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## Salem-Keizer School Board appoints new director for Zone 6

*Robert Salazar of Keizer will fill the Zone 6 vacancy through June 30, 2023*

**SALEM, Ore.** – At tonight’s Salem-Keizer Public Schools school board meeting, board directors appointed Keizer resident Robert Salazar to fill the Zone 6 board seat vacancy.

Salazar, who has an extensive background in public education, said in his application “I think collaboration of board members can be resolved with members recognizing what they have in common and coming to an agreement to be good listeners. Communication between all members should focus on collaboration in the interest of positive student outcomes and making Salem-Keizer schools the best in the State of Oregon.”

Applications for the Zone 6 vacancy were accepted for a two-week period, which opened on Oct. 14 and drew an applicant pool of 10 candidates who were interviewed at a [special board meeting on Nov. 3](#). The public can view the new board director's application, as well as all candidate application materials, on the Salem-Keizer Public Schools [district website](#).

Per Oregon law, applicants must have met the following qualifications to be considered for the position, and candidates affirmed these qualifications by signature on their application:

- Be a resident of Salem-Keizer Public Schools, Zone 6, and have resided in the district, [Zone 6](#), for a period of one-year preceding appointment
- Be an “elector of the district” (registered voter of the district)
- Not be an employee of the district

The newly appointed board director will serve through June 30, 2023, which is the remainder of the term of service of the vacating board member.

The regular election in May of 2023 will determine the successor who will serve the regular elected term beginning July 1, 2023.

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*Led by Superintendent Christy Perry, [Salem-Keizer School District 24J](#) is the second-largest school district in Oregon. Nearly 6,000 employees serve a diverse student-body of 40,000 students, who speak more than 100 different languages in 65 schools, throughout the cities of Salem and Keizer.*