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NOMINATION FORM
OSBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGIONAL MEMBER

Date: September 15, 2026

TO:
José Gamero-Georgeson
OSBA President-Elect
Oregon School Boards Association
1201 Court St NE, #400
Salem, OR 97301
Fax: 503-588-2813
E-mail: elections@osba.org

Nominations are due by 5 pm, September 30, 2026

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Dear José Gamero-Georgeson:

With this letter, our board nominates the candidate named below to a position on the OSBA Board of Directors for the Southern Region, Position # 5.

BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name: Jay Chick
District/ESD/Community College: Rogue River School Disrict No. 35
Address: PO Box 1045
City: Rogue River Oregon ZIP: 97537
E-mail: jay.chick@rogueriver.k12.or.us Phone: [redacted]

This nomination was approved by official action of our board of directors at a duly called meeting on September 15, 2026.
(date)

Signed by:
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(Board Chair signature)

Board Chair name: Heather Friend
District: Rogue River School District
Address: PO Box 1045
City, State, Zip: Rogue River, OR 97537

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Rogue River School District #35
1898 East Evans Creek Road | PO Box 1045
Rogue River, Oregon 97537

Rogue River School District No. 35
Resolution No 2026-2027:2
OSBA Board of Directors Southern Region

September 15, 2026

WHEREAS, the Rogue River School Board is a member of the Oregon School Boards Association;

WHEREAS, the Oregon School Boards Association requests the Rogue River School Board cast its vote for OSBA governance positions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Rogue River School Board supports Jay Chick for the OSBA Board of Director position 5.

Adopted by the Rogue River School Board of Directors on the 15th day of September 2026.

Submitted by:

Signed by:
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RRSD35 Chair: Heather Friend
Date: September 15, 2026

April L. Harrison

RRSD35 Superintendent: April Harrison, D.Ed.
Date: September 15, 2026

OSBA Board of Directors
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: Jay Chick

Date: September 15, 2026

Address: [redacted]

City/Zip: [redacted]

Business phone: [redacted]

Residence phone:

Cell phone: [redacted]

E-mail:

District/ESD/CC: Rogue River School District No. 35

Term expires: 12/27 Years on board: 1

Region: Southern

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.

Jay A Chick

Name

9/29/26

Date

Be brief; please limit your responses to 50 words per question.

1. Describe in your own words the mission and goals of OSBA.

   My mission is to help the OSBA support school boards so they can in turn help support their administration and staff to give the highest quality education to our students.

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

   I hope to help create a strong organization so that school districts around the state have everything they need to create an amazing learning environment for students.

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 school board member for 5 yrs now, I also am the Chair of the Planning Commision for the city of Rogue River, I served on the board of directors for the Rogue River Chamber of Commerce for 4 years and am an Elder in my local church. I have lead teams of people nearly my whole adult life, from mountaineering trips to coaching high school and Jr. High and Little League sports teams. I have learned a lot about what it takes to run a successful organization but I still have a ton to learn.

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

   1. Overcoming the arduous and unfunded mandates from the state level. Especially within small rural districts.
   2. Helping the education system in Oregon to get back to the basics of education, and allow other organizations within our community to step up to help kids that need it in other areas of development.

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

   It's the same answer.
   1. Overcoming the arduous and unfunded mandates from the state level. Especially within small rural districts.
   2. Helping the education system in Oregon to get back to the basics of education, and allow other organizations within our community to step up to help kids that need it in other areas of development.

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

   I want to help unite Southern Oregon boards and communicate as a unified voice for our region. I want us to hold more regional meetups to network and bounce ideas off each other and work together for our southern Oregon students.

Please continue to the next section.

OSBA Board of Directors
CANDIDATE PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL RESUME

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

Coaching high school and Jr. High and Little League sports teams. Supporter of the Booster Club.

Other education board positions held/dates:

Rogue River #35 5 years.

Occupation (Include at least the past five years):

Employers:	Dates:
HMK Co. present	Present
Self employed	2017-present

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

High school: Rudyard High School Rudyard MI 1997

College: Central MI University 2001

Degrees earned: BS in Outdoor and Environmental Recreation w/ Earth Science and Art minors.

Education honors and/or awards:

Other applicable training or education:

Activities, other state and local community services:

I have been a school board member for 5 yrs now, I also am the Chair of the Planning Commision for the city of Rogue River, I served on the board of directors for the Rogue River Chamber of Commerce for 4 years and am an Elder in my local church.

Hobbies/special interests:

Surfing, hunting, golf, woodworking

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

NFIB, Rogue River Chamber of Commerce,

Additional comments:

It has been a pleasure to server Southern Oregon School boards on the OSBA and I will proudly continue to!

NOMINATION FORM
OSBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGIONAL MEMBER

Date: 9/16/2026

TO:
José Gamero-Georgeson
OSBA President-Elect
Oregon School Boards Association
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Dear José Gamero-Georgeson:

With this letter, our board nominates the candidate named below to a position on the OSBA Board of Directors for the Southern Region, Position # 5.

BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name: Mariah Rossi
District/ESD/Community College: Three Rivers
Address: [redacted]
City: Grants Pass Oregon ZIP: 97527
E-mail: mariah.rossi@threerivers.k12.or.us Phone: [redacted]

This nomination was approved by official action of our board of directors at a duly called meeting on 9/16/26.
(date)

(Board Chair signature)
Board Chair name: Pat Kelly
District: Three Rivers
Address: 433 Hidden Valley Rd
City, State, Zip: Grants Pass, OR 97527

OSBA Board of Directors
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: Mariah Rossi Date: 09/29/2026

Address: [redacted]

City/Zip: [redacted]

Business phone:

Residence phone:

Cell phone: [redacted]

E-mail:

District/ESD/CC: Three Rivers

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

Region: Southern Oregon Position #: 5

Insert your high-resolution digital photo (head shot):
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3) Click Edit PDF
4) Click on Add Image
5) Navigate to where photo is
6) Position photo in this frame

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.

OSBA Board of Directors

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.

OSBA Board of Directors
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.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PHOENIX TALENT SCHOOLS

RESOLUTION NO. 26-8

RESOLUTION TO CAST A VOTE FOR OSBA GOVERANCE POSITION, BOARD OF DIRECTOR POSITION #5

WHEREAS, the Phoenix-Talent School District #4 is a member of the Oregon School Boards Association;

WHEREAS, the Oregon School Boards Association requests the Phoenix-Talent School District #4 cast its vote for OSBA governance positions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Phoenix-Talent School District #4 supports Dawn Watson for the OSBA Board of Director position 5;

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Phoenix-Talent Schools of the County of Jackson, State of Oregon, this 10th day of September 2026, by the following vote:

Ayes: **Campbell, Castillo-McKinnis, Farrimond, Rasmussen, Weathers**
Noes: **None**
Absent: **None**
Abstain: **Dawn Watson**

JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (PHOENIX-TALENT), OREGON

By: _____
Name: Rebecca Weathers, Board Chair

ATTEST:

By: _____
Brent Barry, Superintendent/District Clerk

NOMINATION FORM
OSBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGIONAL MEMBER

Date: September 14, 2026

TO:
José Gamero-Georgeson
OSBA President-Elect
Oregon School Boards Association
1201 Court St NE, #400
Salem, OR 97301
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E-mail: elections@osba.org

Nominations are due by 5 pm, September 30, 2026

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Dear José Gamero-Georgeson:

With this letter, our board nominates the candidate named below to a position on the OSBA Board of Directors for the **Southern Region, Position #5**.

BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name: Dawn Watson

District/ESD/CommunityCollege: Phoenix-Talent School District #4

Address: 4491 Pioneer Rd

City: Medford State: Oregon ZIP: 97501

E-mail: dawn.watson@phoenix.k12.or.us Phone: 541-292-3695

This nomination was approved by official action of our board of directors at a duly called meeting on September 10, 2026.



(Board Chair signature)

Board Chair name: Rebecca Weathers

District: Phoenix-Talent School District #4

Address: 401 West 4th Street

City, State, Zip: Phoenix, OR 97535

OSBA Board of Directors
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: Dawn Watson Date: 9/29/26

Address: [redacted]

City/Zip: [redacted]

Business phone:

Residence phone: N/A

Cell phone: [redacted]

E-mail:

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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OSBA Board of Directors

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.

OSBA Board of Directors
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: