

# voters' pamphlet



Oregon Vote-by-Mail Special Election | **May 16, 2017**



# Letter from the County Clerk

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## Special District Election May 16, 2017

Jackson County Voters:

At the May 16, 2017 Special District Election, you will be voting on numerous candidate races to fill positions on the boards of Rogue Community College, Southern Oregon Education Service District, School Districts, Fire Districts, Water Districts, Rogue Valley Transportation District, Jackson County Library District and Rogue Valley Sewer Services. In addition, the Jackson County Fire District #4 will be voting on a 4 year Local Option Levy, Rogue River School District #35 will be voting on a School Bond and the City of Talent will be voting on a City Tax measure.

This pamphlet is published to provide voters with information about local candidates and measures. However, candidates are not required to be included in the voters' pamphlet. Voter pamphlet statements and photos are optional and are submitted along with a filing fee. So you will not find every candidate that you will be voting on in this pamphlet. Likewise, you will not be voting on every candidate in this pamphlet, but only the applicable candidates and measures for your precinct. **Your ballot, which will be delivered to you beginning Friday, April 28th**, will include your applicable candidates and measures.

Candidate filing forms of all candidates on the ballot are available at: <http://jacksoncountyor.org/clerk/Home>. Click on the election logo to direct you to the elections page.

**The deadline to register to vote in this election is Tuesday, April 25, 2017.** This pamphlet has been delivered to post-office mailing addresses. Therefore, the fact that you received a voters' pamphlet does not necessarily mean that you are a registered voter. Voters, currently registered in the State of Oregon, but who have moved, changed their residential or mailing address or name, must update their registration by close of business on election-day in order to vote. Vote by mail ballots cannot be forwarded. If you need to register or update your registration, you can do so online at [www.oregonvotes.gov](http://www.oregonvotes.gov) or you can find voter registration cards at your local post office.

If you have any questions regarding the status of your voter registration or the election process, please contact the Elections Office at 541-774-6148. If you would like to register or update your voter registration card in person, we are located at 1101 West Main St., Suite #201, Medford.

Ballots must be received by the Election Office or in an Official Elections Drop Box no later than 8:00 p.m., May 16, 2017 in order to be counted!

Sincerely,

Chris Walker  
Jackson County Clerk



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# Measure 15-168 Jackson County Fire District No. 4

## Ballot Title

# 15-168

### Four-Year Local Option Levy to Maintain Fire Department Staffing

**QUESTION:** Shall the District impose \$0.99 per \$1,000 each year for four years beginning in 2017-2018 to maintain staffing levels? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

**SUMMARY:** Jackson County Fire District 4 would use the additional revenue from this measure to continue funding four firefighter/EMT-paramedic positions that are currently funded by a temporary two-year FEMA grant which expires in December 2017. Without this additional revenue, the District will be forced to lay off the four firefighter/EMT-paramedics due to insufficient funding. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and continuing for four years, this measure would authorize the implementation of a local option levy that would assess an additional \$0.99 per \$1000 of assessed value to maintain current staffing levels.

The proposed rate will raise approximately:

\$ 425,104 in 2017-2018

\$ 439,983 in 2018-2019

\$ 455,382 in 2019-2020

\$ 471,321 in 2020-2021 for a total of \$1,791,790

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY, based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate.

- The District responded to 1156 emergency calls for service in 2016. This is a 23% increase in service demand over the past two years.
- Nearly 80% of the District's response demands are for medical emergencies.
- Five of the District's seven career personnel are licensed paramedics, experienced in delivering advanced emergency medical care. A sixth member is currently enrolled in paramedic school.
- Simultaneous calls for emergency service happen approximately 8.3% of the time. Current staffing levels allow the District to respond to these emergency incidents that overlap or occur at the same time.
- Without the revenue generated by this levy, the District will be forced to eliminate four firefighter/EMT-paramedic positions.

*(This information furnished by Rod Edwards, Fire Chief, Jackson County Fire District 4.)*

## Explanatory Statement

Jackson County Fire District 4 (District) provides firefighting, emergency medical care, rescue and fire prevention services. The District serves a 37-square-mile area including the residents and businesses in the city and unincorporated areas of Shady Cove, as well as the communities of Trail and Lost Creek.

If approved, this levy will replace a temporary two-year FEMA grant for funding personnel that expires at the end of 2017. This local option levy will allow the District to maintain its current level of staffing and response capability beyond the expiration of the federal grant. This levy will allow the District to raise approximately \$1,791,790 of additional District revenue over a period of four years. If the levy is approved, it will increase the assessment rate currently imposed by the District. The loss of these four positions will cause a significant reduction in the staffing and response capability that the District currently provides.

Facts:

- The District was forced to lay-off three firefighter/EMT-paramedics in 1996 due to tax reforms.
- Since those layoffs occurred in 1996 the District has been providing service with a single career firefighter/paramedic on-duty per day, assisted by a small number of volunteers if they were available.
- Many emergency responses in the years following the layoffs consisted of a single person.
- Emergency incidents are complex and potentially dangerous, requiring a team of trained professionals in order to achieve the safest and most optimal outcomes.

# Measure 15-169 Rogue River School District No. 35

## Ballot Title

# 15-169

### School Bond for Energy/Safety upgrades, asbestos removal, ADA Compliance

**QUESTION:** Shall Rogue River School District improve facilities by issuing \$3,335,000 in bonds and potentially receive an additional \$3,335,000 State grant? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**SUMMARY:** The District is on the waiting list to receive \$3,335,000 in a matching State grant if voters approve this measure. If voters reject the measure, these funds will not be available to the District.

If approved, the bond proceeds are expected to fund:

- Upgraded heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems.
- Addressing deferred maintenance issues, including asbestos removal.
- Site improvements to include energy saving upgrades, improvements to comply with Americans with Disability Act (ADA), equipping, and bond issuance costs.

If additional bond proceeds are available or the \$3,335,000 in matching state grant is received, the funds are expected to be used for safety and security upgrades including single point of entry projects. The additional \$3,335,000 matching State grant will not increase the tax burden for the tax payers of the Rogue River School District.

Bonds would mature in a period not to exceed 7 years. If approved, the overall bond tax rate is not expected to increase over the current rate. Actual rates may differ based upon interest rates incurred and growth in assessed value.

- Bond funds will be used to improve facility access for disabled students and community members (American with Disability Act).
- Bond funds will be used to address long standing deferred maintenance of the District facilities.

If the bond passes, the District may receive a matching grant of \$3,335,000 from the state of Oregon. The additional \$3,335,000 grant will not increase the tax burden for the tax payers of the Rogue River School District. The District is currently on a waiting list to receive the matching grant.

- The District will use the additional State Grant funds for improvements to District campuses working towards a single point of access to improve student safety.
- State Grant funds could also be used for additional safety improvements other than single point of access.
- State Grant funds may be used to address long standing deferred maintenance of the District facilities.

*(This information furnished by Paul E. Young, Superintendent, Rogue River School District No. 35.)*

## Explanatory Statement

Rogue River School District serves students residing in Rogue River, Wimer, Gold Hill, and Grants Pass. Rogue River School District student facilities range in age from 40 to 110 years old. The District is asking for voter approval to finance needed improvements to our current facilities. All proposed improvements in this bond will directly affect student environment.

The proposed use of bond funds:

- Add air conditioning to all elementary classrooms which do not currently have air conditioning.
- The proposed upgrades to the heating system will provide adequate heat in all elementary classrooms. The elementary schools aging heating system no longer distributes adequate heat to all elementary classrooms.
- Improvements will allow the high school's HVAC system to properly maintain the climate in an energy efficient and cost effective manner. The high school's current heating and ventilation system is no longer able to maintain consistent or comfortable temperatures.
- To improve student safety and health the District is planning to use bond funds to remove asbestos from the facilities. Rogue River School District has been active in removing asbestos from District facilities; there is still more to remove.

# Measure 15-170

## City of Talent

### Jackson County Library District Director, Position 1

#### Ballot Title

# 15-170

#### City tax on diesel fuel dealers

**QUESTION:** Shall the City impose a 3 cents per gallon tax on diesel fuel dealers to raise revenue for street repairs?

**SUMMARY:** If adopted by the voters, this measure would impose a City tax on diesel fuel dealers in the City of Talent and would provide for the administration, enforcement and collection of the tax. If this measure is approved, the diesel tax would be imposed on diesel fuel dealers when they sell or distribute diesel fuel within the City. Most commonly, the tax will be paid by gas stations for the sale of diesel. The proposed Ordinance creates a tax rate of 3 cents per gallon. The net revenue collected from the tax will only be used for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, maintenance, and operation of streets within the City of Talent. This revenue will help the City reduce its backlog of street repairs and will also help the City maintain the performance of the City's street system. If approved by the voters, the Ordinance would take effect January 1, 2018.

#### Explanatory Statement

If this measure is approved by the voters of the City of Talent, the City will impose a tax of 3 cents per gallon on diesel fuel dealers in the City of Talent. The proposed ordinance also provides the framework for the administration, enforcement and collection of the tax.

If this measure is approved, the diesel tax would be imposed on diesel fuel dealers when they sell or distribute diesel fuel within the City. Most commonly, the tax will be paid by gas stations on diesel fuel sales. The proposed ordinance sets the tax rate at 3 cents per gallon.

If this measure is approved, the net revenue collected from the tax will only be used for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, maintenance, and operation of streets within the City of Talent. This revenue will help the City reduce its backlog of street repairs and will also help the City maintain the performance of the City's street system. If approved by the voters, the ordinance will take effect on January 1, 2018.

*(This information furnished by Tom Corrigan, City Manager.)*



**George Prokop**

**Occupation:** Jackson County Library District (JCLD), volunteer, 2015 - present.

**Occupational Background:** Marketing Manager/Strategic Planner, Hewlett-Packard, 1991 – 2015; Finance Manager,

Hewlett-Packard, 1985 – 1990; Thirty years in high-tech with expertise in strategic planning, budgeting, contract negotiations/administration, and project management.

**Educational Background:** Indiana University, MBA, Marketing/Finance; Purdue University, BS, Industrial Engineering.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** JCLD Budget and Facilities Committees (2015 – 2017), Technology Committee (2016 – 2017).  
Endorsements:

“George has served on the Library’s Budget Committee for two years. He has also volunteered his time to the Facilities and Technology Committees, making important contributions to both. His professional background with Hewlett-Packard makes him ideally suited to address those issues and many others facing the Library District for the next several years. I highly recommend a vote for George.” Maureen Swift, JCLD President

“I have worked with George on both the Budget and Facilities Committees. I can attest to his ability to take information coming from all directions and organize it into a usable document. I have seen him remain calm in difficult situations, and have watched him take charge of meetings that were going off course. George is also a strategic thinker, who can not only take care of today’s Library, but also plan for the future. I am voting for George. I hope you will too.” Pat Ashley, RCC Board Member

“Over the last two years, George has volunteered his services to the Library’s Budget, Facilities and Technology Committees. With experience in business and technology, he has produced easily-read charts and reports, and greatly assisted the Board’s work. VOTE for George!” Carol Doty, JCLD Board

Personal statement:

I would be proud to serve as Director for the Library District. As a board member, I will fulfill the fiduciary responsibility of the position, and be an advocate for all libraries. My business background in high-tech and strategic planning will add a valuable perspective as the board sets the future direction of our library system.

*(This information furnished by George Prokop.)*

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

## Jackson County Library District Director, Position 2



**Steve  
Richie**

**Occupation:** Fire-Sprinkler System Design

**Occupational Background:** Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources 1988-1989; Washington State Legislature 1991-1998 (issue research/

development); Fire Sprinkler System Design and Consulting 1998 to present.

**Educational Background:** Educational Background: B.S. Forestry, Oregon State University, 1987

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None  
IT'S YOUR MONEY!

Public libraries are good, with a proud tradition in our nation's history as protectors of free thought and the first amendment. They are critical to preserve our history so we continue to evolve as a society and do not repeat past mistakes.

I want to represent and give back to the taxpayers of Jackson County. Your hard-earned money pays the yearly property tax bill that supports the libraries for all to enjoy. My wife and I alone paid \$295 last year toward the Jackson County Library District and do not use the service. High property taxes exacerbate our affordable housing shortage and make home ownership challenging.

As your voice on the board, I will ensure you and I are getting our money's worth and that every taxpayer provided dollar of the \$12.5 million library budget is needed and spent efficiently on programs that benefit all Jackson County citizens, not just a small special interest group.

Jackson County property owners currently pay 52 cents per \$1,000 of property value toward libraries, yet there is a \$3 million ending balance in the account. That money should be kept in your pocket until such time as it is needed, not socked away in a government bank account. It is your money!

If as a Library District board member I can reduce your property taxes while still providing top tier library services, my tenure will have been a success.

*(This information furnished by Steve Richie.)*

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## Jackson County Library District Director, Position 2



**Cathy  
Shaw**

**Occupation:** Campaign consultant, since 1998; Author: (The Campaign Manager. Running and Winning Local Elections; six editions), since 1996.

**Occupational Background:** Legislative Assistant, Alan

Bates, 2001 -2004; Mayor of Ashland, 1989-2000; Development Director, Planned Parenthood of Southern Oregon, 1994-1999; Stanford Medical Center, 1981-1983, 1985; Ashland Women's Health Center, 1977-1980.

**Educational Background:** SOSC (SOU) Credential Program, 1980; UC Davis, Bachelor of Science, Early Childhood Education, 1975.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Library Budget Committee, 2015-16; Ashland Community Hospital Board, 1998-2000; Mayor of Ashland, 1989-2000; Ashland Budget Committee, 1987-2000; Jackson County Human Services Committee, 1980.

**Libraries Matter.**

"Cathy brings a thorough knowledge of government and love of libraries as an essential element of a democracy. I am so happy to endorse her; she'll do an excellent job." **Marian Telerski**

"It was Cathy Shaw's strategy that got our library buildings renovated and our district funded. Without reservation, we support her candidacy for the library board." **Jim and Gayle Lewis**

"There are many reasons to support Cathy's candidacy for the library board but the most important is her commitment to bring library management back home." **Karen Starchvick**

"Cathy has exactly the experience the Library needs. She understands local government, knows how to work well with other people, and when it comes to understanding what the people of Jackson County want, she literally wrote the book." **Peter Sage**

"I first met Cathy Shaw during the Medford School Bond campaign; she was organized, hardworking, focused, and a team player-the kind of person we need in this transitional time for our libraries." **Mark Wisnovsky**

"Cathy's commitment and efforts on behalf of our libraries has helped to make our communities better. I'm grateful for her willingness to serve on the Library District Board." **Peter Buckley**

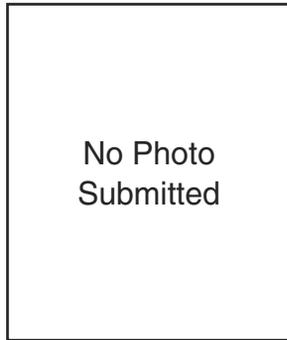
"Cathy's ability to advocate and organize others in pursuit of important issues in our county, especially our libraries, makes her a perfect choice for the board." **Bill Thorndike**

"Please join us in supporting a tested community leader who has contributed so much toward the success of our libraries." **David Lane**

*(This information furnished by Cathy Shaw.)*

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

**Rogue Community College  
Director, Zone 3**



**Shawn A  
Hogan**

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**Occupation:** VP of Engineering and Operations

**Occupational Background:** Engineering Manager; Mechanical Engineer

**Educational Background:** Uni-

versity of Washington, M.S. Physics; University of Washington, B.S. Physics; Green River Community College: Drafting, Engineering, Physics - transfer to U of W; Kent-Meridian High School, Diploma

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Rogue Workforce Partnership Board; Rogue Advanced Manufacturing Partnership Committee; RCC 2016 President Search Advisory Committee; RCC Electronics Advisory Committee

Our community colleges can serve an important role as a bridge between a high school education and a fruitful and fulfilling career in the workplace. To be successful in meeting this need, prioritization in career and technical education (CTE) programs is required.

My personal growth and success has been a direct result of CTE programs in both high school and community college. CTE classes in high school provided an entry path into the workplace. Tuition reimbursement from my employers funded night community college, with a transfer to University of Washington to completed Bachelors and Masters degrees in Physics. None of this would have been possible without vocational programs at the high school and community college levels.

Our educational system has, in some respects, lost its way. Too often the focus is on college preparation, with little or no concern that a four-year degree is not the right path for every student. Our community college system serves not only as a tool for pre-university preparation, but also as a pathway to living-wage jobs in the workplace. Well-thought-out and funded CTE programs are the key to making this successful.

As an employer in the local community, board and committee member of various local workforce initiatives, and strong believer in the value and need for strong programs to grow and develop the talent pipeline in the community, I ask for your vote to be your advocate on the Rogue Community College Board of Education.

Endorsed by Ron Fox, RCC Board of Education, Former Executive Director of SOREDI

*(This information furnished by Shawn A Hogan.)*

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

**Rogue Community College  
Director, Zone 7**



**Ron  
Fox**

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**Occupation:** Retired

**Occupational Background:** Executive Director, SOREDI, 2006-2016; Business & Industry Manager, Business Oregon, State of Oregon, 2000-2006; Senior Manager, PacifiCorp, 1971-2000.

**Educational Background:** Oregon State University, B.S., Business & Technology

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Board Member, Rogue Community College, 2013-present (elected); Board Member, Jackson County Airport Advisory Committee (appointed); Board Member, Rogue Workforce Partnership (appointed).

It has been my pleasure to serve the people of the Rogue Community College District since July 2013. I am seeking re-election to the Zone 7 position on the Rogue Community College Board of Education to support the continued expansion of RCC's services to the residents and students of the college district. During my first term on the RCC Board, I have worked to assure Rogue Community College aligns its curriculum and training courses to fulfill the employment opportunities available for RCC students. With voter approval of RCC's May 2016 \$20 million bond measure, I have worked with the college administration and fellow RCC Board of Education members to assure the capital investments in training and educational facilities are made to meet the needs of current and future RCC students.

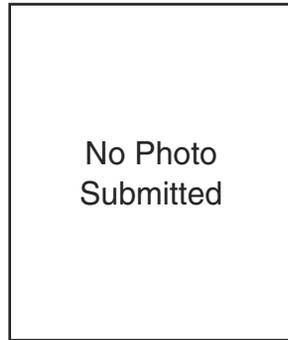
Rogue Community College offers numerous career/technical certificates and academic pathways to skilled, well-paying jobs as well as successful transfers to four-year degree granting universities. If re-elected I pledge to continue my efforts to increase the numbers of potential students - both recent high school graduates as well as adults seeking new careers - who successfully enroll in and complete career-oriented certificates and college transfer degrees at Rogue Community College.

I am very proud of our Rogue Community College and ask for your vote so I can continue to serve the residents of the college district.

*(This information furnished by Ron Fox.)*

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

## Southern Oregon Education Service District Director, Zone 5



### James Jarrard

**Occupation:** Retired Federal Employee

**Occupational Background:** Education Program Manager, Department of Defense Education Activity; Knowledge Manager, Peace Corps; Communication Specialist, DoDEA; Education Technology Specialist, London, England; Classroom Teacher, Munich/Mannheim, Germany; Okinawa, Japan; Florida; Michigan

**Educational Background:** University of Southern California, Master of Science, Adult Education; Michigan State University, Bachelor of Arts, English (Education); Boston University, Graduate Studies; University of Maryland, Graduate Studies

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Education Advisory Council, Staff Action Officer; Liaison to the National Center for Education Statistics; Liaison to the Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA); Union Negotiator, Federal Education Association

With my considerable experience in providing and supporting education services to teachers, schools, and school districts, I can make a significant contribution to quality education in Jackson County.

My years of work supporting special education services give me a well-founded understanding of both the legal and educational needs of exceptional students. This includes implementing appropriate assistive technologies, staffing schools with qualified teachers and aides, as well as helping teachers reduce the burden of legally required reporting requirements in special education.

My training and work experience in education technologies will be valuable to teachers and schools in our area. I've not only worked with advanced innovations in technology, but I've been responsible for cost-effective classroom technology implementations.

I also have experience in supervising educational offices, managing personnel systems and budgets, working on teacher union contracts, providing statistical information pertinent to school systems, and charting student and school system growth and progress on established goals.

Of most notable interest, I was a classroom teacher for ten years in a wide variety of schools. Later in my career, I directly supported 5 separate school districts.

I will work diligently to ensure your vote for me maintains high quality education in the Rogue Valley.

(This information furnished by James Jarrard.)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

## Southern Oregon Education Service District Director, Zone 5



### Christine Norton-Cotts

**Occupation:** Office Assistant, Oregon Shakespeare Festival Costume Department since 1989

**Occupational Background:** Cleveland PlayHouse, Design Assistant 1978-1980; Oregon

Shakespeare Festival. Design Assistant, 1981-1984 (summer); Alaska Repertory Theatre. Costume Shop Manager, 1981-1984 (fall, winter)

**Educational Background:** Bachelor of Arts, with Honors, Mills College Oakland, CA; Master of Fine Arts, Southern Methodist University Dallas, TX.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** AHS Site Council parent representative 2004-2007, community representative 2008-2014; Friends of the Ashland Library, Board Member (current); Southern Oregon Education Service District, Board Member (current)

Children deserve an appropriate and meaningful educational experience which allows them to thrive intellectually, emotionally and socially. The primary duty of an Education Service District is to address and attend to its student's educational needs while providing assistance to the teachers. As a board member I have endeavored to put these goals first and will continue to do so.

Although my AHS student has graduated, I continue to mentor students and remain an active community volunteer. Currently I am involved with organizations including AHS Booster Club and the Friends of the Ashland Library, two organizations who support students. These experiences combined with the terms of service on the Southern Oregon Education Service District board have provided a solid foundation and encouraged my interest to continue serving with this agency.

Each student deserves an opportunity to develop to his/her potential and I will continue to work to achieve this goal by:

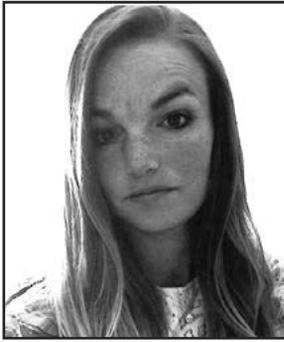
- Utilizing our precious financial resources responsibly, while searching for additional funding.
- Strengthening existing partnerships allowing more resources to meet the shared needs of students, staff and schools.
- Exploring opportunities to enhance and strengthen meaningful experiences for students, teachers and staff.

While it is vital to continue responding to change, we must balance assets with an interest to explore options which will continue to strengthen our current structure. Building upon the partnership between parents, teachers, administration and community will nurture and enhance our children's educational experience, allowing our students more opportunity for success.

(This information furnished by Christine Norton-Cotts.)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

**Southern Oregon Education Service District  
Director, Zone 6**



**Rosie  
Converse**

**Occupation:** Software Developer - Southern Oregon ESD; Ashland School District - Assistant Girls Basketball Coach; Ashland School District - Assistant Track Coach

**Occupational Background:**

Software Developer - USA Triathlon; Library Technology Technician - Colorado Springs School District 11; IT Analyst - Bend-La Pine School District; Graphic Designer / Advertising traffic manager - Combined Communications; Programmer - Ashland School District

**Educational Background:** Southern Oregon University - B.S. Business Administration - Marketing; Southern Oregon University - B.S. Computer Science - Web Development/IT

**Prior Governmental Experience:** N/A

I have spent much of my life working in the public sector and getting to know what issues plague schools both in our region, and around the state. In my work with Southern Oregon ESD, I have come to realize how important and, simultaneously, how relatively unknown the ESD is. Southern Oregon ESD offers services to districts and students that would otherwise be cost prohibitive by using a regional model of service, but few people know that. The work it does is incredibly valuable and I want to work with the ESD to make that vital work more visible around the region. As a software developer, I have gotten to work with the ESD's highly qualified specialists, the districts, and even the students we serve. I know where our strengths and weaknesses lie, and I want to help make the ESD as strong as possible to serve as many students as possible.

*(This information furnished by Rosie Converse.)*

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

**Southern Oregon Education Service District  
Director, Zone 7**



**Maud  
Powell**

**Occupation:** Professor of Practice, Oregon State University Extension; Farmer, Wolf Gulch Farm; Coordinator of Siskiyou Sustainable Cooperative Community Supported Agriculture program.

**Occupational Background:** Educational Program Assistant, Oregon State University; Grant Writer, Siskiyou Sustainable Cooperative

**Educational Background:** Swarthmore College, BA; Antioch University, MA

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

I have lived and worked in the Rogue Valley for nineteen years, raised and educated my two children here, and have been actively involved in community education and access to healthy food throughout. Children represent our future, and investing appropriately in early and special education benefits the entire community. I believe in providing children with excellent early education and services in order to improve outcomes and raise adults who will contribute to our local economy and communities.

As a farmer and Chair of the Rogue Valley Food System Network, I collaborate with multiple organizations and agencies, including Rogue Valley Farm to School, Thrive, Jackson Care Connect, Southern Oregon University, Allcare, the Jackson County YMCA, ACCESS and Rogue Farm Corps to improve availability and access to healthy, local foods. As Professor of Practice for Oregon State University Extension, I provide technical and business training and education for beginning farmers and ranchers.

I am running for the Southern Oregon Educational Service District alongside Annie Valtierra-Sanchez, Zone 8, as we share a similar platform and plan to work together to make a difference.

If elected, I will work to **collaborate with community partners and businesses to bring local, healthy foods into the school system**, as research highlights the connection between nutritious school food and school performance (Wilder Research, January, 2014.)

I will also work to make appropriate technology available in classrooms, in an effort to **improve vocational training and career-readiness for all students**.

Finally, I will work to improve **Equity initiatives** to ensure from the start that all students have promising opportunities for future careers and economic growth.

*(This information furnished by Maud Powell.)*

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

## Southern Oregon Education Service District Director, Zone 8



### Annie Valtierra-Sanchez

**Occupation:** Community Organizer/volunteer

**Occupational Background:** Assistant Coordinator, Southern Oregon University's (SOU) Minority Outreach Programs; Research Assistant, SOU's

research center.

**Educational Background:** B.S. in Sociology & Anthropology, with emphasis in education and equity, Southern Oregon University; Regional Studies and Applied Research Certificate; Associates of Arts Degree, with emphasis in psychology, Rogue Community College; South Medford High School

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Advisory Board, Oregon Community Foundation's Latino Partnership Program; Treasurer, SOU's Latino Student Union; Secretary, Sacred Heart Church's Hispanic Committee

My desire to serve as a member of the Southern Oregon Education Service District stems from my interest and course work in sociology of education, and equity and inclusion initiatives.

I'm a longtime Rogue Valley resident. My three children currently attend schools in the Central Point District.

**As a board member I will make sure that the needs of all students, their families, and educators are not only addressed but also supported.**

**My priorities for our region include:**

- **Equity initiatives to ensure from the start that all students have promising opportunities for future careers and economic growth**
- **Community partnerships/resource sharing to strengthen education, community, and local labor market**
- **College and career readiness starting before high school**
- **Access to technology**

My experience as an assistant coordinator for SOU's Minority Outreach Programs reinforced my drive for providing educational opportunities for all students early on in order to impact their future outcomes. I believe community collaborations are key in facilitating resources, promoting student achievement, and strengthening our community's economy. *I look forward to working with Maud Powell, zone #7, because she shares my values; plus she brings her expertise on technical and business training, and interagency collaborations on nutrition and health, which I also support as key factors of school performance.*

**I possess leadership skills and the competence to voice my insight; as a team and community member I'm able to connect with people from diverse backgrounds. Join me in creating a successful path for our students!**

*(This information furnished by Annie Valtierra-Sanchez.)*

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## Ashland School District No. 5 Director, Position 1



### Deneice Covert Zeve

**Occupation:** Attorney; Community Volunteer; Parent; Wife.

**Occupational Background:** Unpaid – Aspire Mentor, Ashland High School, 2011-present; Community Association President, Willow Wind, 2008-present;

ScienceWorks Board of Directors, 2004-2008. Paid – Deputy Attorney General, Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Antitrust Division; Corporate Associate, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius; Corporate Litigation Associate, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott.

**Educational Background:** Dickinson School of Law, J.D. summa cum laude 1994; Pennsylvania State University, University Park, B.S. Economics 1991.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Ashland School Board, 2013-present.

As an involved resident of Ashland for the past 17 years and a parent of two high schoolers, I care deeply about our schools and all that they offer to our children and community. I have served on the school board for the past 3.5 years, working to keep class sizes small and nurturing our unique educational opportunities that support the whole child. There is still much to be done and I feel that what I have learned from my past service will only enhance my ability to support our children, staff, families and community in the future.

With my legal background, I hope to continue to bring a perspective to the school board that does not currently exist. I will be fair, collaborative and creative when it comes to dealing with issues that may face our schools. I also have experience in organizations at the elementary level and mentoring students for college so I have insight into the early years and post-graduation.

In conclusion, my past school board experience, my work in different levels of education, my legal background and my desire to listen to our community and find creative solutions to obstacles while continuing to pursue high-level educational opportunities makes me qualified to serve on the Ashland School Board. I want to represent the diverse voices in Ashland and continue to work towards improving our schools and community.

*(This information furnished by Deneice Covert Zeve.)*

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**Ashland School District No. 5  
Director, Position 3**



**Eva  
Skuratowicz**

**Occupation:** Director of the Southern Oregon University Research Center

**Occupational Background:** Adjunct Professor at Southern Oregon University

**Educational Background:**

University of California Berkeley; BA; University of California Davis; MA and Ph .D.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Ashland School Board, 2009-present

I am passionate about public education and the opportunities it can provide for every child. If elected to the Ashland School Board, I will continue to work hard so that all Ashland students can benefit from their education and are prepared for success after graduation. Both of my children attend Ashland schools, and I value the choices that the school district provides and am committed to the diversity of learning experiences that are available to our students.

I have served on the school board for the last eight years and have worked to maintain smaller class sizes, enhance teacher evaluation, and facilitate a more flattened leadership for all district staff. As a researcher and a sociologist who does organizational analysis, I am used to looking at the larger picture and understanding the needs and perspectives of everyone who is involved. That approach has proven to be beneficial as a board member and has enabled me to seek out the input and perspectives of students, parents, community and staff when making decisions.

I look forward to working for our students and our community. I appreciate your support.

*(This information furnished by Eva Skuratowicz.)*

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**Ashland School District No. 5  
Director, Position 4**



**Jim  
Westrick**

**Occupation:** None

**Occupational Background:** President, Collaborative Learning, Inc.; High School Teacher and Administrator; Peace Corps Volunteer

**Educational Background:** Purdue University. BS Chemistry

**Prior Governmental Experience:** School Board Director since 2012

As an educator for over 25 years, I have witnessed the transformative power of education to change lives forever. I believe that a thriving public education is our responsibility to our kids and is fundamental to a healthy democracy.

For nearly five years, I have served on the Ashland School Board (four of them as chair). In this time many interests have competed for our time and attention. I have worked to keep our focus in the district on what is most critical: *educating all students to be successful in their adult lives and giving them the tools they need to be thoughtful, contributing citizens.*

The next four years will be filled with challenges to education. In Ashland, a new superintendent will begin in July. The current bond will expire and we will tackle large-scale needs throughout the district. We will need to find creative ways to continue to provide the best for our students, even in the face of limited resources. I will use my experience in education and on the school board to meet these challenges head-on and keep the needs of kids in the center of all decision-making.

I believe the most important function of the school board is to act as a lens to focus the values and priorities of the Ashland community into policy that drives our schools. It is the responsibility of the school board to consider the needs of *all* students when deciding how to spend precious resources. If elected, I will work to ensure that our core mission - providing a world-class education to *every* student- remains the focal point of all that we do.

*(This information furnished by Jim Westrick.)*

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**Central Point School District No. 6  
Director, Position 1, Zone 1**



**Autumn  
Chadbourne**

**Occupation:** Provider Relations Specialist, Jackson Care Connect, 2015-present

**Occupational Background:** Jackson County Health & Human Services, 2010-2015; Central Point Multicultural Committee, 2009-2011

**Educational Background:** B.S, University of Utah

**Prior Governmental Experience:** none

I am running for Central Point District 6 School Board because I will bring an innovative and collaborative approach to policy making to support our youth and broader community. As the parent of a Jewett Elementary student and resident of the Rogue Valley since 2005, I believe we have some of the finest teachers and administrators. I welcome the opportunity to serve and give back.

**Improve Graduation Rates**

As a board member one of my top priorities would be to work closely with our skilled teachers and administrators to improve high school graduation rates. We've seen some drastic improvements from our Medford and Eagle Point neighbors in the last year due to their early intervention methods. I support the expansion of early intervention methods that improve student performance and retention.

**Support Innovative Programs**

Our family participated in the first year of the English/Spanish Two-Way Immersion Program at Jewett Elementary. The success of this immersion program has been incredible. As a school board member, I would explore and support innovative, evidence-based methods that enhance and improve upon the learning experience of our youth.

**Health and Safety**

I want our students to experience safe, welcoming schools, free of bias, bullying and harassment. I'm extremely concerned with the recent rise in youth suicide rates in Jackson County. I would build off my background in healthcare to support strong partnerships with school based health centers, school resource officers and local healthcare organizations to improve the wellness of our youth.

**Endorsements**

**David R. Gilmour M.D.**, Former Jackson County Commissioner, Former Central Point School District 6 Board Member

**Tia Hopper**, Mother of four, Current PTO President Jewett Elementary, District 6 Substitute Teacher

**Riki Rosenthal**, Parent, Current PTO member Patrick Elementary

*(This information furnished by Autumn Chadbourne.)*

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**Central Point School District No. 6  
Director, Position 1, Zone 1**



**CJ  
Shipley**

**Occupation:** Commercial Insurance Broker, Propel Insurance.

**Occupational Background:** Commercial Insurance Broker, Propel Insurance (formerly United Risk Solutions) 2015-Present; Commercial Insurance Broker, KPD Insurance 2000-2014.

**Educational Background:** Lane Community College; Chemeketa Community College; Yoncalla High School Graduate.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

**Community Involvement Past and Present:**

Central Point Rotary – Board Member (2016-current)

Medford Chamber Leadership Group – Co-Project Leader (2015-2016)

KidCo Headstart - Board Member (2013-2015)

Created Hunger Abatement Program for Harrisburg School District (2012-2013)

A Team Justice League – Vice President and Board Member (2011-2013)

**Awards:**

Recipient of Oregon Mental Health Hero Award (2016)

Recipient of Eugene's 20 Under 40 Award (2013)

**A letter to my community:**

I have two school aged children (one of whom lives with autism) who both attend Mae Richardson Elementary.

What I bring to the table is the heart of a parent and the mind of a business woman. It is my desire to assure that children benefit from and enjoy the best education possible. In addition, I bring abundant experience with respect to board service.

The students in our schools are our future and I am deeply committed to working with a team to provide the resources, structures and policies that help them succeed.

I agree with Nelson Mandela's statement that "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." When we ask ourselves "What would be the best for our students?" we are building a foundation of solid decision making.

It would be an honor to serve on the District 6 School Board and I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

CJ Shipley

*(This information furnished by CJ Shipley.)*

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**Central Point School District No. 6  
Director, Position 2, Zone 1**



**Melissa L  
Cantwell**

**Occupation:** Primary Care Innovation Specialist, CareOregon

**Occupational Background:** Practice Manager, Asante Physician Partners; Clinic Site Manager, Rogue Community Health

**Educational Background:**

Southern Oregon University, B.S. in Criminology; University of Phoenix, M.H.A in Healthcare Administration; Grand Canyon University, currently pursuing Ed.D in Organizational Leadership with an Emphasis in Healthcare Administration

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

**A Voice for Our Community**

As a Latina mother with 3 kids in the district I understand the barriers our kids are facing and plan to bring community-oriented solutions to our schools. As a Central Point School Board member I will passionately support the students, teachers and parents in our district by advocating for trauma informed policies that will help us be a more equitable school district for all.

**Trauma Informed Schools**

Issues such as poverty, mental health, and family separation contribute to trauma in childhood, which can impact education outcomes. We need to adopt trauma informed policies and provide resources for building resilience in our children so they can succeed and thrive. By re-evaluating our school cultures, providing staff training, and using trauma informed approaches in our district we can create an environment where our students and teachers will thrive.

**Equity for Everyone**

Our community is diversely represented by our families and educators. Acknowledging the vast socioeconomic, ethnic, and gender representation in our community is important to ensure we understand what all members need to be successful. We can reduce barriers to success and enrich our community by focusing on policies that ensure equity for students and teachers. Closing the achievement gap and focusing on the retention of valuable educators are both imperative to the long-term success of our school district and our larger community.

I look forward to working with our community to make our school district the strongest it can be and I hope to have your support.

For more information visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/Melissafordistrict6schoolboard>

*(This information furnished by Melissa L Cantwell.)*

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**Central Point School District No. 6  
Director, Position 2, Zone 1**



**Bret  
Moore**

**Occupation:** President, W.L. Moore Construction, Inc.

**Occupational Background:** Building Contractor 35+ years; Land Development/Land Planning; Residential Property Management; Commercial Property

Management.

**Educational Background:** Crater High School - Diploma; Southern Oregon State College - BS, Business Administration.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Board Member - Central Point School District #6.

I am a lifelong resident of the Rogue Valley, having spent most of my life living in and around Central Point. I went through Central Point schools and graduated from Crater High School. I then earned my degree in business from Southern Oregon State College. I am a third generation builder in the valley, continuing our family's construction business. I have two children still living at home and attending District 6 schools.

I have been honored to serve as a member of the District 6 board for nearly eight years. I have helped our district weather some very difficult financial times, while continuing to provide a high quality education for our students. I believe we have a results driven district with professional, collaborative staff throughout our schools. District 6 continues to be an innovative, well managed, efficient school district.

There are many difficult issues coming our way in the future. I think with my background in business, serving the community, and serving on the school board, I have the expertise to provide the necessary leadership to help District 6 continue to be a leader in education in our region and the state.

I humbly ask for your confidence and vote on May 16.

Bret Moore

*(This information furnished by Bret Moore.)*

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**Central Point School District No. 6  
Director, Position 4, Zone 2**



**Jolee  
Wallace**

**Occupation:** Business Owner  
- Del Rio Vineyards

**Occupational Background:**  
Elementary School Teacher  
- Pierce Joint Unified School  
District

**Educational Background:**

CSU Chico - BA; CSU Chico - Elementary School Teaching  
Credential

**Prior Governmental Experience:** 8 Years Central Point School  
Board Member

I am running for the position of school board member for Central Point School District #6 and with your help, I am committed to making a positive difference in the lives of the students of Central Point, Gold Hill and Sams Valley.

Every child has a right to a quality education and it is our community's responsibility to provide students with an engaging, supportive learning environment. As a school board member, my priority is to see that our children receive a high quality education and have outstanding neighborhood schools. I have been an active member of School District 6 as a parent, volunteer, and site council member. I was an elementary school teacher for five years, I hold a teaching credential, and I am a local business owner.

As a Central Point School District #6 board member for the past 8 years, I've met caring and compassionate parents, students and teachers. I have listened to concerns and compliments, as well as witnessed the communities that are part of our school district work together to help provide our youth with both traditional and innovative opportunities. As a former teacher in the public schools, I understand and appreciate the educational system. As a business woman, I value trust and integrity. As a parent of three past students of the Central Point schools, I am proud of their accomplishments and thankful for the experiences provided to them in District 6. My goal has been to be a School board member with an open mind and an honest commitment to improve our schools and provide the learning environment our students and educators deserve; I will continue that focus.

I would appreciate your consideration in the May election.

Jolee Wallace



**REMEMBER!**

All ballots must be received

at an official drop site

or the

Jackson County Clerk's Office

no later than

**8 pm, May 16, 2017**

**Postmarks Do Not Count!**

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## Eagle Point School District No. 9 Director, Position 2



**Tony  
Lallo**

**Occupation:** Owner - Xtreme Collision & Paint Inc

**Occupational Background:** Class 8 truck collision and paint; Graphic design; Youth football coach; Director of U.R.P.W.

**Educational Background:**

North Medford Graduate; Toastmasters International; Attended RCC

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Taxpayer

Growing up in the Rogue Valley as a young boy I was very disinterested in school. Reading, Writing, Math, Spelling, everything came difficult to me. In first grade I had a 1on1 reading teacher. Most days I would just stare deep into the pages until the words blurred together. It wasn't until third grade that I started to feel different about school. I had a teacher that cared and encouraged me. I remember after improving my effort in class she took me to lunch. That one small act in 1987 helped unlock some of the chains in my mind that were holding me back. I understand the power of a teacher that cares and inspires their students.

Not all students aspire to go on to college. Many go right into the work force with little skills. I want to see more attention and community involvement in our CTE classes. A first class CTE program will inspire some of these students to intern with local business and further their training in a trade school. There is a shortage of professional technicians such as Mechanics, Welders, Painters, etc. We have a community ready to help create a world class CTE program for our students and I want to be a part of it!

Over the years through adversity in my life and business, I learned the importance of continuous education and taking correct action on that education. Success comes much easier.

As a board member

- I will listen to all point of views
- Gather and study information before making a decision
- Focus on effective communication within our district
- Admit when making a mistake and apologize
- Ultimately make decisions that support our kids

I would appreciate your vote!

Tony Lallo

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## Eagle Point School District No. 9 Director, Position 3



**Dan  
Hodges**

**Occupation:** Sales; Wolseley Industrial group.

**Occupational Background:** Sales; Paramount Supply co.; Package delivery; UPS

**Educational Background:** South Medford High school; 12; Diploma; RCC

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Current Board member JCSD9 position #3.

As a citizen, taxpayer and most importantly a parent of a JCS9 student; I believe that it is of the utmost importance to provide our youth the best education possible while protecting our taxpayer dollars.

As a member of the Upper Rogue Community it has been my sincere pleasure in playing a small role in the development of our students. I have been fortunate to coach many youth sports teams as well as sit on the boards of Upper Rogue Pop Warner and the Eagle Point Booster club.

I currently hold position three of the Board of directors for JCSD9 and I'm very proud of the accomplishments of the district in the last four years. Twice being the designated board member for the district employee bargaining team has been the pinnacle of my board service. Knowing that we have been able to sign a contract for the last two bargaining cycles without entering formal negotiations is a significant benefit for our community and something that I am exceptionally proud of.

\*First school district in the Rogue Valley to implement a one to one ipad initiative.

\*Every student in JCSD9 is issued their own ipad.

\*Balanced budget every year despite the demanding economy.

\*First district to implement all day kindergarten.

\*Graduation rates have shown tremendous steady growth at EPHS.

\*JCSD9 has not cut school days in a very difficult economy.

\*First district to implement a highly successful dual language pre-K program; Academia Aguilitas.

\*Signed employee union contract the last two cycles without formal bargaining.

It has been a great honor to serve the Upper Rogue Community as a member of the Board of Education and I respectfully as for your vote.

Thank You

Dan Hodges

*(This information furnished by Dan Hodges.)*

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## Eagle Point School District No. 9 Director, Position 5



### Emily McIntire

**Occupation:** Mom; Wife; Business Owner Pizza Schmizza and Figaro's Pizza; School Volunteer

**Occupational Background:** CNA; MA Ventana Wellness; Director of Sparks EPCBC, Sub-

stitute IA D9; Volunteer ASPIRE program at EPHS; Volunteer URU Soccer; Volunteer Jackson County Right to Life; Volunteer Jackson County Republican Party

**Educational Background:** Graduate Cascade Christian High School; Graduated Phagan's Cosmetology School; RCC general studies; CNA course completed

**Prior Governmental Experience:** NONE

Emily is the wife of Ryan McIntire and the mother of Grace and Korbyn, both attending school in district nine where she often volunteers in their classrooms. She is also very involved in the youth ministry at Eagle Point Community Bible Church.

STATEMENT FROM EMILY - "I am running against Diane Mihocko for position 5 because of her lack of action concerning the students being able to view porn and other inappropriate materials on the districts iPads." This problem continues as of the date of this writing.

#### EMILY'S PRIORITIES

- \* Blocking all inappropriate internet materials from students.
- \* Improving communication and collaboration between board, staff, parents, and community.
- \* Safe schools - safety equipment and procedures that protect against armed intruders.
- \* Facility committee - to develop plans for future facility needs.
- \* Major facility improvements to Shady Cove Elementary and Table Rock Elementary, asap.
- \* Maintaining the districts control of the bus fleet, replacing the oldest buses.

#### SCOTT GRISSOM ENDORSMENT

"I've been on Eagle Points school board for sixteen years. Emily has been coming to the board meetings for awhile now and she is very passionate about kids. She has the characteristics to be an outstanding board director. Based on my careful evaluation of Emily, I know she would be an excellent addition to the school board. Please vote for her in the May election!!!"

*(This information furnished by Emily McIntire.)*

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

## Eagle Point School District No. 9 Director, Position 5



### Dianne Mihocko

**Occupation:** Retired Educator

**Occupational Background:**

**Educational Background:** Arizona State University, BA Education, Social Studies

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Eagle Point Planning

Commission; Jackson County School District 9, School Board Chairman

Community Involvement: Eagle Point Women's Club, President St. Vincent de Paul, Volunteer Coordinator St. Vincent de Paul, School Supply Giveaway

Community members and Friends of Eagle Point,

It has been an honor to serve the students of Eagle Point, White City, and Shady Cove as a director for Jackson County School District 9 for the past four years. I have had the opportunity to participate in powerful decisions for the benefit of our students. I have attended conferences and workshops designed to help me become a more effective Board Member, including reaching the Silver Level status at the Leadership Institute at the Oregon School Board Association.

Some highlights of the past four years are:

- Third highest graduation rate of comprehensive high schools in Southern Oregon
- Highest level of student technology for teaching and learning in Southern Oregon
- Balanced, sustainable budget the past ten years
- Successful district-wide attendance initiative which is recognized as a model across the state
- Dual language program pre-K through 3rd grade

It is my goal to keep our school district initiatives moving forward in a positive direction, always asking, "Does it support teaching and learning for our students?" I will honored to work for our students to assure them a positive and successful school experience.

#### Endorsements

**"Mrs. Mihocko is a strong advocate for the students of Eagle Point."**

– Bob Russell, Mayor, City of Eagle Point

**"We respectfully endorse Dianne Mihocko. Eagle Point has been well served with her as it's Board Chairman."**

– Bob and Chana Hyer, Owners, Eagle Point Golf Club

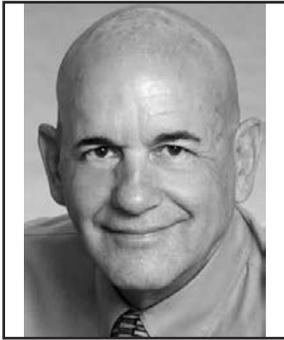
**"Dianne Mihocko is committed to the success of our D9 students!"**

– Wyn Lewis, Former City Councilor, Eagle Point

*(This information furnished by Dianne Mihocko.)*

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**Medford School District No. 549C  
Director, Position 1**



**Curt  
Ankerberg**

**Occupation:** Certified Public Accountant

**Occupational Background:** 30 years management experience with various CPA firms.

**Educational Background:** B.S. Business Administration/

Accounting - California State University Los Angeles

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Algebra Tutor - Medford 549C

Education is the foundation for every society, but the past and current Medford school administrations have failed us badly, which is why unemployment in the Rogue Valley is unacceptably high, and why 30% of the Rogue Valley population is on government assistance.

For the 2016 school year, only 40% of Medford students who took state standardized tests passed them. 60% of all Medford students failed. Medford has had failing academics for every year for the past fifteen years, contrary to what you might read in the lying Mail Tribune. Further, 50% of all students who enroll at RCC require remedial instruction. School district management haven't gotten the job done, and it's time for a dramatic change.

Currently, 11% of the school district budget is allocated to pay for PERS. In two years, that percentage will increase to 25%, which means \$17 million less for student instruction. That equates to 170 lost teaching positions. The environment requires that school board members have developed financial skills in order to squeeze positive results from every available tax dollar.

As a CPA with 30 years experience, I possess unique financial and management skills unmatched by my opponent.

Medford has one of the shortest school years in the state, and it also has exorbitantly large classroom sizes. If elected, I promise to focus on increasing the number of classroom days, and decreasing classroom sizes.

My opponent recently retired as a Medford teacher. Like other retired teachers who've served on the school board, he'll continue to kick the can down the road, and blatantly favor the teachers union. My loyalties strictly lie with the students and the taxpayers.

We cannot afford four more years of mediocrity. It's time for new leadership, which I represent.

I respectfully request your vote.

Thank you.

*(This information furnished by Curt Ankerberg.)*

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**Medford School District No. 549C  
Director, Position 1**



**Jeffrey  
Kinsella**

**Occupation:** Retired

**Occupational Background:** Los Angeles Unified School District, Teacher (1987-1995); Medford School District, Teacher (1995-2011), Title I Specialist, (2011-2016)

**Educational Background:** Cal State University, Northridge, BA, (1973); CSUN, National University (1987-94); Teaching Credential (1987-present)

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Medford School District Budget Committee, 2016

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** Medford School Bond (2006); Stand for Children, Leader (2006-2015) and Chapter Chair, (2015-2016).

**Please join us in supporting Jeff:**

"There is not a person in this valley I would trust more to tackle the tough issues currently facing our school district." --**Aaron Fox, Teacher**

"Jeff is an independent thinker who shares my passion for the success for our underprivileged and disenfranchised students." --**Tricia Prendergast, Board member**

"Jeff's experience working with students facing many challenges in their learning will be invaluable in closing the achievement gap. I believe that his experience and innovative ideas will help further guide the Medford School District to continue to improve programs and better serve all children in our district." --**Kathy Keesee-Morales, Community Advocate**

**I would be honored to have your support:**

Twenty-nine years as an educator has taught me how to effectively meet the educational needs of each student, regardless of their ethnicity or economic circumstances. I know the power and value of parent engagement in educational success and I'm committed to every child receiving the necessary tools to reach his or her full potential.

My school experiences include teaching multiple grades (2-8), Site Council Member, Individual School Level Team leader, Response to Intervention Team, and the Crisis Prevention Intervention Team. My Title I position oversaw effective reading and math intervention programs to boost student success and close the achievement gap. I led the grass roots effort to ensure Jackson and Roosevelt Elementary schools were rebuilt after the Medford school bond was passed.

I have a passion for doing what is best for each child in order for them to succeed in life.

Thank you in advance for this opportunity.

**Jeff Kinsella**

*(This information furnished by Jeffrey Kinsella.)*

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**Medford School District No. 549C  
Director, Position 2**



**Suzanne  
Messer**

**Occupation:** Senior Inventory Project Manager at Erickson, Inc.

**Occupational Background:** Aircraft Inventory Project Manager, Aircraft Materials Manager, Production Planning

Scheduler, Planner, and Purchasing Agent while employed with Erickson, Inc formerly Erickson Air-Crane.

**Educational Background:** Oregon State University - Junior Year, Business; Phoenix High School - graduated in 1987

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

My husband and I have 4 children that have been attending the Medford 549C schools for over 15 years. Our oldest now attends Oregon State University and thanks to the AP classes offered at the high schools she started college as a Junior. She is now well on her way to an Environmental Engineering Systems Degree. We have children attending North Medford, Hedrick and Lone Pine currently. One of our children had some learning disabilities and required an IEP so the additional assistance they needed within the school environment was made available. I have worked closely with their teachers to keep them on track and moving forward with their public education.

I have been a VIM for 15 years. I have also had the privilege of attending and judging at the SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference additionally I attended the Nationals SkillsUSA Conference. Have chaperoned the VEX Robotics Competition at various events.

I started my employment at Erickson Inc, formerly Erickson Air-Crane in 1990 and worked my way up from an entry level position to the Senior Inventory Project Manager. I am responsible for a multi-million dollar inventory, comprehensive systems analysis and work with an excellent team to keep our aircraft fleet operational around the world.

I have the courage and conviction to stand up for the students, teachers and employees of our School District as they are educating our future employees, colleagues, business owners and skilled labor force.

Together we need our School Board, Teachers and Administrators to work towards a common goal of educating our children to the best of our abilities as a team.

*(This information furnished by Suzanne Messer.)*

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**Medford School District No. 549C  
Director, Position 2**



**Jeff  
Thomas**

**Occupation:** Owner, Connecting Point Inc., 2016- present

**Occupational Background:** Connecting Point, Inc: Manager, 1997-2016; Apple representative, 1990-1992; Business Technology Sales, 1992-1997.

**Educational Background:** Southern Oregon University; B.S., Political Science

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Medford School Board: Chair 2012 - 2016; Vice Chair 2011-2012; Member 2009-2011; 549C Budget Committee

Current and Former Board Members Supporting Jeff Thomas:

"Jeff's experience and leadership on the board have been invaluable. With two veteran members leaving, it is absolutely critical that we re-elect Jeff Thomas." — Michael Campbell

"The recent gains in graduation rate and closing the achievement gap would not have been possible without the leadership of Jeff Thomas. His vision changed the District culture." — Marlene Yesquen

"Like all great leaders — Jeff continually pushes the goalpost, and then gives everyone else the credit when the needle is moved. We need his leadership." — Karen Starchvick

"In this time of unstable funding and rising costs, it is imperative we re-elect Jeff Thomas for his business skills and financial acumen." — Larry Nicholson

"Jeff wants every class, team or club to reflect our student population. He is committed to equitable opportunities and outcomes for all students." — Tricia Prendergast

"Jeff's ability to respectfully bring divergent viewpoints together, grasp complex issues and synthesize them into policy directions that provide long-range solutions, and recognize and cultivate the talents of others makes him a highly effective Board member." — Ron Andersen

"When I was first elected to the Board, we were failing 1 in 3 kids. Now our graduation rate is up, and we have narrowed the achievement gap.

The road ahead has challenges. We must plan now for meeting enrollment growth that comes with success. We need a robust technology plan; one that boosts student achievement by supporting teachers in the classroom with real-time assessment, personalized learning and differentiated instruction. We must manage ever increasing demands on the budget with diminishing resources.

I possess the background and experience to tackle these issues. I would be honored to have your support." — Jeff Thomas

*(This information furnished by Jeff Thomas.)*

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**Medford School District No. 549C  
Director, Position 3**



**Casey  
Stine**

**Occupation:** Southern Oregon Head Start, Policy Council Board Liaison; Wilson Head Start, Vice Chair

**Occupational Background:** Wife, mother, volunteer

**Educational Background:**

Lincoln Culinary Institute - Diploma

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Ombudsman - USS Pittsburgh

**Family:** Married for 10 years to my husband Kevin and we have an amazing daughter, Riley.

- **Community Connections:** I will strive to develop a more cohesive relationship between our community and our schools. Building a stronger relationship between our kids and the community can help them build connections that can have a lasting impact. We can better utilize resources and build partnerships with organizations such as the Jackson County Library System and the Medford Parks and Recreation Department. Education does not end after the school bell rings at the end of the day.
- **Early Education:** As a school board member, I will focus on early education as a foundation of success. We need to strengthen and expand local early learning programs such as the P3 Program at Jackson Elementary. Our district should prioritize helping the families of children who are either on waiting lists for Head Start, or can't afford conventional preschools, to get children ready for kindergarten.
- **Increasing Graduation Rates:** The Medford School District has made great strides toward increasing our high school graduation rate, from 65% to 77% in two years. I will work to continue building on those accomplishments by supporting programs with a track record of success including summer school, college preparation programs, and early intervention for struggling students.

*"Casey Stine is offering exactly the perspective and experience this community deserves. I'm excited to see her in action as a member of the Medford School Board."*

**- Michael Campbell, Medford School Board**

**Endorsements:**

- Gary Wheeler      Mayor of Medford
- Kay Brooks        Medford City Councilor
- Karen Starchvick    Medford School Board
- Sunny Spicer        Kid Time Executive Director

[www.caseystine.com](http://www.caseystine.com)

[www.facebook.com/caseystineforschoolboard](https://www.facebook.com/caseystineforschoolboard)

*(This information furnished by Casey Stine.)*

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**Medford School District No. 549C  
Director, Position 3**



**Cynthia  
Wright**

**Occupation:** Facilitator for Children Advocacy Center

**Occupational Background:** Homemaker; Trained and supervised over 600 young people throughout a 3 year mission in Chile.

**Educational Background:** Medford Senior High School; Brigham Young University; Rogue Community College

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Medford 549C School Board Director 2003-2007

My name is Cynthia Wright and I would like to serve our community as a Director on the Medford 549C School Board. This position requires someone who will be a good listener, ask the right questions, be collaborative, has integrity, pays attention to details and will hold the superintendent and staff accountable for the goals and standards established by the board. I believe I am that person. I have had many leadership opportunities that have helped me develop these abilities. My motive for serving in this capacity is to do my part to ensure that every child from every race, economic status and learning ability receives the best education we can provide. The future is bright for our kids when they have the opportunities, tools and knowledge necessary to be successful.

Mi nombre es Cynthia Wright y me gustaría servir a nuestra comunidad como una Directora del Consejo Escolar de Medford 549. Esta posición requiere de alguien que sea un buen oyente, que haga las preguntas correctas, que sea colaborativo, que tenga integridad, que preste atención a los detalles y hará que el superintendente y el personal sean responsables de las metas y estándares establecidos por el consejo. Creo que soy esa persona. He tenido muchas oportunidades de liderazgo que me han ayudado a desarrollar estas habilidades. Mi motivo para servir en esta capacidad es hacer mi parte para asegurar que cada niño de cada raza, condición económica o capacidad de aprendizaje reciba la mejor educación que podamos proporcionar. El futuro es brillante para nuestros hijos cuando tienen las oportunidades, herramientas y conocimiento necesario para tener éxito.

*(This information furnished by Cynthia Wright.)*

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**Medford School District No. 549C  
Director, Position 6**



**Jim  
Horner**

**Occupation:** Retired.

**Occupational Background:** Vice President and General Manager, Hewlett Packard Corp. and Agilent Technologies

**Educational Background:** David Douglas High School -

Senior, Valedictorian; Stanford University - Senior, Bachelors of Science, engineering; Stanford University - Post Graduate, Master of Science, engineering; Stanford University - Post Graduate, Stanford Executive Program, business.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** U.S. Army, 1st Lieutenant; Budget Committee Medford School District: member 4 years, one year Chair; Apple Committee - Save Ruch School: member and presenter.

Education is the foundation of our future. As a 33 year Oregon resident I personally understand that education is one of our most important activities. My wife and I have raised three lovely daughters and are enjoying four wonderful granddaughters. My father was superintendent of David Douglas School District; my mother and daughter, substitute teachers; my brother, a full professor of education at U of O.

The Medford School District is on a positive track with an excellent board, strong administration, and dedicated staff. Yet after serving four years on the budget committee I realize we have many challenges. In general we need our school district to become more effective and efficient.

If elected I will:

1. Encourage individualized educational curricula and the use of digital tools to maximize student progress and leverage teaching time.
2. Improve the professional environment for our teachers by providing support in equipment, assistance, responsibility, and compensation.
3. Support innovation (working smarter not harder) which can improve the educational experience for our students, improve the professional environment for our teachers, and help relieve the fiscal difficulties we now face.

I am proud to have received the endorsements of:

Jeff Thomas, board member and former board chair

Lyn Hennion, 1st Citizen Medford/Jackson County Chamber 2015

Peter Salant, member and past president Medford Schools Foundation

Tim Johnson, RCC board member

There is almost no higher responsibility than improving the education of our kids. I would be honored to serve on the board to help achieve that objective.

*(This information furnished by Jim Horner.)*

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**Medford School District No. 549C  
Director, Position 6**



**Kevin N  
Husted**

**Occupation:** Rogue Logistics & Consulting- Owner

**Occupational Background:** Husted Construction- Owner; Crossfit Kids trainer/coach; Sports Coach (basketball/track/football)

**Educational Background:** Sunset High School- Graduated; College of the Redwoods

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

I am asking for your vote on May 16, 2017.

I am excited and ready to work towards our students achieving their highest potential in a district where parents, teachers, employees, and the board can work TOGETHER for this end. I am a parent to three children currently attending public school in Medford district 549c.

Like many of you I have been concerned about the direction of our public schools.

Issues like hefty raises for school administrators and talk of new facilities while our students and dedicated teachers do without basic necessities.

I feel I am a great candidate to lead our district into the future.

A future that may see many changes.. changes in education choices, changes in debt management, and hopefully changes in accountability.

At the end of the day the choice is a simple one.

Our kids deserve the best education they can get and we as taxpayers deserve the most bang for our buck.

*(This information furnished by Kevin N Husted.)*

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**Medford School District No. 549C  
Director, Position 6**



**Sally A  
Killen**

**Occupation:** Retired educator.

**Occupational Background:** 6 years Medford school board member; 6 months retail; 36 years teaching in Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming; 6 months at a juvenile detention center.

**Educational Background:** Portland State University—B.A. in English; University of Oregon—English; Lebanon Union High School—diploma.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Six years on Medford school board.

After working for the Medford school district for 20 years and being a school board member for 6 years, I feel I have the knowledge and skills to return to the board ready to contribute to student success.

The 6 years on the board were years of major decisions which had a huge impact on the community. I am proud to have had a part in the decisions about the new superintendent choice, completion of the last projects of the bond, and the full-day kindergarten. The decisions were not easy but were taken after full discussion with all members of the board.

My strength is in communication. I ask questions and listen to a variety of people before deciding about an issue. I fully share information with the board. When I was on the board, I felt like I could contribute a teacher's point of view yet still perform as a board member. I attended the professional training available to board members. My priority is to be a strong, ethical board member.

My goals are to continue to ask questions, to make connections with staff and community, and to be transparent in board decisions. I want to see a continued growth in our graduation rate and a collection of data showing the post-graduation success of our students.

*(This information furnished by Sally A Killen.)*

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**Phoenix-Talent School District No. 4  
Director, Position 1, Zone 2**



**Sara  
Crawford**

**Occupation:** Accounting Assistant-Micro-Trains Line Co.

**Occupational Background:** SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) Program Coordinator-Phoenix Elementary

**Educational Background:**

Webberville High School-Diploma

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Phoenix-Talent School Board 1 year

It's been a privilege to serve this last year as an appointed board member of the Phoenix-Talent School District. This experience taught me many new things including how a school district is managed, and how policies that school boards approve provide a framework for the district to run smoothly and comply with state and federal laws. I also had the opportunity to serve on the bond committee which met to review the strategic, long-range plan for our district's buildings and holdings.

As a parent of two graduates and one student, I have appreciated that the Phoenix-Talent School District truly cares about its students and their families. Now, as a school board member, I have a new perspective and appreciation for all they do for our children. Through this time of service, I have seen the efforts of mindful administrators, caring teachers, and supportive staff working to insure each student is given the best opportunity to learn, grow and be challenged.

It's exciting to serve a district that works hard to provide many opportunities for its students. From the Outdoor Discovery School at Talent Elementary, to the new STEAM program at Phoenix Elementary, SDI at Talent Middle School to Theatre, Music, FFA, Competitive Athletics and now classes at PHS giving students opportunities to explore careers in healthcare and coming soon a new veterinary tech building. Every piece of funding is stretched and analyzed for its most advantageous use in providing 'Excellence for Everyone'.

If elected to serve the students of our district and their families, I look forward to working through the challenges, listening to the concerns and celebrating the successes of what lies ahead. Together we will navigate how to best educate and prepare for the future this generation of Phoenix-Talent students.

*(This information furnished by Sara Crawford.)*

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**Phoenix-Talent School District No. 4  
Director, Position 6, Zone 2**



**Shana  
Vos**

**Occupation:** Registered Nurse

**Occupational Background:** I have been a nurse for 11 years, with most of my experience being in pediatrics.

**Educational Background:** Phoenix High School graduate;

Attended College of the Siskiyou's graduating with my ADN in 2012; Currently enrolled at Boise State University in an on-line BSN program.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Appointed to Phoenix Talent School board in March 2016

The education of our youth is important to me. I've had one child graduate from Phoenix High and currently have 2 more in the district. As an alumni myself, I have a strong vision, and high expectations for student achievement. Collaborating with staff and the community is an important step to making this happen and being a school board member is one avenue to help us get there.

*(This information furnished by Shana Vos.)*

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**Phoenix-Talent School District No. 4  
Director, Position 7, Zone 2**



**Craig L  
Prewitt**

**Occupation:** Associate, Orthopedic Implant Sales; Hay Farmer

**Occupational Background:** Several positions in medical products distribution

**Educational Background:** Medford Senior High School; Oregon State University, BS

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Chairman, Phoenix-Talent School Board; Current Director, Past President, Oregon School Boards Association; OSBA Health Insurance Trust; Jackson County Planning Commission; Jackson County Public Safety Coordinating Council;

Now in my 25th year, it remains a privilege to serve our community as a member of the Phoenix-Talent School Board. I am honored to have been entrusted with the education and development of our children, our most precious asset.

My wife and I have three children who are grown now, but I continue to serve on my board because I believe that a good public education system is the foundation of a strong society. The more students we graduate, the more inroads we make in creating economic opportunities, reducing crime, and building strong family structures.

Even though I am not in the classroom, through board service I help create reasons for every child to want schooling. Maybe it's a class they love, or a sport that allows them to excel. Maybe the reason is choir, debate, or band. Regardless of the reason, if it makes a child want to come to school then I have served my purpose.

As a high school junior, I met a wonderful teacher in Medford who made me want to come to school every day. He was, and still is, an example of the best that an educator can be, and Mr. Lynn Sjolund is a key reason now why I work to build a culture of success in our district. I work to assure that every student finds their own version of Mr. Sjolund.

Board service is personally rewarding because of the many successes evident in the children of our community. I hope that our district lays a foundation of success for every child, and I thank you for your many years of support.

*(This information furnished by Craig L. Prewitt.)*

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

## Rogue River School District No. 35 Director, Position No. 2



**Mysti  
Jacob**

**Occupation:** Sales and Marketing - Old Sol Apiaries

**Occupational Background:** Realtor - Keller Williams; Stay at Home Mom

**Educational Background:** North Medford High School -

Graduated 1987; Southern Oregon University - Graduated, 1999 - Bachelor of Science Anthropology

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Evans Valley Elementary PTA - President; Evans Valley Community Association - President; Evans Valley Community Association - Treasurer

I was born and raised in the Rogue Valley. We moved to Wimer in 2001 after falling in love with the area. I have been active in the community ever since.

My focus for the last thirteen years has been to ensure that my children have the best K-12 education possible. I have had the opportunity to both homeschool AND have my children enrolled in the Rogue River School District. I believe this gives me a unique perspective regarding education, the challenges and opportunities, on a local level and beyond. I want to see Rogue River schools face the challenges methodically and embrace the opportunities to the fullest.

As a school board director:

I will be an advocate and a voice for our students. Not all children learn the same way and I would love to see Rogue River students reach their full potential utilizing an array of resources.

I will collaborate with educators and administrators to bring to our district innovative tools and programs that will enhance our students' education as well as broaden their horizons.

I will work to make sure district buildings are repaired and do not fall into further disrepair. It is important that students are learning in a comfortable and safe space.

Strong schools are vital for strong communities. I am proud to be a part of this community and want to see the young members learn, thrive and reach their highest potential.

Thank you for your vote.

*(This information furnished by Mysti Jacob.)*

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## Rogue Valley Transportation District Director, Position 1



**Thomas  
Fink**

**Occupation:** Retired; Transportation training advisor

**Occupational Background:** Public Transportation

**Educational Background:** San Jose State University, BA, Geology

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Housing Commissioner; Citizen's Advisory Commission member in another community; member of the RVTD Budget Committee

**Tom Fink:  
Experience For Bus Riders, Taxpayers, and Our Local Economy**

I will bring unique experience to the RVTD board to benefit bus riders, taxpayers, small businesses, and our local economy.

**My experience includes...**

- Serving on the RVTD Budget Committee.
- Serving on citizen watchdog committees in another community that ensured wise use of transportation tax revenues.
- Collaborating with bus riders, local businesses, schools, civic groups, and other stakeholders to plan for transportation system needs in a growing community.
- Working as a bus driver for many years.

**Serving you, my focus will be on...**

- **Efficient and accessible service.** It helps all local residents when everyone can get to work, school, medical care, shopping, and recreation, including on weekends and in the evening and in currently underserved areas.
- **Grants and other new sources of funding.** I will support efforts to explore every possible source of state or federal funding to help ensure that our bus system's finances are stable.
- **Better bus stops.** If we all work together, I believe we can improve the number, safety, visibility, and accessibility of our bus stops.
- **Planning ahead.** I want to make sure that bus routes are taken into account as our communities plan for growth to prevent congestion and meet transportation needs, and to diversify fuel and energy sources.

I look forward to working collaboratively in the interests of bus riders, taxpayers, small businesses, working families, seniors, students, and people with disabilities. I would be honored to serve you on the RVTD board.

*(This information furnished by Thomas Fink.)*

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## Rogue Valley Transportation District Director, Position 4



### Natalie Richie

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**Occupation:** Business Owner;  
Dog Trainer/Behavior Consultant

**Occupational Background:**  
Bookkeeping, House Keeper

**Educational Background:**  
Ashland Senior High; Southern  
Oregon State College

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

Public transportation is important in the Rogue Valley. Some in our community rely on it for getting to work, medical appointments, grocery stores and school. I understand that need.

Rogue Valley Transportation District board members have the fiduciary responsibility to provide efficient, sustainable transportation services at the lowest cost for those who truly need it. More importantly, they are charged with doing that without adding further tax burden to hard-working Southern Oregon families already struggling to keep their heads above water, particularly those who do not use public transportation.

As taxpayers fighting to keep housing affordable and accessible, we must separate taxpayer funded necessities from special interest niceties. Some would have you believe tax dollars are unlimited and taxpayers have eternally deep pockets. But tax dollars are finite and our pockets do have bottoms, so we must prioritize the government services provided.

This year alone, my family paid \$175 in taxes toward the Rogue Valley Transit District and not one of us has ever stepped foot on an RVTB bus. That does not include the taxes we pay toward intergovernmental grants - hidden taxes - received by RVTB.

Fares paid by riders cover a tiny fraction of the costs of RVTB. As your voice on the board I want to explore if those who use the service should perhaps have more skin in the game and pay their fair share, so those who do not use RVTB can save their money to spend on goods and services they need. I also want to explore partnerships such as using idle school buses on nights, weekends and holidays to expand service rather than purchasing new buses.

Rogue Valley taxpayers need a voice on the board who will represent their best interests, not the interests of special interest groups. I will be that voice.

*(This information furnished by Natalie Richie.)*

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## Rogue Valley Transportation District Director, Position 5



### Shandra Husted

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**Occupation:** Husted Trucking- Owner; Rogue Logistics & Consulting- Managing Partner

**Occupational Background:**  
Husted Construction- Owner

**Educational Background:**  
Brookings-Harbor High School-

Graduate; Lane Community College

**Prior Governmental Experience:** none

The responsibility of the board of the RVTB is to provide efficient transportation services to those that need it at the least cost possible to the taxpayers.

As our area goes forward transportation options and needs will become even more important than they currently are.

My experience in transportation, customer service, and as a local business owner makes me uniquely qualified to represent our community.

Taxpayers deserve a fiscally responsible and accountable representative on the board keeping an eye on the bottom line. Ensuring that we as taxpayers always get the most bang for our buck. I look forward to balancing the needs of our community, the sustainability of the future and the demands of the taxpayer to keep RVTB moving in the right direction.

*(This information furnished by Shandra Husted.)*

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## Rogue Valley Transportation District Director, Position 5



**Sarah  
McGlaughlin**

**Occupation:** Deputy District Attorney, Josephine County Oregon.

**Occupational Background:** Rehabilitation Assistant, Oregon Commission for the Blind; judicial intern, Boston Immigration

Court; law school intern, Public Defender Service in Washington, D.C., New Hampshire Public Defender Office, and Greater Boston Legal Services.

**Educational Background:** J.D., Boston College Law School; worked my way through school at Dartmouth College where I received my B.A. in History; High School Diploma at Cascade Christian.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Currently serving the community as a prosecutor in Josephine County. Previously worked for the Oregon Commission for the Blind in Medford, and was a judicial intern at the Boston Immigration Court.

As a potential RVTB Board Member, my goals are to:

**Help Local Businesses:** Focus on routes that provide consumers and workers with reliable access to business and shopping centers. When our businesses thrive, our community thrives.

**Support Working Families & Seniors:** Work to increase reliable transit, particularly for working families and seniors on fixed incomes. I will use data-driven models and demographic information to ensure RVTB serves all segments of our society.

**Decrease Congestion & Increase Safety:** More accessible transit means fewer cars on the road and fewer accidents. As a prosecutor, I too often see the devastating effects of distracted or impaired drivers. I will work to expand late-night weekend service to decrease impaired driving and increase safety.

**Keep the Rogue Valley Healthy:** Support programs that conserve our natural resources and reduce smog emissions, so we can continue to enjoy clean air and walking, biking and hiking in the great outdoors.

I grew up in Central Point, and as I've grown, so has Jackson County. Our collection of small towns has turned into a bustling hub, and I will work to make sure that no portion of our community is left behind. As my employment and volunteer history shows, I am here to serve.

*(This information furnished by Sarah McGlaughlin.)*

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## Rogue Valley Transportation District Director, Position 6



**Daniel L  
Davis**

**Occupation:** Retired, RVTB Board of Directors

**Occupational Background:** US Army Officer, Viet Nam, White Sands Missile R&D. General Electric Co, Manufacturing Customer Service Engineer

and Service Manager, Middle East, Europe and Africa. Turbine Technology Services Corp (TTS), Founder and CEO. D2X Construction LLC/D2X Associates, President (current). Board of Directors; Oregon Energy Trust, Habitat for Humanity (Board President), RVTB Board Member.

**Educational Background:** Mapleton, OR Grade School, Fulton, MO High School, Westminster College - Bachelors Math / Physics.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** US Army, Air Defense Command, Viet Nam, R&D

*(This information furnished by Daniel L. Davis.)*

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## Rogue Valley Transportation District Director, Position 7



### **Damian Bugg**

**Occupation:** Talent Development Specialist, Worksource Rogue Valley

**Occupational Background:** Youth Outreach Coordinator in Workforce Services, Worksource Rogue Valley; Manager,

Southern Oregon Goodwill; Manager Dutch Bros. LLC

**Educational Background:** North Valley High School, Grants Pass OR.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Grants Coordination for the Out of School Youth Grants under the Workforce Innovations and Opportunities Act.

My extensive track record in management and public service make me an effective candidate to help tackle our complex transit needs. **I am able to utilize my experience in both for-profit industry and non-profit social work to prioritize our transit needs while being fiscally responsible.**

In my current position at WorkSource Rogue Valley, I facilitate inter-agency cooperation to train, educate, and employ Rogue Valley youth. **Because much of my work is grant-funded, I put youth to work in a way that is both cost-effective and strengthens local businesses** by matching qualified candidates with the growing industries in our area.

Working directly with community organizations and individuals, I am uniquely qualified to see how much public transit impacts employment rates and education services. **As an RVTD Board member, I will focus on practical goals that strengthen our local economy:** getting workers to their jobs and students to school.

Three of the fastest growing industries in our community are Leisure and Hospitality; Healthcare; and Manufacturing. Unfortunately, each of these industries has multiple shifts, many of which are after the current RVTD service hours. Each of these industries is vital to our local economy and each are experiencing a shortage of employees. I will work to expand services hours that support our growing industries.

**By helping job seekers get to work and students get to school, we strengthen our community. It's that simple.**

*(This information furnished by Damian Bugg.)*

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

## Rogue Valley Transportation District Director, Position 7



### **James A (Jim) Herndon**

**Occupation:** Retired

**Occupational Background:** Fourteen-year veteran in Vietnam and Iraq; Phoenix Arizona Police Officer 1968-1972; U.S. Customs Patrol Officer-Intelligence 1973-1987; Owner of

Small Trucking Company; U.S. Government Contractor-Intelligence 2003-2013

**Educational Background:** Pima Community College degree in Criminal Justice; Attended Wayland Baptist College majoring in Criminal Justice and Intelligence.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Member of Medford Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee 2017-Present; Precinct Committee Person (PCP) 2016 - present; Current Vice president of Southern Oregon Veterans Benefits, which is building an 80% replica of the D.C. Vietnam Wall. Current volunteer for Sheriff's Department assisting disabled parking and other assigned duties; Current member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars

I have the privilege and honor to serve the community as a member of the Medford Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee. I've spent most of my career in public service. Serving on the Rogue Valley Transportation District Board of Directors would be a continuation of my public service. I believe my background and experience will bring sound and independent solutions to the Board of Directors. I would be a part of the decision making process that keeps the Board moving in a positive direction. As a father and Grandfather I understand the value of public transportation.

**Some objectives as a member of the RVTD Board of Directors include:**

- Working to expansion the accessibility to all public transportation
- Working together with Rogue Valley Transportation District to lower the greenhouse gases from its equipment
- Work to provide clean and efficient public transportation
- Working together with Rogue Valley Transportation District to provide transportation for veterans through the Veterans representative at RVTD
- Advance the available of public transportation to students
- As a senior citizen I will continue to assist RVTD in providing access to essential needs of the seniors
- Work together with RVTD to advance the services for passengers with disabilities

A vote for me is a vote for common sense, experience, and independence on the Rogue Valley Transportation District Board of Directors

*(This information furnished by James A (Jim) Herndon.)*

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## Rogue Valley Transportation District Director, Position 7



**Kevin  
Keating**

**Occupation:** High School Teacher, Business and History  
**Occupational Background:** Financial Advisor, Morgan Stanley, 1998-2004; Senior Distribution Analyst, The Clorox Company, 1992-1998; Author

of "Medford," (Images of America Series), 2011

**Educational Background:** Southern Oregon University, MA Teaching, 2004; University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), BA History, 1986

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Commissioner, Medford Parks & Recreation Commission; Commissioner, Medford Landmarks & Historic Preservation Commission; Member, Medford Budget Committee; Member, Medford Urban Renewal Budget Committee; Member, Jackson County Library Board

I am a strong advocate of mass transit as a way of relieving traffic congestion while promoting the ability of workers and consumers to affordably access jobs and businesses. Additionally, a strong transportation network improves the lifestyle of residents and the experiences of tourists.

My intention in volunteering to be a member of the RVTB Board is to help ensure that our region has a vibrant, well-managed, cost-effective, pleasant-to-ride transportation system providing reasonably priced options to as many riders as possible.

I have served on budget committees and managed a large budget. I would like to help remove waste and cost from the system while using savings to improve coverage so that more riders can replace car trips with bus rides. In order to make this a reality, we need to ensure the highest punctuality and reliability, as well as to match routes with the highest areas of business and employment demand.

In this four-year term, I will work hard to achieve measurable goals of improvement for the district.

*(This information furnished by Kevin Keating.)*

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## Evans Valley Fire District No. 6 Director, Position 5



**Dennis M  
Feeley**

**Occupation:** Sargeant, Los Angeles Police Department (30 years) - Retired.

**Occupational Background:** Volunteer Firefighter, First Responder – Evans Valley Fire Department; Former Seasonal

Marine Deputy – Jackson County Sheriff's Department; U.S. Navy (E-5) Vietnam era.

**Educational Background:** Los Angeles Valley College, AA Degree, Administration of Justice; Rogue Valley Community College, Certificate, Basic Firefighting Academy; Oregon State Marine Law Enforcement Academy, Certificate.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Evans Valley Fire Department Board of Directors, Elected; Los Angeles Police Department Protective League Delegate, Elected; Citizens To Rebuild Wimer Covered Bridge Board Member.

I am currently serving as a member of the Board of Directors and I want to continue to serve the citizens of Evans Valley Fire District #6 in this capacity.

The fire department has a very close working relationship with the residents of Wimer. In order to maintain this relationship, you have to have a board who will listen to the community, provide realistic goals, and work within the budget. When you have a need of our services, the response will be in a timely manner with the best trained personnel and equipment available. I will represent the patrons of this great valley and respond to their needs and concerns.

I will listen to and act upon the concerns and interests of those I represent

I ask for your vote on May 16, 2017.

Thank you

*(This information furnished by Dennis M Feeley.)*

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**Jackson County Fire District No. 5  
Director, Position 3**



**Bill  
Robertson**

**Occupation:** Realtor since 1986; Landlord since 1996; Business owner since 2002

**Occupational Background:** Hansen's BMW Motorcycles 1982-1985; USFS Montana 1979; DeVisser's Nursery Penfield NY 1972-1978

**Educational Background:** McQuaid Jesuit High School Rochester NY 1974; Syracuse University BS Botany 1978; SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry 1978

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Ashland Forest Commission; Director Jackson County Fire District #5 1994-2011; 2013-present Please vote!

It is your privilege and responsibility.

I have a 20+ year history serving this district. My focus has been fighting for open and transparent government and representing the taxpayers, not special interests.

When there is corruption, a few people benefit and many pay the price. In 2015 I made a motion to investigate a previous employee for not following policy and taking money he did not deserve. Board members with close links to employees stopped that investigation. This is not open and transparent government!

My opponent was interviewed for his board seat during "Sunshine Week" (which highlights the importance of open government).

He was asked: "How did you find out about this position?" He said that he got a phone call.

He was asked: "Who called you?" He repeatedly refused to say!!

When concern was expressed over his time on the Phoenix City Council and its poor record of following open meeting laws, he said that if that came up he would plead the Fifth. This is outrageous!

In 2012, I led the successful effort to reject a proposed district tax levy to buy equipment that could easily be budgeted for.

I support the district wholeheartedly, and I support the firefighters. But I do not support waste and extravagance.

Please vote for me as I fight for the taxpayer and fair and open government!

*(This information furnished by Bill Robertson.)*

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

**Jackson County Fire District No. 5  
Director, Position 4**



**Kittie  
Harrison**

**Occupation:** Retired United States Postal Service

**Occupational Background:** none

**Educational Background:** Degree in Occupational Health and Safety

**Prior Governmental Experience:** none

Kittie Harrison

Lives in Talent, Oregon, presently, retired from the Postal Service, as a letter carrier and safety officer. Serves on the Leadership Team for CERT, Community Emergency Response Team in Ashland and Talent area. Map your Neighborhood Coordinator for Talent and Phoenix, assisting neighborhoods for emergency preparedness. American Red Cross volunteer for Rogue Valley and surrounding areas. Served on the Parks and Recreation Commission for two years in Talent. Volunteers for various groups in the valley. Has a Degree in Occupation Health and Safety and promotes and teaches workplace safety. Would like to see the Board for Fire District 5 return to its original purpose to serve the fire department and district's citizens.

*(This information furnished by Kittie Harrison.)*

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

**Jackson County Fire District No. 5  
Director, Position 5**



**Vicki  
Purslow**

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**Occupation:** Professor of Music, Southern Oregon University.

**Occupational Background:** Southern Oregon University: Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Director of the Medford Campus.

**Educational Background:** Doctor of Education, University of the Pacific, 1996; Master of Arts, California State University Sacramento, 1991; Bachelor of Music, University of the Pacific, 1985.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Board member, Jackson County Fire District 5.

I am proud to be endorsed by the Jackson County Fire District 5 International Association of Fire Fighters Local 2596. As a rural land owner living in the southern reaches of Jackson County Fire District 5's service area, I am honored to have served on our fire district's Board of Directors since December 2016.

I am a thoughtful and reflective person who can be relied on to do my research. I am the first to volunteer, roll up my sleeves, and take the lead on board projects and assignments. Most importantly, I have an extensive background and training in organizational systems, which has instilled in me a commitment to ensure that the voices of all district stakeholders are heard.

Because of 16+ years of personal experience in leadership at Southern Oregon University, I understand the challenges faced by leadership in the public sector. During my career I have had direct responsibility for budgets in excess of \$32 million, planned and implemented new multi-million-dollar construction projects, and supervised more than 200 employees.

As a member of Ashland's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) since 2010, I am committed to being a part of the building and enhancement of District 5's CERT program.

I will work to ensure that District 5 continues to thrive and serve all its residents, especially those served in outreaching areas by the Neil Creek and Phoenix Fire Stations. I am committed to ensuring that our fire fighters have the support they need to provide the best service when we need them most.

I ask for your vote.

*(This information furnished by Vicki Purslow.)*

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

**Rogue River Fire District  
Director, Position 1**



**Jim  
Huttema**

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**Occupation:** Owner of American Secure Storage; Rogue River Fire Water and Building Inc.

**Occupational Background:** Owned and operated Rogue River Auto Parts (Napa) 1987-2002

**Educational Background:** Graduated from New Hope Christian School

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

I have lived in Rogue River for the last 43 years and for the past 30 have been a business owner. In 1987, my brother and I bought the Napa Auto Parts Store in Rogue River and operated it for 15 years. (The Napa Boys) In 2002, we sold the parts store and began two new businesses: American Secure Storage and Rogue River Fire Water and Building Inc., which my brother and I currently own and operate. My experience in starting and running businesses has prepared me for further investment in our community. I understand how policies effect local business and would appreciate the opportunity to serve my community.

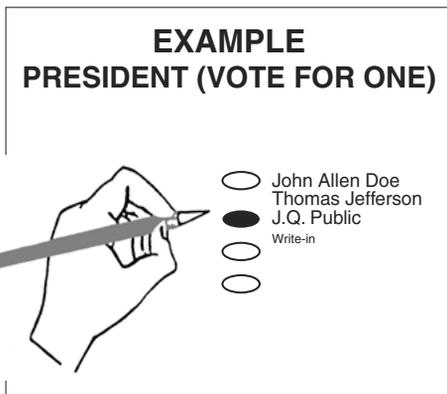
*(This information furnished by Jim Huttema.)*

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# Voting Information

At the Special Election of 2017 the voters of Jackson County will cast their votes on the ballot illustrated below. This page has been inserted into the Voters' Pamphlet as an aid for using this ballot.

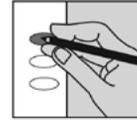
1. **To ensure your vote counts, completely fill in the oval (●) with pen (black or blue ink) to the left of the response of your choice.**
2. **TO WRITE IN A NAME** — write the name on the solid line and fill in the oval (●) to the left of the write-in line.
3. **DO NOT CROSS OUT** — if you change your mind, contact the elections department at 541-774-6148 for assistance.



**Remember, if stated on your ballot,  
vote both sides of your ballot.**

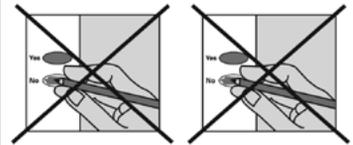
## check your ballot!

Make sure you have completely filled in the ovals next to your choices.



If you vote for more candidates than allowed, or if you vote **both Yes and No** on a measure, it is called an overvote.

Your vote **will not count** for that candidate or measure.



You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still count.

Contact Jackson County Elections for assistance if:

- you make a mistake
- your ballot is damaged or spoiled
- your ballot is lost

or for any other reason.

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# Drop Site Locations

## OFFICIAL DROPSITE LOCATIONS (Opening Monday, May 1, 2017)

<b>Jackson County Elections</b> 1101 W. Main St., Suite 201 Medford, OR 97501	Curbside ballot drop box open 24 hours daily (left lane—W Main) Elections office open 8 am to 4 pm (7 am - 8 pm on Election day)
<b>Ashland Library</b> 410 Siskiyou Blvd. Ashland, OR 97520	Curbside ballot drop box open 24 hours daily (alley off Gresham St. by book drop)
<b>Central Point Library</b> 116 S. 3rd St. Central Point, OR 97502	Closes at 8 pm Election day Walk up ballot drop box open 24 hours daily (south side of library building, main entrance)
<b>Eagle Point Library</b> 239 W. Main St. Eagle Point, OR 97524	Closes at 8 pm Election day Walk up ballot drop box open 24 hours daily (library main branch entrance)
<b>Rogue River Library</b> 412 E. Main St. Rogue River, OR 97537	Closes at 8 pm Election day Walk up ballot drop box open 24 hours daily (library main branch entrance)

**DEADLINE TO RECEIVE BALLOTS: 8 P.M. ELECTION DAY, May 16, 2017**

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April 25, 2017**