



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	June 5, 2025
<b>Agenda Item:</b>	School Board Candidate Interviews
<b>Item Type:</b>	Discussion
<b>Administrator:</b>	Board Chair Wright
<b>Objective:</b>	Interview the top three School Board candidates

**Background:** Board Director Michelle Atkinson, Position 5, submitted a resignation to the Board on May 5, with the effective date of the resignation on June 1, 2025. The Board declared the vacancy at the Work Session on May 8.

The term for Position 5 ends June 30, 2027. Board Policies BBC - Board Member Resignation, BBD - Board Member Removal from Office, and BBE - Vacancies on the Board and ORS 332.030(4) provide requirements and legal guidance for School Boards when a member resigns.

Process so far:

- The Board announced the resignation and declared the vacancy at the May 8 Work Session and discussed the application process.
- Application questions were submitted to the Board Secretary by noon on May 13.
- Board subcommittee met to review the submitted questions on May 14.
- Application form went live on the website on May 15.
- Applications were received through 5:00 PM on May 22.
- The Board received candidate applications via email from the Board secretary on May 23.
- The Board ranked the applications and submitted individual rankings to the Board secretary by 5:00 PM on May 27.
- The top three candidates were notified and invited to the interview on June 5.

At this meeting, the Board will interview the top three ranked candidates; Ilex Brandenberger, Rhonda Nowak, and Sunny Spicer.

If the Board appoints a Board member, the new member will be sworn into office at this meeting and serve the remainder of the term, which will end on June 30, 2027.

**Additional Materials:** Policies [BBC](#), [BBD](#), [BBE](#)

**Recommendation:** Interview the top three School Board candidates.

**Suggested Motion:** *(At discretion of the Board.) "I move to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to the vacant Board Position #5, with the term ending June 30, 2027."*