

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

OSBA board of directors

Name: Scott B. Pillar

Date: 8/15/08

District/ESD/CC: High Desert Education Service District

Position: Board Chariman

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.

Signed: 

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

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

The mission of the Oregon School Boards association is to harness and enhance the collective strengths of school boards throughout the state in order to improve education. In my opinion this is best done through training, services and statewide leadership. It has been my position for years that OSBA needs to be recognized as THE number one advocate for public education in the state of Oregon simply because we are the only educational advocacy group which is truly altruistic.

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

First and foremost we must make sure our organization maintains its viability by closely monitoring its finances. We then must take consistently measure and monitor the effectiveness of our programs and ask the question; Do we provide the needed tools and services to accomplish our goals? Finally we must maintain a strong, undivided, consistent message of public education advocacy to all who shape the future of 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.

My leadership style is to listen first, comment later. While on the High Desert ESD board or the OSBA board, you would rarely hear me be the first to advocate a position but I will almost always contribute significantly to the final outcome. To me this balances any elected leader's role of providing representative government while gaining a true understanding of constituent needs.

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

Long term financial stability and program viability in a changing world. The first issue, financial stability is key. Because of our structure, we are not a particularly wealthy organization. We are fortunate to have a Trust which will assist us maintain programs in the near term but that Trust must be managed well and we must find other income streams in order to grow and enhance our program viability.

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

The impact of NCLB as it is currently written how schools need to adjust to a changing target and a potentially changing law, and, statewide funding.

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

I am a big believer in email and internet communication. I currently have a blog (www.notesfromthecenteroforegon.blogspot.com) and utilize the region three list serve. My ESD hosts all the OSBA regional meetings in the area and I often make comments there. In addition, I am available via traditional means (phone fax mail).

Materials submitted by the candidate on this form may be subject to a public information request under ORS Chapter 192.

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District/ESD/CC: High Desert ESD

Term expires: June 2010 Years on board: 9

Please send your picture (head shot, labeled with your last name). A high-resolution digital photo is preferred but a print is acceptable; e-mail to OSBAelections@osba.org or mail to:
Oregon School Boards Association
P.O. Box 1068, Salem, OR 97308

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

- OSBA Board Member 2003-2007
- OSBA Secretary Treasurer 2008
- State Superintendent of Public Education's Professional Educator's Advisory Team (PEAT), Chairman 2004-Present
- High Desert Education Service District, Board Member 1999- Present, Chairman 2003-2005, 2006 – Present
- HDESD Legislative Committee, Chairman 2006-Present
- HDESD Baldrige Continuous Improvement Committee 2003-2005
- HDESD Budget Committee 2000-Present
- OSBA Legislative Policy Committee 2003-Present

Other education board positions held/dates:

Sisters School Board Superintendent Search Committee 2003

Occupation (Include at least the past five years):

Employers:

Black Butte School District #41 Business Manager

The Greycost Consulting Group, Inc., Owner

Dates:

June 2008 to present

April 1999 to present

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

High school: St. Helens High School, St. Helens, Oregon 1981-1985

College: Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Oregon 1985-1989

Degrees earned: Bachelor of Science Degree, Business Administration Major, Political Science Minor

Education honors and/or awards: Lewis & Clark College Outstanding Service Award, 1989

Other applicable training or education: Certified QuickBooks™ Pro-Advisor, CMIT Certified Trainer in Microsoft Office, Act!, QuickBooks.

Activities, other state and local community services:

Sisters Rotary Club, Board Member, President 2006-2007

St. Edward's Finance Committee 2004-2006

Score and Time Keeper, Sisters Outlaw Football 2006-Present

Announcer Sisters Outlaw Track and Field 2005-Present

Hobbies/special interests:

Woodworking, technology, outdoor activities

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

See above

Additional comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.