

ITEM FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING**OREGON SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION ELECTION****SUMMARY**

At the next business meeting, the board will vote in the Oregon School Boards Association 2024 election on OSBA board positions 15 and 20 and three resolutions — to raise districts' membership dues, create an LGBTQ2SIA+ caucus, and adopt amendments to the OSBA bylaws.

BACKGROUND

Beaverton School District is a member of the Oregon School Boards Association, a statewide association that supports K–12 public school boards, education service district boards, community college boards and the state board of education.

OSBA is governed by a member-elected board with 23 representatives elected from geographic regions across the state and representatives of established caucuses (currently two, the caucus of board members of color and the rural school boards caucus). OSBA also has a legislative policy committee, consisting of the OSBA board and additional elected regional representatives. Candidates for election must be nominated by official action of a member board within the region. Member boards in each region then vote to elect candidates to their region's board positions.

Member boards vote on candidates and resolutions during OSBA's annual election period in the fall. Voting is open from November 7 to December 15, 2024. Candidates are voted on by member boards in their region, and each board has one vote. Resolutions are voted on statewide, with a weighted voting system based on student population, so as a large district Beaverton has multiple votes. Boards vote as a body, not as individuals; a majority vote determines how the board's votes will be cast with OSBA.

The board is asked to vote on board positions 15 and 20, each with a single candidate.

- OSBA Board Position 15 – Kristy Kottkey, Forest Grove School Board
- OSBA Board Position 20 – Nancy Thomas, Hillsboro School Board

The board also is asked to vote on three resolutions:

- Resolution 1 – Amend the OSBA Dues Schedule
- Resolution 2 – Create the Oregon School Board Members PRIDE Caucus
- Resolution 3 – Amend the OSBA Bylaws

Resolution 1 would increase OSBA membership dues for districts starting in 2025–26. OSBA notes that the dues schedule has not increased since 1998-99. The OSBA board of directors recommends establishing a membership dues floor at \$1,500 and a maximum dues rate of \$25,000 per fiscal year, phased in over 5 years. Membership dues are based on district size. Beaverton's dues would increase by 32% to the maximum of \$25,000 over two years. For most other districts, dues would approximately double over five years. Thereafter, starting in 2030–31, dues would increase annually by a percentage in alignment with the Consumer Price Index.

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Resolution 2 would create the Oregon School Board Members PRIDE Caucus and designate a PRIDE Caucus representative as a voting member of the OSBA board of directors and legislative policy committee.

Resolution 3 would amend the OSBA bylaws, including to:

- Create officer eligibility criteria that requires candidates for officer positions and directors in officer positions to be voting members of the OSBA board of directors
- Expand the OSBA board of directors and legislative policy committee with representatives from the Oregon school board members PRIDE caucus
- Allow caucuses to have an additional director on the OSBA board of directors in the circumstance where the OSBA president or immediate past president is a director from a caucus
- Require OSBA caucuses to submit an annual year-end fiscal report
- Clarify that OSBA board must comply with Oregon government ethics laws with respect to conflicts of interest
- Edit grammar, punctuation, and language for readability

The full text of the resolutions and information about the candidates is included in the agenda packet.

RECOMMENDATION

This is presented for initial consideration and discussion. At the next meeting in December the board will vote as a body on each position and resolution, and staff will record the board's votes with OSBA.