academic achievements, and worsening student mental health. We need a new approach-one that sets high expectations, celebrates progress and gives every student the opportunity to thrive.

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.

   The best leaders understand that success comes from serving those they lead. As a pharmacist-in-Charge for 10 years I helped lead my team overcome challenges by providing educational tools, motivation and constructive feedback. This empowered my team to embrace new challenges and enabled us to succeed, grow and continually improve.

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

   AI-will transform both how we teach and how students learn. We must harness its potential while protecting students from its harms.
   Declining enrollment-Families are increasing seeking alternatives to public education. If public education is to survive as an institution we must return to first principals: pursue excellence, restore trust and respect to essential role of parents.

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

   Declining enrollment-see above
   Chronic absenteeism-undermines academic success. Currently, school districts cannot hold students accountable until they miss 10 consecutive days of school. Chronic absenteeism disrupts their learning and negatively affects the educational experience of all students.

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

   I will reach out to districts quarterly via email to keep districts up to date and open a dialog for them to inform me of the challenges they are facing. I will also attend as many OSBA events as possible to interact personally with school board members and district personal.

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):

Three Rivers School Board Vice Chair July 2025 to present

Other education board positions held/dates:

None

Occupation (Include at least the past five years):

Employers:	Dates:
Fred Meyer 126 staff pharmacist	May 1, 2026 to present
Fred Meyer 126 Pharmacist in Charge	May 1 2016 to April 30, 2026

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

High school: Hidden Valley High School 1997

College: University of Oregon BS Biology March 2002, Oregon State University PharmD June 2007

Degrees earned:

Education honors and/or awards:

na

Other applicable training or education:

na

Activities, other state and local community services:

4H leader Card-N-Combs 2010 to 2020
4H Sheep Superintendent Josephine County 2013-2019

Hobbies/special interests:

Gardening, canning, cooking

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

na

Additional comments:

Historically public schools have been the glue that holds communities together. If we want communities to thrive our schools must thrive.