

Public Comment:

6.c OSBA Legislative Policies and Principles / OSBA Políticas y principios legislativos, 6.d Selection of Bill Graupp to OSBA Board of Directors / Selección de Bill Graupp para la Junta Directiva de OSBA

Anna Mu

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To: Salem Keizer School Board Members,

I am Anna M. A mother and grandmother living in Salem for decades. I have raised my children in the SK school district and have a grandson now. I am writing to comment on the OSBA and the voting for the a

After reading the notice regarding who and what the OSBA does, I would like to express myself to say that I disagree with the appointment. I also disagree with SKSD being a part of this organization locally at all. My objection is not with the possible appointee, but with the fact that this organization is really not needed and in recent days the national organization has very questionable ties. The principles do not appear to contribute to the education of students, in that I mean the “down-to-earth” teaching of the students in the district. They appear to be more policy and politically oriented. We have enough of that in our district.

Our membership in the OSBA is not free. It is paid for by our taxes in the end, and I would rather see the district invest in organizations that will help in the direct education of our students. With the recent testing scores of Oregon students overall and the SK district in specific, perhaps it’s time to go to what we know works. That is asking our parents and community to partner with teachers and staff on an individual level to work and tutor each individual student who needs help.

Please don’t tell me that this would not work for so many students. I know for a fact that if the school board and district administration would present this opportunity to the community, welcome parents back to help the response of Volunteer Help would be overwhelming.

It is time to realize that we are a community who cares. We see the needs of our children. Many have left public education and more will continue to do so. Until teaching our children how to read, write and do at least basic math, which the recent test scores prove that public schools are not doing, the enrollment will continue to fall.

The ideas of the past may seem “old fashioned”, but as each of us grew up in and with these “old ways”, and we consider ourselves educated, able to live in this complex society. WE all came from schools that taught us basics, then we chose our paths. We had the basic tools of education; we then made our choices from there.

Thank you for your time,
Anna Mu

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7.a Revision to Board Governance Policies / Revisión de las Normativas de Gobierno de la Junta Directiva Escolar

Linda Farrington

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You are currently setting governance goals and establishing the direction of our school district. In essence you are setting the direction for the entire community because we know that what happens in the classroom today will translate to the community tomorrow.

One of the most precious rights given to us by law is that of local control of school districts. We implore you to respect this right by including ALL of the board members in the discussions and decisions made since they were elected by the community. Not including them is disrespecting a huge portion of the community who voted for them. This also means that it is your job to hold the superintendent accountable. I am anxious to find out how you plan to measure her job performance since you crossed out the previous plan of ensuring performance through an annual review of monitoring results and executive limitation policies.

I noticed that you are showing us 5 years of data for discipline issues. Thank you for giving the numbers with context! I commend you for wanting to improve learning, for recommitting to work in an "authentic and transparent" manner, to put kids first, believe the best, and disclose any conflict of interests.

You also added that you will "provide opportunities for public input on board policies." Would you please consider hosting some open forums in the community to discuss your policies and some of the changes happening at the schools? It seems like most of the community engagement opportunities are offered to the same small hand picked "diverse" members and not to the community as a whole. Yet, everyone is affected by what happens at school and we all have an interest in making sure that every child is successful.

I look forward to hearing what policies you come up with to address Results, Executive Limitations, Governance Process, and Board-Staff Linkages. Following up on accountability measures is vital to making sure that our schools get back to providing an excellent education to our students. We are particularly concerned with issues of safety, rigor, parental engagement, and inappropriate sex.

Thank you for your time and hard work to help our kids and our community.

Chair Salem Kiezzer We Stand Together

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3.b Superintendent Search Community Interview Panel Recommendations / Recomendaciones del panel de entrevista de la comunidad para la búsqueda del nuevo superintendente, 5.b Property Purchase / Compra de Propiedad, 7.a Revision to Board Governance Policies / Revisión de las Normativas de Gobierno de la Junta Directiva Escolar, 8.a Revision to Board Results Policies / Revisión de las Normativas de Resultados de la Junta Directiva Escolar, 9.a Monitoring Data Report / Reporte de los datos

Mike Slagle

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Good day Board members, Superintendent Perry.

I want to show support for the purchase of property for CTEC at the airport for the Aviation Program. I %1000 percent believe that vocational skills need to make a huge comeback in our school system and will help individuals be prosperous adults later in life. The DEI model is NOT the answer to help students succeed for many reasons that have yet to be measured. I am divided on the grant to be accepted for wellness centers. Are these centers going to support abortion practices, or gender transformation without parent involvement? I do support the Breakfast after Bell portion. On the Board Governance revisions, it seems that much of it points to more of a dictatorship for the leadership? Will other board members not be allowed to have a say in a policy they do not support and will be forced to accept it, even when community members display displeasure in a policy and express it to their Zone director? It really sounds like you are trying to silence dissenting voices like a dictator would do. I get it you have to get along, but agreeing because your made to by the majority does not sound diplomatic. Also you talk about standards Board members should follow in public. Does this also apply to Board Director Avila? Are his actions used on a sports official condoned behavior? He used his position as a board director to accost a football official and he should resign his position by using his elected status to condone it. On EL policy, when are you going to prove that you were within EL3 to prdluce transgender policies without any public input? I hope that you as a board will hold the superintendent to the highest of ethics when approving the EL policies. When hiring a new Superintendent I hope you will choose one that will be in support of strict guidelines for academic excellence for ALL students, not just select groups based on equity. When are you going to have in person meetings? When you say in the BG policies that you can't align with certain groups, does that include LUS? You stopped in person meetings with no warranted reason. We really know who the agitators are and it's time to call it out.

Thank you for your time

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