

**NOMINATION FORM
OSBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGIONAL MEMBER**

Date: September 6, 2023

TO: Sami Al-Abdrabbuh, OSBA President-Elect
Oregon School Boards Association
1201 Court St NE, #400
Salem, OR 97301
Fax: 503-588-2813
E-mail: OSBAelections@osba.org

**Nominations are due by 5 pm,
September 29, 2023**

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

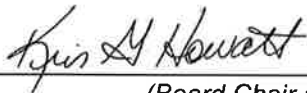
Dear Sami Al-Abdrabbuh:

With this letter, our board nominates the candidate named below to a position on the OSBA Board of Directors for the
Multnomah Region, Position # 18.

BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name: Kris Howatt
District/ESD/Community College: Gresham-Barlow School District
Address: 1331 NW Eastman Parkway
City: Gresham Oregon ZIP: 97030
E-mail: howatt3@gresham.k12.or.us Phone: 503-830-3608

**This nomination was approved by official action of our board of directors at a duly called meeting on
September 6, 2023
(date)**



(Board Chair signature)

Board Chair name: Kris Howatt
District: Gresham-Barlow School District
Address: 1331 NW Eastman Parkway
City, State, Zip: Gresham, OR 97030

OSBA Board of Directors CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: Kris Howatt

Date: August 31, 2023

Address: 1558 NW 12th Court

City/Zip: Gresham 97030

Business phone: 971-220-0936

Residence phone: 503-830-3608

Cell phone: 503-830-3608

E-mail: Kris.Howatt@gmail.com

District/ESD/CC: Gresham-Barlow 10j

Term expires: 2027 Years on board: 23

Region: Multnomah



Position #: 18

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.

Kris G Howatt Digitally signed by Kris G Howatt
Date: 2023.08.31 20:31:36 -07'00'

August 31, 2023

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 exists to train and support locally elected school board members. They enable school board members to effectively serve the students in their respective community. OSBA provides a perspective beyond local districts, advocating at the State and National level.

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

Over the years, OSBA has become a "go-to" organization for education issues in the State. Our board members are invited to meet around key legislation, emerging issues, and trending developments. I want to continue to advance the impact of OSBA and maintain their relevance in the education sphere.

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 do my research and make sure that I am including the relevant perspectives. I have been directly involved in OSBA's governance remodel, the realignment of OSBA goals, expanded opportunities for our students through CTE and the additional resources from the Corporate Activity Tax. My success in these endeavors hinged on bringing other supporters along and encouraging collaborative efforts. Future efforts will focus on meeting the needs of our marginalized students.

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

The divisive political polarization of education in the State. The changing demographics of our student population, and how to more effectively support students and their communities.

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

Supporting our diverse student population. Continuing to engage our newly elected board members in timely and appropriate training opportunities. Planning for what may be substantial funding impacts at the State & Federal level.

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

COVID adjustments provided a nice platform to view regional board meetings, but they weren't a perfect substitute for in-person conversation. Returning to in-person training, conferences, roundtables, and regional meetings can provide more meaningful engagement. Closer connections are also required with our respective Legislative Policy Committee members. We can also still utilize virtual, email, and phone communication methods.

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):
See Attached

Other education board positions held/dates:

Occupation (Include at least the past five years):

Employers:

Dates:

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

High school:

College:

Degrees earned:

Education honors and/or awards:

Other applicable training or education:

Activities, other state and local community services:

Hobbies/special interests:

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

Additional comments:

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CANDIDATE'S DATA SHEET

To: OSBA Elections Coordinator

Name: **Kris G. Howatt**

Address: **1558 NW 12th Court
Gresham, OR 97030-4922**

Business: **(971) 220-0936**

Residence: **(503) 830-3608 (preferred number)**

E-mail: **Kris.Howatt@gmail.com**

Fax: **--**

Be considered by the Nominating Committee for the following position:

OSBA Board of Directors: Multnomah Region, Position 18

Primary Occupation: **Small Business Owner – Feather Your Nest Quilt Store
Director, Gresham-Barlow School District
Director, Oregon School Boards Association**

Education Background: **Sam Barlow HS (1979) Honors - Gresham, Oregon
Mt. Hood Community College – Gresham, Oregon**

- **Political Science Major (2010-2011)**
- **Desktop Computing (1986)**

Professional Experience: **Small Business Operation (2013-2023)**

- *Customer Service (online & in person)*
- *Skills Instruction & Demonstrations*

Portland General Electric (PGE) - (1979-1994)

- *Computer Specialist /Contract Administrator*
- *Computer Tech Support, Software trainer, Word Processing*
- *Meter Reader (field work, customer service), Utility Workman*

LOCAL LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

1. Name of School District/Board of Education on which the nominee serves:

**Gresham-Barlow School District (GBSD)
12,000 student enrollment/113,000 population**

2. Date of service on Local School board (including current term):

December 2000 to present

3. When does the current term expire?

June 2027

4. List all dates and offices that the nominee has held on the Local School Board:

Chair	2010-2011, 2017-2019, 2023-2024
Vice Chair	2008-2009, 2014-2015, 2021-2023
Policy Review Committee	2010 - 2024
Classified - Interest-Based Bargaining Team	2012, 2016, 2020, 2023
Classified – Traditional Negotiating Team	2004, 2008
Licensed – Traditional Negotiating Team	2012, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024
Continuous Improvement Plan Committee	2010-2011
Audit Review Committee	2008-2011, 2023-2024
Superintendent Search Committees	2001, 2003, 2009, 2011, 2017, 2021
Multnomah County Regional Equity	2019-2021
Wellness Committee/Nutrition Services	2004-2020

5. Local Leadership experience in community (list community service such as church officer, other government experience, Chamber of commerce, etc.)

GBSD Capital Bond Committee	2000, 2013, 2016
Member – Historic Downtown Gresham Business	2015-2023
Member – Gresham Chamber of Commerce	2014-2023
Market Mavens LLC – Investment Club {Treas.}	1997 - 2017
East Metro Legislative Forum Committee	2008, 2010
Parent Teacher Club {President, Sec, Treasurer}	1995-2001

STATE LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

1. State Association Leadership – Oregon School Boards Association

<u>Offices Held</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Past President	2013
President	2012
President – elect	2011
Secretary/Treasurer	2009, 2010
Board of Directors	2006 – present

2. State Association Committee Assignments

OSBA Legal Assistance Trust (chair 2021, 2022, 2023)	2018 - 2023
OSBA Executive Director Search Committee	2012 - 2013
OSBA Policy Review Committee (co-chair)	2011 - 2012
OSBA Finance Committee	2009-10, 2012
OSBA Budget Committee	2009 - 2012
OSBA Executive Committee	2009 - 2013
OSBA Governance Review Committee	2007 - 2008
OSBA Legislative Policy Committee	2006 – present
NSBA Annual Conference Delegate	2011 (alt.), 2012
OR Dept. of Education – <i>Talented & Gifted Task Force (SB-990) – co-chair</i>	2011-2012
OR Dept. of State Lands – <i>Remediation and Rulemaking Advisory Committee</i>	2011-2012
“Courageous Conversations” (CFEE) Graduate <i>(Coaching for Education Equity)</i>	2010

3. Other State Association Leadership Experience

OSBA Board Member of Color Caucus	2018 - Present
Statewide Regional Tours	2012
<i>{Over the course of 6 weeks (September thru October), 17 regional meetings, visiting 600+ board members, traveling 4500 miles throughout the state of Oregon}</i>	
OSBA Annual Convention Speaker	2011, 2012
OSBA <u>Leadership Institute</u> Platinum Level	2011
NSBA School Board Recognition	2010
<i>(School Board Leadership – 1 of 3 in Oregon to receive)</i>	
OSBA <u>Leadership Oregon</u> Certification	2007
OSBA <u>Leadership Institute</u> – GBSD Board Award	2005 – 2009
<i>(Commitment to ongoing professional development – 5 years)</i>	

NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION EXPERIENCE

1. National Leadership Experience

Pacific Region Vice Chair	2013
Pacific Region Policy/Resolution Chair	2013

2. NSBA Committee Assignments

Pacific Region Nominating Committee	2011 (December)
Pacific Region Policies/Resolutions – alternate	2011, 2012
NSBA Credentials Committee	2011 (April)

3. Other National Association Leadership Experience

Native American Caucus Member	2011, 2012
NSBA President’s Retreat	2011
Pacific Region Meetings, delegate	2011 - 2013
Pacific Region Meetings, non-delegate	2009, 2010
Federal Relations Network (Advocacy Institute)	2008 – 2019, 2023
NSBA Equity Symposium	2016 – 2019, 2023
NSBA National Conferences	2005/2007/2010-13/2016-19/2022

OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

1. Other Officer positions held (other state or national associations such as American Bankers Association, AMA, etc.)

None

2. Other Speaker or Program Experience

Quilt Shows – Sales & In-store Presentations 2014-2023

OP-Ed – Salem Statesman Journal 2012 (May)
(“Schools are Critical to Oregon’s Economic Recovery”)

Gresham-Barlow All-Staff Convocation 2009, 2010, 2017, 2018, 2023

GBSD Volunteer Coordinators Keynote 2004-2006, 2008-2010, 2012-2016

Scrip Fundraising Coordinator 2004 – 2017
Purchasing, accounting, reporting
(Supporting 4 schools, overall revenue in excess of \$1.5 million)

Master Seamstress – Gresham HS Drama 2003-2013
(15 productions – on-time, under budget)

Exchange Student Host Family 2000, 2001, 2003, 2005,
***(China, Taiwan, S. Korea, Spain, Japan)* 2007-2008, 2009, 2012**

CANDIDATE’S STATEMENT

1. Written statement by the candidate of 50 words or less, per question, stating why he/she desires to be a director and what the candidate can bring to the position.

See Attachment