

# NOMINATION FORM OSBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGIONAL MEMBER

Date: 09/08/2025

TO: Dawn Watson, OSBA President-  
Elect Oregon School Boards Association  
1201 Court St NE, #400  
Salem, OR 97301  
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**Nominations are due by 5 pm,  
September 30, 2025**

Return this form and all candidate information  
forms to the OSBA office by email at  
[elections@osba.org](mailto:elections@osba.org), or mail to Oregon  
School Boards Association, 1201 Court  
St. NE, #400, Salem, OR 97301

Dear Dawn Watson:

With this letter, our board nominates the candidate named below to a position on the OSBA Board of Directors for the  
Washington Region, Position # 16.

## BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name: Tristan Irvin  
District/ESD/Community College: Tigard-Tualatin School District 23J  
Address: 6960 SW Sandburg St.  
City: Tigard Oregon ZIP: 97223  
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This nomination was approved by official action of our board of directors at a duly called meeting on  
09/08/2025  
(date)

  
(Board Chair signature)  
Board Chair name: Jill Zurschmeide  
District: Tigard-Tualatin School District 23J  
Address: 6960 SW Sandburg St  
City, State, Zip: Tigard, OR 97223

# OSBA Board of Directors CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: Tristan Irvin

Date: 9/12/25

Address: 7998 SW Bond Street

City/Zip: Tigard, OR 97224

Business phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: 541-915-5266

E-mail: tristan.irvin78@gmail.com

District/ESD/CC: Tigard-Tualatin 23J

Term expires: 12/31/25 Years on board: 2

Region: Washington

Position #: 16



*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.*

*Tristan Irvin*

9/12/25

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 support school boards across Oregon by equipping them to advocate for students and positively influence educational opportunities and learning outcomes.

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

I want to continue advocating at the state level for not just adequate, but appropriate and sustainable school funding, while also supporting board members across Oregon in their critical work. I believe strong advocacy, coupled with collaboration, ensures that every district has the resources it needs to help students 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.

I consider myself a strong collaborator who enjoys working with colleagues to problem-solve. I make it a priority to listen carefully and acknowledge differing viewpoints. As for specific examples—well, does everything that 's happened as a school board member over the past four years count? (Mostly kidding!) The reality is that we hear from a wide range of community members, and it 's essential to create a culture—both in the boardroom and throughout the district—that makes space for differing opinions and ensures all voices are heard.

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

- Advocating for school funding at both the state and federal level
- Increasing the reach of OSBA services so that all districts are aware of the wealth of services that OSBA provides

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

- Appropriate school funding
- Continued focus on improving student outcomes

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

As in the past two years, I will continue working with others in the Washington region to share OSBA updates with local boards, especially on critical policy and legislative issues.

**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):

I have served on the OSBA Board of Directors for the past two years and represented OSBA in Washington, D.C., as a delegate for the NSBA's Education Advocacy Days. Most recently, I was invited to join the Governance Committee.

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

TTSD School Board Director: 2021 to present (I was re-elected in May to serve another 4-year term). I was Board Chair from 2022-2025, and am currently the Vice-Chair.

Foundation for Tigard Tualatin Schools - served on the board from 2015-2020 and as Director, Vice President, and President

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

Employers:

Willamette Connections Academy

Dates:

2020 - present

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

High school: South Eugene High School, Eugene, OR, 1992-1996

College: New York University, NYNY, 1996-1998; University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 1998-2000; Bank Street College of Education, NYN

Degrees earned: BA in International Studies/Education; MA in Education

**Education honors and/or awards:**

**Other applicable training or education:**

\*many\*

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

I currently sit on the board for the Family Justice Center of Washington County

**Hobbies/special interests:**

SUPing, crossword puzzles, pub trivia, spending time with my family, tailgating at Duck games (Go Ducks!)

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

**Additional comments:**