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Elect

Matthew Petty



To Tillamook School Board— Position 1

Tillamook School Dist. Director Pos. 1



Andrea Goss
75 years old

Tillamook County District Attorney's office. For the past 15 years, I have been a volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) representing kids in the Child Welfare System in Tillamook County.

Education: Bachelor's of Science in Communication Science from California Polytechnic State University Pomona

Family: My husband Larry and I have been married for almost 58 years and have lived in Tillamook for the past 20 years. We have four children, ten grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. They completely have my heart! They all live on the west coast so we are able to see them frequently through-

out the year (unless it's a Covid year).

Why are you running for Tillamook School District Director, position 1?

I want to bring my lifelong experience as an advocate to help make a difference in the lives of our students in Tillamook School District #9. My life and work experiences will help me positively contribute to the Board. Our public schools are a service to our community by providing solid education and so much more — sports programs, extracurriculars, structure, and for some, the healthiest meals they get in a day.

I have worked with students who struggle to simply stay in school. I have also worked with students who are

college bound. In between those groups there are many students who will work in the trades, in manufacturing, in construction, or in sales. Each child can succeed if given the tools and opportunities to do so, and I intend to help make that happen.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?

Advocate: Currently, I advocate for victims of crimes in Tillamook County, and as a CASA, I advocate for kids in the child welfare system.

Professional: In my career in human resources, I worked collaboratively with many different people in order to successfully resolve conflicts.

Board Service: I serve on the Foundation Board of

TBCC and have served on four other Boards in Tillamook County: Women's Resource Center, Master Gardeners, AAUW, and the Citizen Review Board. I understand the dynamics of working collaboratively on a team. The key is open, respectful communication and listening.

Volunteer Service: I have volunteered in classrooms and with after school activities. I've served on numerous Scholarship Committees for organizations in Tillamook County. I have volunteered with Kiwanis, with CARE, with AAUW, and with other organizations in Tillamook County. Now I want to put my volunteer energy into helping all students in the

Tillamook School District succeed.

What is the school district's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?

Of course, the biggest challenge right now is getting our students, teachers and staff back into the classroom safely and full-time. As a member of the Board, I'll work collaboratively with all stakeholders, and within the CDC and state guidelines, to make the transition back to in-person learning as smooth as possible. Distance learning has been very hard on the kids, and for some even more than others. I pledge to work with the Board to make sure there are ways for each child to get the support they need to succeed.

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Andrea Goss



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**TILLAMOOK SCHOOL BOARD
POSITION #1**

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May 18, 2021 Special Election

Below you will find the drop site locations and the available days and hours, the sites will be open for you to drop off voted ballots. You have the choice of mailing your ballot or returning it to any designated drop site in the state. The voted ballot must be received in any county election office or designated drop site by 8:00 p.m. on election night. *Postmarks do not count.* Ballots must be received inside gold colored envelopes with your signature on the outside.

Each ballot is inspected carefully and signatures are compared to the voter registration card on record.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DAYS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
SOUTH		
Cloverdale Drop Box - 34370 Hwy. 101 South Cloverdale, OR 97112	4/28/2021 to 5/18/2021	8:00 a.m. (open 24 hours) until 8:00 p.m.
Pacific City Drop Box - Kiawanda Community Center 34600 Cape Kiwanda Drive Pacific City, OR 97135	4/28/2021 to 5/18/2021	8:00 a.m. (open 24 hours) until 8:00 p.m.
CENTRAL		
Tillamook County Clerk's Office Tillamook County Courthouse 201 Laurel Avenue Tillamook, OR 97141	4/28/2021 to 5/17/2021 5/18/2021 Tue.	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Mon. - Fri. 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tillamook County Courthouse Outside: North set of stairs 201 Laurel Avenue Tillamook, OR 97141	4/28/2021 to 5/18/2021	8:00 a.m. (open 24 hours) 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tillamook City Drive-Up Drop Box NW Corner of 3 rd & Laurel Tillamook, OR 97141	4/28/2021 to 5/18/2021	8:00 a.m. (open 24 hours) until 8:00 p.m.
Tillamook City – Library Main Branch 1716 3 rd Street Tillamook, OR 97141	4/28/2021 5/18/2021	8:00 a.m. (open 24 hours) until 8:00 p.m.
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Bay City - City Hall Drop Box 5525 B Street Bay City, OR 97107	4/28/2021 to 5/18/2021	8:00 a.m. (open 24 hours) until 8:00 p.m.
Garibaldi - City Hall Drop Box 107 6 th Street Garibaldi, OR 97118	4/28/2021 to 5/18/2021	8:00 a.m. (open 24 hours) until 8:00 p.m.
Rockaway Beach - City Hall Drop Box 276 Hwy. 101 South Rockaway Beach, OR 97136	4/28/2021 to 5/18/2021	8:00 a.m. (open 24 hours) until 8:00 p.m.
Manzanita - City Hall Drop Box 543 Laneda Avenue Manzanita, OR 97130	4/28/2021 to 5/18/2021	8:00 a.m. (open 24 hours) until 8:00 p.m.

Tillamook School Dist. Director Pos. 1



Matthew Petty
41 years old

Education: Graduate of Tillamook High School. I am a Certified Labor Relations Professional (CLRP), have a sHRBP certification, and a Certificate in Employment Law, IAML

Family: I am married to my wife, Kelsey, and we have two boys, Clayton, 12 and attends East Elementary and Cody, who is 9 and attends South Prairie Elementary.

Why are you running for Tillamook School District Director, position 1?

I have always had a passion for public education and have been a supporter of our schools and their programs, from Charity Drive to FFA to elementary fundraising, boosters, and scholarships. Like most families, we all

have had to take a much larger role in our children's education due to the Pandemic. I started thinking about seeking a seat last spring; after some consideration, I decided last October to run in this election. I strongly believe the school board should be made up of people who want to serve and are in it for our children and the next generation of kids. I am a firm believer in doing what is right, and I am not afraid to make tough decisions when it is the right thing to do. I also believe in complete transparency because parents and educators alike deserve to understand the School Boards rationale for the decision's they make.

What experience/skills

do you have that makes you the best candidate?

While education is a large part of the board's responsibility, they also oversee the budget, policy making, and human resource responsibilities. In addition to my passion for public education, I have experience in these other critical areas as well. I have managed and overseen large multi-million-dollar budgets. I serve as a Trustee on a Health--Welfare and Pension Trusts that oversees 10's of millions of dollars collectively in funds and benefits. Also, I am passionate about people. We have some of the best educators, educational assistants, admin staff, technicians, and support staff, and I want to make sure that they

are heard and felt cared for. I understand recruitment, retention, and what it takes to be a top-notch employer. Lastly, as a parent of children in TSD9, I know firsthand the challenges we face around how their education is delivered currently and the transition back to full-time in-person learning.

What is the school district's biggest challenge, and how will you overcome it?

There are a few significant challenges that lie ahead for our district. The first, is getting our kids back to full-time in-person learning, while assessing how much the achievement gap has widened. The district needs to prepare and plan for addressing the needs of all students

and how to successfully get them back on track. I will work tirelessly alongside our administration to ensure that our staff are equipped with the resources they need, not only for a smooth transition, but with ways in which to evolve our educational methods. Additionally, the district faces hiring and retention challenges. I will work hard to ensure that we have a strategic hiring and retention policy that works! Tillamook community is a wonderful place to live. With the right plan, we can create a destination district to attract and increase our top educators, and staff's retention that represent our students and their demographics.

Tillamook School Dist. Director Pos. 2



Becky Hogan-Heimerl
39 years old

programs and am a graduate of the National Young Dairy Leadership Institute. I am a student at heart and strive to continue my education. I am always eager to learn and help others achieve success and opportunity.

Family: My husband Joe and I are thankful to be raising our four children, J.D. age 9, Arlee age 8, Nellie age 6 and Madelynn age 2 in our supportive and close-knit community. Our children have attend(ed) South Prairie Elementary, Liberty Elementary and the Pre-School Promise Program -- Wilson Campus schools with positive experiences. We love being a part of this community and the opportunities it provides for every member of our family.

Why are you running for

Tillamook School District Director, position 2?

Our schools are the foundation for the future. I care about the quality of education and opportunities we are offering the youngest members of our community and understand how these early childhood experiences help shape future adults and community members. I grew up here and felt the caring support of our schools and the people who live here. Once starting our own family, I further realized how important it is to me to provide my children with the same opportunities and experiences I had as a child. I want to help make sure our system is inclusive to all our students, that we have options that work for our families and that we help each student find success and prepare them

for real world living. Well thought out, fiscally responsible and objective decisions that help make a difference in all of our lives are important to me.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?

My diverse background helps qualify me for becoming a school board member. Decision making, budgeting, comparisons, and direct communication are skills I am versed in. I have served leadership roles on several state and local boards where these skills were integral to success. Additionally, my husband and I owned/operated our own farm before joining my family on our dairy. This gave me hands-on experience with fiscal responsibility, time and employee

management, regulations and economics. Currently I write procedures and policies, manage employee training and accounting on our family farm.

Perhaps my passion for providing an opportunity for quality, hands-on, real world education for all our children is what qualifies me most. I believe in choices for our students and thinking outside of the box for solutions that work for all. I am committed to learning experiences that will help our students succeed in life no matter which path they follow.

What is the school district's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?

Where our students are at academically, emotionally, and physically is one of my greatest concerns. I believe a strategic plan is needed to

achieve forward strides as quickly as possible. I want all students to be in as normal a schedule and environment as we can provide. I believe in choices for families and would like to see students filling our schools full time and the virtual academy continue for those who so choose.

This pandemic has created division in our schools. Unexpected change and uncharted territory has caused a lot of uncertainty in our students, faculty and staff family. Our employees need to be appreciated and valued as part of the team in charge of changing kids' lives. These relationships need cultivated and healed so we can continue to push ourselves forward, working together to do what is ultimately best for our students.

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Tillamook School Dist. Director Pos. 2



LaDonna Coon
47 years old

tended school in Tillamook.

Why are you running for Tillamook School District Director, position 2? I am interested in continuing in my position on the school board because I would like to give back to the community and the school district that has given to my children and me. I simply just want to be a part of something that is bigger than myself.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?

I do not know that I am the best candidate but I do feel like my current role on the board gives me some insight as to how the board functions. I also feel that my experience at ODHS and my previous healthcare experience gives me specific experience and knowledge of Oregon Administrative rules and laws. I am used to reading, interpreting and relaying policy.

In addition, I feel that as a black person who is married to a white man and has bi-racial children, I believe that I can bring a unique perspective to the

board.

What is the school district's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?

Currently, the biggest challenge is the state of emergency due to Covid. I believe that our district has done an excellent job of supporting our administrators and students in returning to school. The level of care that has been given to ensure the safety of all has been tremendous. For instance, the one way directions in the schools, the hand washing stations, the temperature checks. These are just a few of the things that I have seen firsthand as a liaison. The option to continue going virtually for those students and/or parents who are not comfortable with returning is amazing as well.

Honestly, there is nothing that I would do or think that can be done to "overcome" the school's biggest challenge at this moment. The continued social distancing practices and conscious awarenesses that are already put in place are to be commended.

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Position No. 2

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Tillamook School Dist. Director Pos. 3



Eva S. Manderson
48 years old

Occupation: Early Childhood Education - Administration. In 2015 I started at NW Regional ESD within the Early Learning Hub. Over the last 6 years I supported numerous projects including: the implementation of Preschool Promise Programs, kindergarten readiness grants (including Kindercamps) and bringing greater resources to early learning professionals and child care. As the Child Care

Resource and Referral Director, I lead collaborative efforts to support child care providers and community leaders. Throughout COVID my team has worked to support child care providers with meeting changing health and safety guidelines and also obtain emergency grant funding. We have continued our usual work to increase the supply of quality in child care programs and deliver professional development to individual providers. Currently my teams are leading cohorts of professionals to deepen their child development knowledge, increase the quality of their learning environments and strengthen their business practices.

Education: After high school I obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science from Washington State University. After WSU, I continued to pursue opportunities to learn. I've taken hundreds of hours of training for a variety of pursuits beyond college and believe that those opportunities have benefited me and those

I worked for and volunteered with far beyond just my college degree. I've completed training to be a wildland firefighter, firefighter 1, emergency medical technician, personal trainer and exercise specialist. I have the hours nearly equivalent of a bachelor's degree in early childhood education and am currently taking leadership training and Spanish. For anyone wanting to practice language with me, Yo hablo un poco en español.

Family: While at WSU, I met my husband Alex, who was doing an agricultural exchange program at WSU. Alex is from New Zealand, another place in the world with a lot of dairy cows! We moved to our family to Tillamook in 2005. Brock is a Junior at THS. Through COVID he took the opportunity to take several classes at TBCC. He enjoys soccer, track and surfing. He plans to attend OSU when he graduates. Kate is a sophomore, plays saxophone and also enjoys soccer. She is my thinker. I appreciate how much we talk and think out loud together. Jack

is an 8th grader. He is my artist and animal lover. If his parents would allow it, I think he would have a zoo in his bedroom. Alex works for the Department of Agriculture. He began his work there as a Dairy Specialist and currently works as the Shellfish Specialist.

Why are you running for Tillamook School District Director, position 3?

Outside of my regular work, I'm committed to my family, lifelong learning, and service to my community. Besides serving on school board, I've served on the Tillamook United Way Board of Directors, Tillamook Wellness Task Force and a variety of short term committees and volunteer positions that have allowed me to listen to and learn from the members of our community. In my first years as a board member I had a LOT to learn and I'm continuing to learn about how I can best serve our students. The work of giving back on behalf of kids and community motivates me. The work is not done yet – likely never

will be – and I want to continue to work. I love people, love learning, love service. This is why I work hard for Tillamook School Board

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?

I bring 7 years of experience and a balanced approach to the school board. In my first years as a board member I had a LOT to learn and I continue to learn. Without curiosity to continuously learn, I could not have been successful as a board member. Board members are the gatherers of experiences and information from our community. The most important roles of a school board member are to set the tone and direction of the school district and to support the superintendent. As a board member and board chair I've done that by leading an effective Assistant Superintendent search in 2017, transitioning an Assistant Superintendent to Superintendent in 2018 and supporting the writing of new board goals in 2018. Our board goals focus on people:

communicating with people, recruiting and retaining people, supporting achievement of people, prioritizing wellness of people, understanding and valuing perspectives of all people.

What is the school district's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?

This year this has been harder than ever. Our children need their teachers, they need high quality education, they need safety. Our teachers need their students, they need time to develop new and different skills, they need safety. Balancing different needs and views of students, families, and teachers across our community. This is the biggest challenge that I think our schools could continue to face as we try to regain time in school and in person for learning. We need to bring people together in a supportive way that gives options to families and values all people. I hope that the community will vote for kids - vote for balance on the school board in the next election.



Mary Johnson and Pat Patterson discussing transportation issues near Sandlake.

MARY B. JOHNSON FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT BOARD

I'm Mary B. Johnson and I am running for Tillamook County Transportation District Board, Position #5. I will bring a fresh voice to the transportation board and will work to meet the needs of riders and the community.

As a person who relied entirely on public transportation for over ten years, I understand how important public transit is to meeting the transportation needs of a community. During my college years I relied 100% on public transit to get to work and school. I saw how public transit benefits local residents. I now live and work in Rockaway Beach where I see my friends and neighbors using public transit for the same reasons I did.

After finishing college I continued to rely on public transportation for several years as I worked and traveled nationally and internationally. My extensive transit use has provided me with experience in what works and what does not work in public transportation. I have found that a lack of reliable public transportation can be an obstacle to obtaining basic needs such as health care, employment, and nutritious food. On the other hand, good public transportation not only helps to meet those needs, but provides an opportunity to

meet new friends and see new places in a safe, relaxing, and environmentally friendly way.

Having worked in the legal field for many years, I believe my experience in careful listening, viewing issues from different perspectives and researching solutions to difficult problems will enable me to be a dynamic and effective board member. I will bring a new perspective to the Tillamook County Transportation District Board and will work to creatively provide and enhance services.

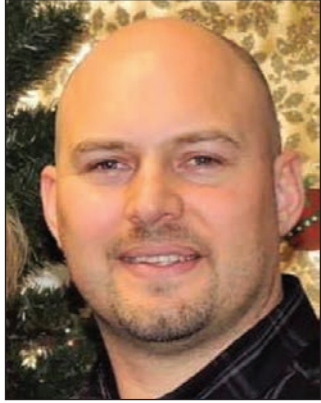
One of my goals is to help increase access so that all our residents have dependable transportation for employment, education, shopping, medical services and recreation within Tillamook County, as well as convenient access to the Willamette Valley and other coastal communities.

Another goal is to encourage post-Covid public transit use by visitors to our beautiful county. Visitor bus usage can have a positive impact in our area by reducing traffic congestion and improvement of air quality. Encouraging the use of our interconnected services by travelers from other areas will benefit our communities both economically and environmentally.

I have been listening to Tillamook County bus riders and their stories and will bring attention to the issues directly affecting those who ride the Wave and use Dial-a-Ride. Mary McGinnis is one of the bus riders I talked to. Mary is a teacher who rode the bus from her home in Rockaway to her school in Tillamook for many years and now rides for enjoyment. One improvement Mary would like to see is an updated payment system that does not require exact change. I also met with Pat Patterson who lives in the Sandlake area. Pat, who is now age 97, was one of the original Tillamook County Transportation District board members. He needs transportation for social visits, shopping, and medical services. Pat would like to see services expanded to reach more people in rural Tillamook County.

Once elected, I will continue to listen to our residents' needs and work to improve our transit system for the betterment of all. I will work to provide transparency to the public by making certain that the public is able to attend board meetings in person and on-line and by ensuring timely publication of board decisions. Ensuring that all of our residents who need access to reliable transportation HAVE that access will be my priority.

Tillamook School Dist. Director Pos. 3



Jesse Werner
41 years old

Occupation: Currently, I'm an appliance installer. I have a 17-year background as a heavy truck repair technician and welder/fabricator. In conjunction, I served 8 years as a volunteer worship leader (singer/musician/overseer)

at one church in our community and another 4 years as a part time worship director at another church in our community.

Education: From grades 1-9, I attended a private, Christian school. My sophomore year, I began attending Tillamook High School and graduated with the class of 1998. I attended Universal Technical Institute where I earned my Associate's Degree in Truck and Industrial Technology in 1999.

Family: I have been married to my wife, Crystal for 22 years. We have 3 children. Caleb is our oldest at 20. He is just finishing up his Associates at UCC in Roseburg and will be transferring to Providence University in Montana to complete his BA. Alex is 18 and has started his

career as a high skills worker in welding and fabrication. Our daughter Emily is 16 and a sophomore at Tillamook High School. She also plays basketball for our lady mooks. Our boys have been heavily involved with Tillamook Football and Wrestling since they were little kids. We have extended family on both sides that live in our community with many nephews and nieces involved in our school system and sports activities as well.

Why are you running for Tillamook School District Director, position 3?

Recently, I've become concerned with the direction our schools are taking. As just a couple of examples, I believe we've gotten off track with our curriculum in recent years and also our handling

of Covid as a whole in our schools. Balance is a great word; we've gotten out of balance. Based on CDC and OHA data, I firmly believe that our schools should have been fully open with no restrictions many months ago. Students need to be active to be healthy, that applies to both physical and mental health. The data simply does not support continued, restricted school activity. State mandates dictate much of this, but our local school board also has input into these decisions.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?

With 12 years in ministry, serving 5 years on a church board and several years working a small sales business, I have developed the

people skills and experience that it takes for the give and take of solving and addressing challenges in our school district alongside other board members and school leadership. Having grown up in our community and raising my family here, I have a broad knowledge of our local culture and the needs of local students and staff. Ideas/policies that may work for school districts in large urban areas will not work for our small, rural community. We need to recognize that difference.

What is the school district's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?

There are certainly many challenges that need to be continually addressed to make sure our students and staff are getting their needs met and have the best opportunities

moving forward. However, the biggest challenge I see at the moment is the Covid restrictions. We are facing an unprecedented mental health crisis with our students due to restricted activities. I talk to parents in the community nearly every day that have children who are struggling immensely in some of our schools. Many are turning to private schools to alleviate the issue. Should the public choose to elect me, I'll do my best to work with other board members and school leadership to get our schools fully reopened to the extent that we can within the confines of state mandates. From more information and updates visit Facebook... "Hope and Change for Tillamook Schools – Jesse for TSD position 3"

Tillamook School Dist. Director Pos. 5



Mike Gardner
67 years old

Occupation: Retired educator/small businessman
Education: Tillamook High School '72, Portland State University, B.S. Health

Ed. '77

Family: married to high school sweetheart, Cindy for 46 years; daughter, Natalie and family, Coby Rieger, Chloe, Carsen, Callan; son, Sam and family, Dani Rodrigues, Sawyer and Hayden; in-laws, Ted and Linda Jacob.

Why are you running for Tillamook School District Director, position 5?

I am invested with five grandchildren in the district: their futures concern me as do all of the district's students. Education in America is at a critical crossroad. In my previous classrooms, I taught that freedom is about choices and one can make wise choices if he/she has

knowledge to pursue opportunities and challenges. Our young people need an education with a solid academic base and a rich extracurricular schedule that builds and develops skills to help them navigate decision making in a free America, which is full of opportunity to those willing work hard to realize their dreams. It seems lately these values are now in question, and my concern for all students is that they continue to understand liberty and freedom, and ultimately have the opportunity to pursue their dreams and THRIVE. Because I'm retired, I now have an abundance of time to dive into opportunities and solutions.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?

I've acquired a lifetime of skill sets in all of the different roles in my life. Leadership on sports teams as a young person to coaching kids of all ages in football to teaching at our district's alternative school, Wilson River School, to small business owner, and most importantly my roles as a husband, father and grandfather have all helped hone skills most needed for this Board position. I am a current Director on the PUD Board so understand board work and teamwork. Communication skills are key with listening to be at the top of the skill

list. Knowing how to listen and hear all sides of an issue is imperative to solving challenges. A strong work ethic is important to me. I don't give up or quit on a difficult task, but rather consider it a challenge to keep working toward a solution in an ever-changing environment.

What is the school district's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?

Everyone's life has been upended this past year. I don't think we have a firm grasp yet of all of the repercussions it will have on our students. We have to come together as a team: Board, Administration, Teachers, Classified, Parents, and

Community to get students back to school full time so they can thrive again academically, emotionally and socially. Going forward, what do we envision for our students? What do they need? How can we make District #9 student-centered? In high school history class in 1970, our teacher said, "our greatest natural resource isn't how many trees we have, or fish in the ocean, or how much cheese we produce-our greatest resource is our people and our kids are our future." Schools truly are the key to freedom in America and the only way we preserve and save our Republic is with an educated electorate.

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Tillamook School Dist. Director Pos. 5



Nick Troxel
40 years old

Occupation: Detective Sergeant with the City of Tillamook Police Department

Education: Crescent Valley High School in Corvallis and Linn-Benton Community College.

Family: Married with two boys. One is at East School and the other is at the Junior High School.

Why are you running for Tillamook School District Director, position 5?

I have a passion to serve and want to continue to serve our children ensuring we are

putting kids first when making decisions. New school board members face a steep learning curve, and there is little time in their term for mistakes. Board members need expertise in many areas. Some of these areas are; Policy, Human Resources, Finance, School Curriculum, Communications, and school board Governance. During my three years as a school board member and now Vice Chair of the Tillamook School Board I have gained invaluable experience in

these areas. A Vote for me is a Vote for stability on the Tillamook School Board. Stability is what we need right now.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?

I have served on the Tillamook School District Budget Committee before I was appointed to the School Board. I was then elected to position number five. A Vote for me is a vote for; Honesty, Experience, Proven Leadership, and Service. I have

served the Tillamook School District for three years on the Board of Directors. During these challenging times we need consistent Leadership for our Children. This is an amazing School District I have a passion to serve. With your support and Vote I can continue to serve!

What is the school district's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?

Currently I believe our ageing school buildings and facilities is a challenge. We

need to invest in our facilities. We have no sustainable plan for re-model or replacement of buildings, property and other facilities within our School system. This is a looming challenge that needs to be closely looked at, reviewed and a plan developed. We, as a community, need to determine what our expectations are in regards to our facilities. I am in favor of gathering with community to brainstorm ideas to develop an action plan.

Tillamook Transportation Dist. Director Pos. 3



Jackie Edwards
74 years old

officer of a bank in San Fernando, CA. Over the years I also had a home editing/transcription business in which I served the colleges and law offices in the area.

After I moved to the Pacific Northwest, I was employed as a facilitator in the prison system focusing on life skills and moral development. Later, after moving to Tillamook County, I worked for the Headlight-Herald as a reporter for several years, reporting on South County and Tillamook County Government. I have a wide financial background and an understanding of people and their concerns in all walks of life.

Education: I attended Oklahoma College for Woman in Chickasha, OK; Antioch University in Marina del Rey, CA; Harbor College in Wilmington, CA and Valley College in Van Nuys, CA.

While working in aerospace I took many seminars in Contract Administration and Pricing.

Family: My family consists of my son, Mana, Jr. and daughter, Kari, with their three children, Trent, Farah and Lauryn.

Why are you running for Tillamook County Transportation District, Position 3?

The Transportation District Board offers an opportunity to assist citizens of Tillamook County at a very basic and necessary level. Transportation is vital to the survival of families always, but especially in a rural area where job locations are many times a great distance from home and medical appointments can be impossible to attend without adequate (and specially assisted) transportation. In the seven to eight years I

have been involved with the District, I have seen services to our residents multiply, addressing needs that had not been previously met. The District and its leadership give this very necessary service to all residents and I want to offer the skills I have to continue and to expand these services to the entire county. We are fortunate to have people who care at the District who are in key positions. I want to continue to be a part of this compassionate organization.

What experience/skills do you have that make you the best candidate?

My professional background above highlights my varied background in financing - from purchasing, to auditing, to allocation-of-funds/budgeting to cost sections. This background included continuous education with constant upgrading of skills in

Contract Administration.

What is not mentioned above is my volunteer work which brought me close to individuals who need our services. I volunteered at battered women's shelters (Hermosa Beach, CA and Redondo Beach, CA), and a teen runaway shelter (Redondo Beach, CA). This also involved working a suicide hotline. I saw the world from the perspective of individuals struggling to survive. While my skills are "work skills," they are also "people skills." Tillamook County is a caring county and I want to continue to be a part of it by serving the Transportation District. My abilities and experience are a good fit with the needs of the District and our community.

What is the District's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?

The District is actually run-

ning very well. It is fiscally sound and is looking to the future with respect to upgrading vehicles for improved air quality, improving technology so people can access schedules and other services online, and identifying through surveys which transit investments should be made to make sure local residents have access to reliable transit services to get to medical appointments and jobs. So, most things are "covered."

The above said, there is a concern for the need to be competitive in our pay scale and affordable health care for drivers, maintenance technicians and dispatchers, and then to have affordable housing for those workers. The District will continue working with communities and county governments to address these needs for our employees.

Tillamook Transportation Dist. Director Pos. 3



Linda Adler
62 years young

Occupation: Currently, I am the Property Manager at the Tillamook Port Storage and have a long work history in facility management, so I understand operations and budgets. Before Covid 19 I worked at Marie Mills

Center, a work program for the developmentally disabled in Tillamook. I understand how important public transit is for people who are unable or can't afford to drive a car.

Education: I studied Social work at Portland State University, and computer software at Wilbur Wright College in Chicago.

Family: I grew up in the rural town of Lafayette Oregon and attended school in McMinnville. I graduated high school in a tiny town called Stanfield in Eastern Oregon. My extended family lives in South County; one of my cousins teaches special needs kids at Nestucca High School

Why are you running for

Tillamook County Transportation District Director, position 3? I am currently the only board member and the only candidate that lives in South County. The board tends to focus on services to the central part of the county, partly as a result of the imbalance in representation on the board. Outside of the City of

Tillamook, South County has the highest year round population, the lowest median income and the most people who are "transit dependent". South County ONLY has 4 Wave bus runs a day while all the other routes run at least 6, with many more (needed) trips within the

Tillamook Transportation Dist. Director Pos. 5



Mary B. Johnson, 33

University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2010

Family: My partner and I, along with our pets, reside in Rockaway Beach.

Why are you running for Tillamook County Transportation District, position 5?

As a person who relied entirely on public transportation for over ten years, I understand how important transit is to meeting the transportation needs of a community. I will work to enhance our transit system so that all our residents can access employment, education, shopping, medical services and recreation within Tillamook County,

as well as have access to the Willamette Valley and other coastal communities. Also, I believe public transit use by visitors to our county should be encouraged. Traveling by public transit provides an opportunity to explore our beautiful county in a safe and relaxing way. Visitors' use of public transit can have a positive impact on the reduction of traffic congestion and improved air quality. Facilitating and encouraging use of our interconnected services by travelers from other areas will benefit our communities both economically and environmentally.

What experience/skills

do you have that makes you the best candidate?

My transit use has provided me with experience in what works and what does not work in public transportation, having relied solely on interconnected public transportation systems while in college and as I worked and traveled nationally and internationally. I work as a legal assistant in a private law firm. Having worked in the legal field for many years, I believe my experience in careful listening, viewing issues from different perspectives and researching solutions to difficult problems will enable me to be a dynamic and effective

board member. I will bring a fresh voice to the Tillamook County Transportation District Board and will work to creatively provide and enhance services.

What is the district's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?

I have been listening to Tillamook County bus riders and their stories to learn what issues directly affect their ability to ride the Wave and use Dial-a-Ride. I have also listened to people in our county who do not use those services to learn why they do not. I found that frequent transit access to ALL communities in our county is a big

challenge, as well as ensuring timely connections to transit services in our neighboring counties. I have begun reaching out to people in our community and in neighboring counties who have worked to address these issues to learn options that have been considered, and what options have been tried for resolution. I intend to continue the dialogue by being accessible to community members, to continue to explore innovative ways to approach the challenges, and to work collegially with the other District board members to implement positive changes.

Tillamook Transportation Dist. Director Pos. 5



Chris Kell, age 73

Occupation: Retired
Education: High School diploma, some college

Family: Husband, Jud Kell; two (2) grown children, Elaine Kell Carty, Sisters, OR; Darin Kell, Roseburg, OR; Local grandchildren, Justin Aufdermauer and wife, Cami (Schild Aufdermauer); 2 great grandchildren

Why are you running for Tillamook County Trans-

portation District Director, position 5?

I have been a supporter of TCTD since its inception. As the Office Manager for a large church, I was well aware of the difficulty of our elderly and veterans to get transportation to doctor's appointments; locally and in Portland. As a fledgling agency it was not without its challenges. I won a spot on the district board in 2005 and served 2 terms. Together with other commit-

ted board members we managed to smooth out the road for a fairly smooth ride. Now that I am retired, I have even more time to give in helping the district work with local

agencies, riders and the public to provide as many of the identified, priority services possible at a reasonable cost. The district is fortunate to have a manager who is fis-

cally responsible and has built strong ties with agencies and folks in our community.

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Adler

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City of Tillamook.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate? I held a real estate license in Chicago for 30 years, and during that time managed high-rise buildings. I developed and oversaw budgets up to 5 million dollars.

What is the district's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it? Running a transportation District is a balancing act. There are many urgent issues that arise, plus yearly and long range needs and funding to address. All

transit systems, especially rural systems in low density areas, are heavily supported by federal funding; directing that funding to where it is most needed is one of the responsibilities of the board. Most recently the Transportation District has been dealing with COVID: we had to retrofit the busses and re-write safety rules to keep staff and ridership safe.

Recruiting, training and retaining good staff is always a challenge. When I began my term on the board, the District eliminated the Human Resource position, and shifted HR responsibilities to Tabitha Welch, Finance Supervisor. Our most recent audit reported that the finance department should have more than 1 person to reduce the margin for

error, balancing a 12 million dollar budget has its own challenges. The District needs an effective, dedicated HR staff to focus on employee retention - and maintain record keeping.

My role on the board is to speak up for low income residents, the disabled, and students who rely on transit to get to work, medical, school and recreation. It was reported, pre Covid 19 at the March 19th 2020 meeting that South County ridership was up by 20%, everything has dropped over the past year.

We are blessed to live in such a wonderful place. As a board member, I will work to improve transportation services and options for our community as well as our visitors.

Problem Solver

Experienced



Approachable

Fiscal Conservative



CHRIS KELL

**Tillamook County
Transportation District
Position #5**

- ◆ Previously Served 2 terms on the Tillamook County Transportation District Board
- ◆ Co-founder Tillamook Farmers Market, 9 years as Market Manager, vendor 12 years Baked goods at Tillamook & Manzanita Markets
- ◆ Small Business Owner
- ◆ Kiwanis Club of Tillamook, President and board member

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Port of Tillamook Bay Commissioner Pos. 3



Why are you running for Port of Tillamook Commissioner, position 3?

I have been serving as POTB Commissioner #3 since appointed in May of 2020. I very much enjoy the role, and feel strongly that POTB is a unique asset to the Tillamook community. I fully endorse the POTB mission statement of contributing to the economic health of Tillamook County.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?

I feel that I am thoughtful

Christian Sween
51 years old

Occupation: Soil Scientist for the Bureau of Land Management

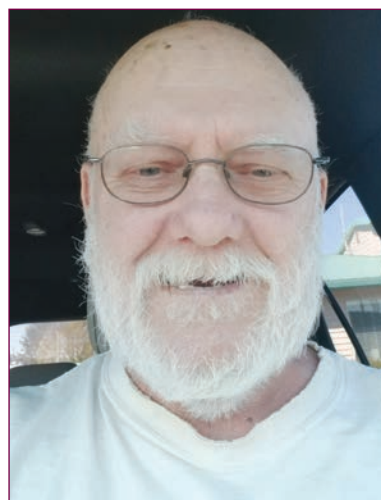
Education: B.S. Forest Management minor: soil science

Family: Engaged

and present, and I care very much about the success of Tillamook County and its residents. I believe that the events over the last year will create a demographic shift nationwide, and communities like Tillamook will see some significant growth over the next decade. I believe the POTB is well situated to assist the community in facilitating that growth.

What is the port's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?

The biggest challenge facing the POTB is the blimp hangar. It is obviously a very large and unique structure with historical value, but it is in need of repairs, and those do not come cheap with a building of that size.



Kevin Stoecker
62 years old

Occupation: Retired. Parks Maintenance Supervisor City of Portland Parks and Recreation.

Education: Benson Polytechnic High. Honors

class of 76. Studied at Portland State University. Numerous certificates related to work with City of Portland.

Family: Married 38 years. One special daughter.

Why are you running for Port of Tillamook Commissioner, position 3?

To keep an old mind sharp and help guide the Port of Tillamook as we move forward in 21st century.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?

Governmental budgeting, conflict resolution, visionary, practical, people person. Chair budget advisory, experience on advisory committee. Memberships with NAMI and ARC.

Experiences on boards: Board member Portland Amateur Baseball Association 1984-1991. Board member Portland Youth Soccer Association 1984-1991. Board member on numerous neighborhood associations, these include Smile, Mt. Tabor neighborhood association, lurelhurst neighborhood association and numerous more. Currently chair person for Tillamook County Solid Waste Advisory Board. Served 7 years on Tillamook County Parks Advisory Committee.

What is the port's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?

Stable funding source. Lightwave technology, air museum renovation. I will use my skills as a visionary and mediator, working with groups to solve problems with practical solutions.

EVA MANDERSON
Tillamook School Board

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FOR OUR COMMUNITY | PARA NUESTRA COMUNIDAD

Hi, I'm Eva Manderson!



I'm running for reelection to Tillamook School Board Position #3.

My experience as a current school board member, a parent of 3 children in the district, and an early childhood educator make me the right choice for the school board during this challenging time.

Vote for our kids and our community.
Vote for Eva Manderson for Tillamook School Board!

To learn more, visit my website, follow me on Facebook, or email me with your questions.

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¡Hola! Soy Eva Manderson.

Me postula para la reelección para el puesto número 3 de la Junta Escolar de Tillamook.

Mi experiencia como miembro actual de la junta escolar, madre de tres niños en el distrito, y educadora de la primera infancia me convierte en la elección correcta para la junta escolar durante este tiempo desafiante.

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Vote por Eva Manderson para la Junta Escolar de Tillamook!



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What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?

I have served two terms on the TCTD board. I regularly attend board meetings, serve on the Budget Committee and am Chairman of the Transportation Advisory Committee.

I am especially pleased with the results of the Transportation Advisory Committee's work. The committee worked with a consulting agency, and of the 209 responses to a questionnaire only 5 responses came back from out of county. I feel good about local participation. Members of this committee include Nick Torres,

Veteran's Services; Erin Skar, C.A.R.E.; Ron Rush, Marie Mills Center; Stacie Zuercher, Northwest Senior and Disability Services; Jeff Hazen, neighboring Sunset Empire Transportation District; and other locals: Carol Andrews, Robin Taylor and myself.

In addition to my TCTD experiences, I was a co-founder, manager and eventually small business vendor with the Tillamook Farmers Market. I am also an active member of the Tillamook Kiwanis Club, serving as their treasurer.

What is the district's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?

A solid, functioning board is the greatest way of advancing the mission of any special district.

I see some board members consistently treat other board members, some staff, and

even guests in a biased and disrespectful way instead of keeping the district's best interests in mind over their personal agendas.

I am not advocating for total agreement! One board member is an extreme, fiscal conservative. The healthiest boards have members who can forcefully argue their position, respectfully disagree, and then come together on a solution. He fits that bill.

I would join other board members in "publishing" board meetings live on Facebook and/or the local government access channel. Currently, unless a citizen does a public records request, they are limited to taking our word for any problems. Total transparency, would point out any unprofessional conduct by ANY board member, and allow for a more informed voter base.

Port of Tillamook Bay Commissioner Pos. 4



Bill Baertlein
Age: 70

Occupation: I am retired as a Tillamook County Commissioner December of 2020.

Prior to 8 years as a Tillamook County Commissioner I served Tillamook County Businesses as a CPA for 35 years.

Education: I have a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Oregon State University.

Family: I am married to Marilyn Phegley and we have 2 children. I am a third generation Tillamook Resident.

Why are you running for Port of Tillamook Commissioner, position 4?

The reason I am running for The Port of Tillamook Bay to continue the work that we started 10 years ago when I was a Port Commissioner. The Port has made great progress over the past 15 years and I still have the fire to continue helping the Port evolve into an economic engine for Tillamook County.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the

best candidate?

In my prior career as a Certified Public Accountant I audited many of the municipalities in Tillamook County, including the Port. My experience in municipal audit law has served me well as a County Commissioner. In addition I have developed the political contacts with the legislators and agencies to effectively lobby for the Port.

What is the port's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?

Twenty years ago the railroad had almost bankrupted the Port, they received "going concern" comment in their audit report which meant that the auditor felt that they would not be in business the next year. It is now a well-managed organization. The challenge now is to continue the great progress. The infrastructure needs improved to support future growth. The Port has rented all the buildings that were added with the insurance funding from the

destruction of the railroad. The warehouses that were built give our local businesses the opportunity to expand and grow. I am one that likes to dream and think outside the box. I would like to see the Port develop a sports complex with softball, baseball and soccer fields developed. The Port is one of the three entities that make up Tillamook Lightwave and we have a great opportunity to expand our broadband capabilities.

Port of Tillamook Bay Commissioner Pos. 4



James Potts
53 years old

Occupation: Owner: Salty Properties, Salty Raven and coming soon Salty Basket.

Education: HS Diploma + 30 Years Commercial Construction Business

Family: Seasons K Sparks – Wife & Artist behind Salty Raven.

Facebook: @potts4port (#potts4port)
Email: James@saltyraven.net

Why are you running for Port of Tillamook Commissioner, position 4?

My belief in Tillamook's

future is the reason I want to serve on the Port of Tillamook Bay board. The Port of Tillamook helps support and facilitate commercial/industrial growth that expands our local economy. As a board member, I would encourage continued outreach to businesses and organizations looking to relocate to Tillamook. Also, POTB has access to Fiberoptic via Tillamook Lightwave that introduces access to high-speed telecommunications that is currently being underutilized in Tillamook. Business growth and success has a direct correlation with access to high-speed communications. Expansion of this service at POTB and throughout Tillamook would be something I would support/encourage.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate? I recently retired from a 30+ year career in the Electrical/Lighting Business. The past 10 years I worked as a regional representative for a lighting

manufacturer (\$1.4 billion dollars in sales in 2020). For most of my career, my expertise is in the construction process (design, estimating, bidding and construction) start to finish. Since the POTB focus is mostly around development and managing of Commercial/Industrial space, my background in construction will help provide informed decisions to move goals forward.

Additionally, I am currently serving on a Board as Treasurer of the Illuminating Engineering Society (ies.org). IES is non-profit organization Internationally recognized for its commitment to Lighting Quality, Design and Education. I have served in various board positions for them over the last 8 years with the IES, so this will lend to the process of standard Board operations and Board best practices.

What is the port's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it? The current challenges to POTB's growth are really the same challenges

that impact most of Tillamook and Tillamook County. The lack of housing for long term residents really drives a reduction in skilled labor force and thus impacts the ability to expand business growth.

POTB can add jobs by means of commercial/industrial expansion, but there has to be a path to fill those jobs. While POTB does not have any truly residential assets, they do border residential property and

interact with residential expansion. It will be important to reach out to the City and County to build up residential options for those seeking to call Tillamook home.

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PUBLIC SERVICE VOLUNTEER – HONORABLY SERVED ON THE BAY CITY BUDGET, TILLAMOOK PLANNING COMMISSION, TILLAMOOK ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP AND FOUNDING MEMBER ON THE TILLAMOOK BAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION BOARD.

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"I am honored to serve the Port of Garibaldi as a Commissioner. I have been instrumental in bringing substantial resources to the Port's infrastructure and citizens. I believe trust and honesty is essential in building relationships with our County, State and Federal partners in order to be successful addressing the Port's future opportunities and current challenges. I am humbled by the work I do and inspired by our communities. **I hope you will continue to support my efforts and respectfully ask for your vote this May.**"

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Tillamook County Emergency Comm. Dist. 911 Position 3

Chris Kruebbe
age:52 on April 15, 2021

Occupation: LCSW (Licensed Clinical Social Worker), CADC I (Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor)

Education: Bachelors of Science, Minor in Information Systems, Major in Information Technology from Tulane University College, 2002. Master of Social Work, Dual Clinical and Community Organizing Tracks, Tulane University Graduate School of Social Work, 2006.

Family: My family is in New Orleans, I have two brothers, one older, one younger, two sisters-in-law, five nephews, 30 year old son and my 84 year-old mom. I have a 3 year old service dog named "Quinn."

Why are you running for Tillamook County Emergency Communications District 911 Director, position 3?

We need improved communications protocols to discern the difference between 911 calls for law enforcement, mental health, substance abuse, EMS, and/or firefighters. Mental Health Counselors and Substance Abuse Counselors dispatched through local 911 can help reduce the unnecessary involvement of deputies, officers, firefighters, or EMS. I propose a name change for the board to "Tillamook

County Emergency Communications District 911/988" when the new 988 number is implemented nationwide. Through the National Council for Behavioral Health, 911 dispatch operators can be trained in Mental Health First Aid @, which would help in the dispatch of trained mental health professionals who can assist in matters that are not law enforcement related. I also propose that 911 dispatchers become trained as Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselors so that trained CADC counselors can be dispatched for matters that do not involve law enforcement where necessary. A 6-Month Experiment replacing Denver Police with Mental Health Teams has been a recognized success.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?

- Bay City Volunteer Firefighter/First Responder, 5 years
- Nehalem Emergency Volunteer Corps CERT Team, 7 years
- Red Cross Volunteer, Post Hurricanes Katrina/Rita, Lafayette, Louisiana, 2005
- Volunteers of America, Post Hurricanes Katrina/Rita, Lafayette, Louisiana, 2005
- Mental Health Professional with 15 years of experience as a Case Manager, Counselor, Community Organization, and

Behavioral Health Professional.

- Certified Addictions and Drug Certified Counselor
- Member of the Medical Addictions Treatment Team focused on the Opioid Crisis with a grant funded/awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration.

What is the district's biggest challenge and how will you work to overcome it?

Homeless emergencies, mental health emergencies, drug and alcohol emergencies, and domestic violence are the biggest challenges we face as a community. While all other emergencies are handled well by law enforcement, these situations need specialized attention so that we treat citizens with dignity, respect, and understanding. To learn more about my plan for the district, please visit Kruebbe.weebly.com. Thank you for your support and together, let's improve upon our Communications District and make it a model for the rest of the state as Eugene has done with the CAHOOTS (Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets) program. Tillamook County Citizens deserve public safety programs that bring hope and promise while maintaining its effort to protect and serve.

Tillamook County Emergency Comm. Dist. 911 Position 3



Matt Kelly,
Age: 50

Occupation: I have worked for Tillamook County Sheriff's Office for 20 years. I currently hold the position of Undersheriff and supervise all divisions of the Sheriff's Office.

Education: I graduated from Neah-Kah-Nie High School in 1988 and enlisted in the US Air Force in 1989.

I've held and hold various certifications including 911 Telecommunicator certification, Emergency Medical dispatcher certification, and Basic, Intermediate and Advanced police certifications.

Family: I and most of my family have roots in Tillamook County. My mother, sister and several members of my extended family all reside

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NKN School District Director Zone 4



Damian Laviolette
age 47

Occupation: Tillamook County, Director, Information Services – Co-Owner/Operator Jetty Fishery Marina

Education: • Northern Virginia Community College, Associate Degree, General Studies

• George Fox, bachelor's degree, Management & Organizational Leadership,
• Western Governors University Master of Science Information Security and Assurance

Family: • Damian Laviolette (NKN Grad 1991)
• Teah Laviolette (NKN Grad 1992)
• Sabrina Laviolette 8th

Grade NKN Middle School
• Robert Laviolette Nehalem Elementary School
• Caleb Laviolette Nehalem Elementary School
• Numerous other relatives to include two brothers, sister, and nephew who also graduated from NKN

Why are you running for Neah-Kah-Nie School District Director, zone 4? Two

primary reasons:
• One - an opportunity to explore technology, cyber, and trade educational opportunities within the school district, areas of demand in the workforce of today and the future.
• Two - an opportunity to represent the parents and students within district in particular my zone and make

their needs/voice represented within the board team as collaboratively as possible
What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?
I know what it means to have attended school within this district from Kindergarten

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locally. My partner of several years, Ahnie Seaholm and I reside together in central Tillamook County.

Why are you running for Tillamook County Emergency Communications Director, position 3?

As a former 911 dispatcher, firefighter and current law enforcement officer the

911 system is extremely important to me and holds a special place in my heart. I want to maintain the quality of service that 911 has been and continues to provide to the citizens, visitors, and first responders of Tillamook County. 911 dispatchers are the first "First Responders". They are the voices on the other end of the line in your time of need. I will do everything I can to ensure Tillamook 911 provides outstanding assistance and service to Tillamook County.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?

After completing an eight-year enlistment in the United States Air Force, I came home to Tillamook County. I was hired by Tillamook County 911 as a 911 dispatcher in 1997. Since that time, my life has been devoted to public safety. I was a 911 dispatcher for two years then hired as a police officer for Tillamook City Police. In 2001 I was hired by Tillamook County Sheriff's Office where I

served as a Patrol Deputy, Detective, Detective Sergeant, Lieutenant, and now Undersheriff. Also, during that time, I was a volunteer firefighter for Netarts/Oceanside Fire Rescue. Because of my 24 years of experience in public safety, I can see problems and solutions from several different perspectives. I understand the challenges that 911 dispatchers face and what their essential roles are in public safety.

What is the district's biggest challenge and how

will you overcome it?
The biggest challenges for the Tillamook County Emergency Communication District are hiring and retaining staff as well as keeping up with changes in technology. Hiring in public safety is very challenging. I want to ensure that Tillamook 911 hires and retains the best people to be dispatchers. It is important to ensure the women and men that choose a career as a 911 dispatcher can take 911 emergency calls, give lifesaving emergency medical

instructions, and notify the correct public safety responders. I want to make sure that 911 dispatchers realize they are an essential part of the first responder family. I feel it is important to continue to evaluate compensation and working conditions so that we can hire and retain great people all while providing a positive working environment. I will work with the District to identify current technologies while being mindful to balance costs and needs.



THE VOICE OF EXPERIENCE:

- TCTD Board member for 7 years
- Prior member of Transportation Advisory Committee
- Prior member of District Planning Committee

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Connecting the community through sustainable transit services

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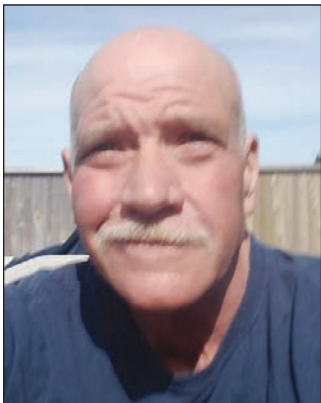
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Elect
Damian Laviolette
NKN District #56
School Board
Position #4

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NKN School District Director Zone 4



Mike Wantland
56 years old

Occupation: I have spent most my working life in, Coaching College and HS Baseball and, or the food, beverage and entertainment industry.

Education: I graduated Wilson HS 82' and Portland State University 88' with a BS Speech Communication.

Family: Born and raised in Portland, Or. By my parents Earl and Edna Wantland.

I have 2 older brothers and an older sister. I have 3 adult children. 1 grandchild and another coming in July.

My mom was born in Rockaway Beach in 1934. My moms side of the family had been in Tillamook County well before that. Rockaway Beach was the only beach I ever knew growing up. 5 years ago, I made it my home.

Why are you running for Neah-Kah-Nie School District Director, zone 4?

I'm running, because I was

asked to. It was a reasonable request and after considering it I said yes. I consider myself someone that advocates for Kids and providing opportunities for them.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?

I have no idea if I'm the best for this position. That is for others to decide. What I do know is I have no problem advocating for every kid. I believe I'm an effective leader, as well as, a dedicated

team player. I will approach each challenge with Kindness, Compassion and Honesty. My words will be matched with action and my actions will have accountability. I will demand accountability, to the kids, from those I will be working with.

What is the district's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?

I think if you asked 10 people what the biggest challenge for this school district is, you'd get at least 3or4

answers. There are always challenges, but it's those obstacles that truly define us. To sit here and pick apart the school district would be futile and not necessary. But introducing new direction is important and cant be looked at as intimidating. If there is one challenge I might foresee, is convincing others, that I dont have an agenda. This is not some ego driven stepping stone. The students voice has to be heard and our actions have to back that up.

Laviolette

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through to High School Graduation. Then to have left the local area, state, and country to learn and experience what life is like elsewhere. Finally to return to this district with children of our own and a

clearer understanding of the value and opportunities this school district and area represents for them. Throughout my journey to date I have learned valuable life lessons, matured through valuable work experience, sought, and obtained higher education, worked with, and managed diverse teams from all over the world at all levels. Combining history, experience,

and education with a strong track record of financial/budgetary management skills as well as Neah-Kah-Nie School District Budget Committee experience, I believe I stand as a very strong candidate, with significant skin in the game.

What is the school district's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?

Most would likely say funding or new challenges around cultural shift. I would say it's risk/time management. Understanding how to quantify the top risks facing parents, students, teaching staff, administrators, and school board members with the limited time available is critical. The ability to then act to manage/mitigate risks, be it new gym

floors, medical treatment in the school, or shifting educational programs becomes manageable. If the risks facing our district can't be quantified against each other, the district might find itself spending its limited time and resources on an area of lesser risk, while greater risk areas/activities are ignored. A functional documented risk management framework

including operational and enterprise risk is a must.

Utilizing twenty plus years of professional risk management skills, education, and life lessons. I would work to enhance any existing risk management practices, add quantification, documentation, and present them for transparency sake to the families of the school district.

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Nestucca School Board Position 5



Shane Stuart
36 years old

Occupation: Human Resources Manager for Tillamook PUD.

Education: Bachelor's

Degree in Business Administration from Oregon State University

Family: I am a born and raised Oregonian who has lived in the Cloverdale community since 2017, although my wife's family has been a part of this community for generations. I have been happily married to my wife, Lauren (Kellow), for 13 years and we have two beautiful children, Kael (9) and Evie (6), who both attend Nestucca Elementary. My wife, her sister, her parents, her grandparents and a lot of her extended family are all graduates of Nestucca.

Why are you running

for Nestucca School District Director, position 5?

I am someone who believes in giving back to your community and I feel like the school board is another way I can do that. I care about this community and with two small children in this district, I care about the direction and future of the Nestucca Valley School District. Additionally, there are some very exciting things going on in our district and I see an opportunity to be a part of that, while helping to continue to provide a great future for our children. I feel like I can bring a dynamic point of view to the Board of Directors that

will add value thanks to my background in human resources as well as the time I have spent in the community through being a parent of school-aged children, volunteering, coaching, and community groups.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?

Since 2017, I have been very active within the local community and the school district. I have been a part of the Nestucca Valley School Board Budget Committee since 2017, therefore I feel like that experience and knowledge will lend itself to moving onto the school board as a director.

I have also connected with the district's youth through athletics as a coach, as well as volunteering. I am also a current board member of the South Tillamook County Emergency Volunteer Corp., which I feel is a unique opportunity to provide insight to the school board to ensure we are both prepared, and educated, on emergency preparedness. Lastly, I feel the education of our youth is of vital importance and I know I can be a valuable advocate for our children, our parents and our community members.

What is the school district's biggest challenge and how will you over-

come it?

We live in an ever-changing world and now, more than ever, we are forced to quickly adapt to the changing environment that is our schools. Moving forward, I feel schools will continue to be impacted by change, both societal and economical. I can bring a positive voice to embracing change and working to find positive outcomes for our children and our community that will continue to offer a high-quality educational experience. Progress is impossible without change and change is not a threat, it is an opportunity for transformative success.

Nestucca School Board Position 5



Mary Groves
70 years old

Occupation: Retired
Education: BS in Business Ed/English, Masters in Education, Library Media

Family: Widow with one living sister, four step children, three living

Why are you running for Nestucca School District Director, position 5?

With the past year in education, a person who is aware of the ramifications of disruption to the educational cycle for students and the difficulties the staff have had to manage, is an important part of the job of a board member.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?

I was a teacher at Nestucca School District for 24 years. I retired 2 years ago so am familiar with the processes of the school district. My understanding of how the board behaviors will impact both students and staff will help other board members become

more aware of issues. I have been on several boards and bring those experiences also.

What is the school district's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?

Of course, restarting the school year and making up the deficiencies that the pandemic has created is the first one. Many children will need extra support and anything the board can do to support these students and staff are top priority for me. In addition, with the new elementary school building, staff and students will be moving to the K-8 and the high school will fall back to being 9-12 grade. Each move will create issues and successes for each

school. Understanding these changes will be very important. I was on staff when we closed Beaver and had 7-8

students come to the high school building. This has been a year of total disruption, beginning again will

bring forth new issues that one can only guess at. I feel my input can be helpful.

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North County Recreation District Director Pos. 4



Frank Knight III
39 years old

Occupation: Firefighter/EMT

Education: AAS in Fire Science from PCC

Family: I have two school aged children and one on the way soon. I am married to Kathye (Fricia) Knight. My parents, Frank Knight Jr. and Pam Knight also live in the area and are diligent patrons of the NCRD pool.

Why are you running for North County Recreation District Director, position 4?

I am running to continue the success of all of the

services NCRD offers that directly impacts my family's future and those families in our area. My hope is to improve transparency throughout the community. I am also committed to fulfill the promise of building the new pool facility.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?

I had the benefit of growing up learning to swim at NCRD's pool, participating in children's theater in the auditorium (PAC) and social-

izing at the youth teen center. NCRD influence continued into my adult life by becoming a volunteer in the fitness center, playing softball at Rex Champ Field and sending my son to New Discoveries preschool. I still swim regularly in the pool and utilize it for water rescue training as a member of Nehalem Bay Fire & Rescue. I was appointed to the NCRD budget committee in 2018, and in 2019 I was appointed to the board of directors when a mid-term vacancy came open. I believe

my extensive involvement with NCRD throughout my life illustrates my unique qualification for a position on the NCRD Board of Directors.

What is the district's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?

I think the most consequential challenge for NCRD is hiring the next executive director to lead NCRD forward. This will take place before the upcoming election, however, it will set the stage for everything from this point

forward. I would consider the construction of the new pool facility being the biggest challenge for NCRD. The pool must be built with financial sustainability and operational longevity as the top priorities. The District is currently and will continue to be challenged with the growth of the community. We need to ensure that NCRD is accountable, transparent and accessible by all who wish to participate in the many services offered by the District.



John Coopersmith
68 years old

Family: My wife Anne and I live in Nehalem.

Why are you running for North County Recreation District Director, position 4?

In addition to the normal district operations the North County Recreation District now has an opportunity and a challenge. Last November voters approved a bond with a 57% yes vote to build a new public pool replacing the current 90-year-old pool. Many know the pool is often closed for repairs, it is closed now due to the failure of antiquated equipment. With the retirement of former Executive Director David Wiegand NCRD is undergoing a search for a new E.D.; this plus man-

aging the construction of the \$9 million+ new pool. NCRD has a knowledgeable acting Executive Director in Barbara McCann, NCRD Aquatics Director. The district is blessed with a group of dedicated and capable employees. I bring a combination of experience as a past Board member with multi-million-dollar budgets and working on large projects. As a member of a team, I will help NCRD successfully complete the pool construction within budget and on time.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?

Some may know until recently I was an elected NCRD

Board member. Due to an out-of-town job opportunity, I regretfully resigned from the Board in July 2019. With the advent of the Covid-19 pandemic that job went away. I hope to again serve the community I cherish, contributing as an active NCRD Board member. I have always said my goal was to see the greatest possible number of people benefit and use district facilities. I believe we never know who may have the next good idea so we must always listen.

An organization is only as good as the people who comprise it. To this end to better recruit and retain good employees I proposed NCRD adopt an employee retirement

program where previously we had none. NCRD did successfully implement a retirement program. To better inform the people of NCRD programs and opportunities, I proposed the district put out a quarterly newsletter. We did this electronically, saving money on postage and paper. If anyone remembers the old NCRD website, for years I promoted adopting a new, easier-to-use district website. The new website is improved over the old site.

With years of NCRD Board experience working with multi-million-dollar budgets and as a member and past Chair of the NCRD Capital Improvement Committee I

have the knowledge and experience to help bring the new pool project in within budget and on time.

What is the district's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?

I hope to see NCRD find new ways to better serve all the people of the district. As an example, the current skateboard ramp will be demolished to make room for the new pool. I will suggest ways within the current budget to plan, with the input and ideas of skateboarders, for a new ramp serving the many who use it.

I ask for your vote.

North County Recreation District Director Pos. 5



Jack Bloom
74 years old

Executive

Education: A.B., M.S.

Family: 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren

Why are you running for North County Recreation District Director, position 5?

Ten years ago, my wife and I retired to the Oregon North Coast to be close to our daughters and their families and enjoy the new delight of being Grandma and Grandpa. As time went by we increasingly participated in extraordinary community opportunities by joining, CERT, MRC, EVC, American Red Cross, HAM radio and supporting NBF&R.

Nine years ago, having passed the POOL sign in Nehalem many times, I decided to address my advancing "decrepitude" and explore what was offered. That is how I found the unique gem - NCRD and its glorious POOL! I soon became a daily lap swimmer and met Barb McCann. Over time, she convinced me to come to Board meetings, join the Budget Comm and the Capital Improvement Comm. When there was a Board vacancy, 8 years ago, she convinced me to run and I did. I have served as Chairman for the last 7 years.

What I have come to cherish, is a small organization that is the very embodiment of the spirit of "The Little Engine that Could! I have the privilege of working with a group of fellow citizens who share a common purpose - that is, to serve and enrich EVERYONE in their community as best they can.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?

Just look at our Track Record! With the Communities financial support, via the levy and Bond measure, The Board, the NCRD Staff and the Volunteers have trans-

formed a severely neglected building and an ancient swimming pool, into a model community center. We now have a Fitness Center, Ball Field, Pickle Ball Court, Children's Day Care Center, a Performing Arts Center (with a new lobby and ADA restrooms) and soon a new pool that meet all ADA standards. This all together, commands an A+ credit rating and is now viewed by Wall Street as being an Investment Grade investment. This is a world class accomplishment by any measure. Plus, Special Districts of Oregon (SDAO) recognized NCRD as the

district of the year.

What is the district's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?

The biggest challenge we have now is building the new swimming pool now that we the money in the bank. This will be the largest construction projects in North County and we are underway and have the team in place with decades of experience to do it. The POOL will continue its uninterrupted 91 years of teaching children to swim as part of the school curriculum and NCRD will continue to be the heart of community activities.

North County Recreation District Director Pos. 5



Constance Shimek
69 years old

Occupation: Business woman. Hospitality, Bed & Breakfast

Education: Life, HS graduate, Health & Life insurance license, ongoing continuing education courses.

Family: Blended, proud of raising 4 adult children, 7 grandchildren from ages

7-22.

Why are you running for North County Recreation District Director, position 5?

I have an agenda. I love our community and I love NCRD. My mission is inclusion, creating the best possible version of NCRD for everyone.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you

the best candidate?

For thirteen years I've been heavily involved with funding numerous programs and projects for NCRD, through Friends of NCRD. For the past two years I have served as President on that board. Now I am prepared to do much more.

What is the district's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?

Community Engagement. While some members of our community have had great experiences, there have been others who have shared their disappointments and frustrations with me. My mission, I will listen, I will carry the messages and I will fight for those who entrust me with their voices.

I will stand up loudly and be the voice for All.

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Port of Nehalem Commissioner Pos. 4



Damian Laviolette
47 years old

Occupation: Tillamook County, Director, Information Services – Co-Owner/Operator Jetty Fishery Marina

Education:
• Neah-Kah-Nie High

School, 1991

- Northern Virginia Community College, Associate Degree, General Studies
- George Fox, bachelor's degree, Management & Organizational Leadership
- Western Governors University Master of Science Information Security and Assurance

4. Family:

- Teah Laviolette (wife)
- Sabrina Laviolette (daughter)
- Robert Laviolette (son)
- Caleb Laviolette (son)

Why are you running for Port of Nehalem Commissioner, position 4?

For 43 years and counting

my family to include: mother, father, brother, sister-in-law and now Teah and I, have ran/operated the Jetty Fishery LLC, Marina and RV Park on Nehalem Bay. As the last business entity and some of the last residents on Nehalem Bay before it transitions to the Pacific Ocean, we have a significant stake in the area, and the Port of Nehalem's activities. Our business is primarily tourism driven and in turn often helps surrounding local businesses or vice versa/we help to support other each other.

As a resident, business owner, and employer in the local area, the issues fac-

ing the Port of Nehalem are meaningful and relevant. The success of the Port of Nehalem is directly tied to the continued success of our family business and its continued survival on the bay.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?

I would seek to utilize twenty plus combined years of business ownership, training, higher education, risk management, regulatory compliance, and financial management experience to the Port of Nehalem's benefit. This experience would also hopefully through the Port of Nehalem activities benefit

the residents, businesses, and tourists visiting the area. I am familiar with many of the State, County, and local entities the Port interacts with today as well as many of the challenges facing the Port, surrounding communities, and residents. I am familiar with many of the State, County, and local entities the Port interacts with today as well as many of the challenges facing the Port, surrounding communities, and residents.

What is the port's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?

Uncertainty is clearly the largest problem facing both the local area and the Port of

Nehalem. With pandemic churn and strange economic/political reversals becoming the norm it is hard to plan for tomorrow let alone the long term. I would work with and listen to tenured peers on the board, local business owners, and residents to review existing road maps or if needed establish a new 3-5 strategic plan/vision for the Port. Strong risk management and a solid 3-5 year vision/plan are a must. Once in place the Port's plan/vision could be used to drive further outreach to local, state, and federal agencies and organizations as needed.

Port of Garibaldi Commissioner Pos. 2



Jaime Perez
31 years old

Occupation: I currently run a private investigations business in Tillamook County, serving clients statewide. My

office is located in Garibaldi.

Education: Graduate, Tillamook High School. Bachelor of Arts, University of Oregon.

Family: I have lived in Tillamook County for nearly 20 years. My family moved here when my father got a job at Pacific Oyster in Bay City. He worked there for over a decade. My mother also worked at Pacific Oyster for a few years and has a background in the seafood industry. I have three siblings. My brother and sister both live in Rockaway and my other sister lives in Vancouver, Washington.

Why are you running for Port of Garibaldi Commissioner, position 2? I am running for Garibaldi Port

Board of Commissioners Position No. 2 because I want to help ensure that our business community remains vibrant and that our natural resources are protected. When my father was laid off from his job at Pacific Oyster, after working there for more than 10 years, I saw how quickly jobs could be lost and how important the Port economy is to residents. Likewise, watching the old mill at the Garibaldi Port close down made me realize that I needed to step in to help ensure that small businesses in Rockaway, Garibaldi, Bay City, and Idaville are supported so they can prosper. I have the drive and desire to make sure our local economy is healthy,

while at the same time being good stewards of our natural resources.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?

The skills and experience that make me the best candidate come from running my own small business. I've learned to manage resources efficiently, ensure clients feel heard, respond to their needs, deliver results, and continually improve. I have two employees, work with lawyers across the state, and have a diverse range of clients. Navigating the dynamics of complex situations has sharpened my ability to solve problems when multiple stakeholders are

involved. As an investigator, it's crucial to listen carefully to your clients, to ensure you're gathering all important details of a situation. Similarly, it's important to consider all sides of an issue after you have gathered the facts. I do this regularly for my job, which requires clear-headed analysis, understanding all perspectives, and clear communication. I will bring the same insight and knowledge to the Port, ensuring the needs of the whole community are heard and responded to.

What is the port's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?

The biggest challenge the district is facing is communi-

cation with the communities impacted by Port of Garibaldi policies. I think the best way to serve the overall community is to conduct regular quarterly meetings with officials from all four cities to ensure a consistent, robust dialogue about Port policies and the plans and priorities of our local communities. I believe that open lines of communication among those who are impacted by the Port's decisions and the Port leadership is the best way to move forward in a way that serves the needs of the community as a whole. If the Port and the cities work closely together we can have a significant impact on our local economy and quality of life.

Port of Garibaldi Commissioner Pos. 2



Joe Watkins
63 years old

Occupation: Retired fish hatchery manager Nehalem and Trask River Hatcheries, Currently a guide and commercial fisherman. Past sheet metal worker local 16, Deckhand F/V Francis Lee, Kodiak Ak. Deck hand on a tug boat Columbia river. Volunteer

firefighter at Nestucca, Devils Lake, Jefferson County Fire District #1 and Hamlet FD. Past board member Nestucca Fire Protection Dist. and Lower Nehalem Watershed Council. Presently on the Tillamook Fisherman's Advisory Committee and a Technical Advisor for the Oregon Anglers Alliance.

Education: A.S. MHCC Fisheries Technology, Various Fire Science and EMS training courses. Various state management training courses. Board member training while on the Fire board at Nestucca Fire Protection District. Master Mate 100 Ton Maritime Science Clatsop Community College.

Family: Married to my wife Karla for 30 years, we have two boys and two girls

and 12 grandchildren. We also care for my 91-year-old mother.

Why are you running for Port of Garibaldi Commissioner, position 2?

I am running for the Port of Garibaldi Commissioner position 2 for a couple of reasons. The first reason is that I was asked to run by some fisherman who wanted to be better represented. The second reason is that I want to give the patrons of the Port of Garibaldi a choice. I feel the Port does an outstanding job of taking care of the port but can use more in-site as to the effect their decisions have for port users. I feel the people's money should be guarded and appropriately spent. I also feel government entities should never be intrusive into and

individual's business and that the health of any community is based upon the health of the businesses within the community. When people are productively working and earning, they generally feel better about themselves. The Port should actively help business within the port to succeed.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?

It is the people's choice to determine who is the best candidate. For me to say I am the best candidate is arrogant and I am not that guy. I am an analytical thinker. I will never vote in favor of a motion unless I am convinced it is to the benefit of the patron of the port. The patron of the port should always receive the big-

gest bag for the buck. I will not vote in favor of a motion that I see as an infringement on a person's rights nor will I vote in favor of a motion that benefits a member of the board, port employee or family of either unless it benefits the patrons of the port, the port and businesses that depend on the port. I will always represent the port owners who are the people first and foremost.

What is the port's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?

The port's biggest challenge is the eroding South Jetty. And the sediment load within the navigation channels and lack of room to grow. To secure federal funding for the South Jetty we need to be able to show strong commerce.

The best way to compete for jetty maintenance dollars is to be able to demonstrate import and export of goods and service across the Tillamook Bay Bar. For that we need to have the infrastructure to accommodate marine transportation.

What we need currently are State and Federal representatives who are willing to make funding the repair of the Tillamook Bay North Jetty a priority. Federal funding was secured for jetty maintenance in Oregon recently but it looks like that money will be spent on the Central coast South. Meanwhile our jetty continues to erode and endanger mariners. I will aggressively pursue getting funding for Tillamook Bay jetty repair.

Port of Garibaldi Commissioner Pos. 2



John Luquette
52 years old

Occupation: I have been the Information Technology Manager at Tillamook People's Utility District since 2003. I currently have responsibility for all information technology, facilities, warehouse operations, hazardous waste, and capital construc-

tion projects. In addition, I am currently the business manager and budget officer for Tillamook Lightwave, which provides fiber optic internet access to businesses within Tillamook County.

Education: Originally from Astoria, Oregon, after graduation from Astoria High School I joined the U.S. Army and served for 4 years as a Patriot Missile System Mechanic. After my honorable discharge, I earned a degree in Electronics Engineering whereas I then pursued a career in the high-tech field, which eventually led me to my current employment at Tillamook People's Utility District.

Family: I have been married for over 20 years to my wife Heidi, and we have two children that attend school in the Neahkahnie School

District.

Why are you running for Port of Garibaldi Commissioner, position 2?

I am running for reelection because I continue to believe a strong Port and the infrastructure it supports is a driver of our local economy. Key to this is support of the fisheries and seafood industry and recreational fishing activities by maintaining the jetties, harbor, and Port owned properties. Serving in the community and being a part of the positive work happening within the Port District is important to me. I am proud of the work that has been accomplished during the past decade. Some of this work includes new restaurants, repairs to Commercial Avenue and the RV park, the addition of an event tent that supports community

events like the Night Market, Crave the Coast, and live events. This work was accomplished by current and past Port Commissioners and all Port staff. I hope to keep this positive momentum that the Port has going by being reelected.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?

The value that I bring to the Commission is that I am an individual that looks at Port issues with an outside view and I add an analytical approach to the work of the Commission. My technical experience, project management skills, and my knowledge of intergovernmental relations provides insight to inform decision making. An example was providing initial technical recommendations into the

installation of wireless broadband and security surveillance across Port properties. Another example was supporting grant writing for a state grant through the Oregon Business Development Department to bring fiber optic internet connectivity to the Port property in 2018. I have traveled to Washington DC on behalf of the Port to meet with legislators to lobby for funding of Port projects. The view point I bring to the Commission is as a community member dedicated to meeting the needs of the district.

What is the port's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?

One of the Port's challenges is how to deal with growth and remain an authentic fishing port at the same time. As businesses

seek to expand, and additional activities are held, it is critical that both the Port and City of Garibaldi work together along with state officials to deal with issues such as traffic and parking. Critical Port infrastructure needs to be held as the highest priority. Jetty repair and dredging are needed to keep the Port an active player on the West Coast when it comes to the crabbing and fishing fleet. Without the fleet, Garibaldi would become just another coastal town that people drive through. Tillamook County residents and tourist driving by need to know that some of the freshest local caught seafood can be purchased by just turning onto Port property and stopping at one of the many seafood retailers.

Port of Garibaldi Commissioner Pos. 4



Valerie Folkema

daughters in law and four grandchildren.

Why are you running for Port of Garibaldi Commissioner, position 4?

It's my privilege to serve on the Port of Garibaldi Commission. I consider my time and dedication to the Port District and our citizens both extremely important and the best public service work I've ever done.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?

I have had the honor to serve on many (not a complete list) boards, committees and councils:

Bay City budget committee, Tillamook County Planning Commission, Northwest Oregon Eco-

nomics Alliance, Garibaldi budget committee & Urban Renewal Agency, Visit Tillamook Coast, Tillamook Estuary Partnership and the Tillamook Bay Community College Foundation Board. I served as executive director for the Economic Development Council of Tillamook County from 1995-2002. My experience as an elected Commissioner and professional education serves me well as I advocate for resources and capital on behalf of the Port of Garibaldi district and citizens.

As a Port Commissioner, I have been instrumental in bringing over 40 million to the Port in capital improvements for the Tillamook Bay Jetty system, seawalls

and the restoration of Commercial Ave located in the harbor. The Port continues with these efforts resulting in nearly 12 million for the North Jetty root system. Currently, the Port and United States Army Corp of Engineers are setting the stage for the South Jetty restoration and repair.

I have been a leader and proponent in bringing the Farm to Table concept to our fishing fleet: Boat to Table. There are many exquisite people in our county working on this effort with the Port, commonly referred to as the Tillamook Food Hub and Fish Biz. I continue to be active in the Port's efforts supporting small business in their efforts

to grow and create family wage job opportunities for our community.

What is the port's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?

The Port is working in cooperation with the city of Garibaldi to complete the Commercial Ave project and seawall/roadbed funding. I believe in the work of the Port and am committed to building collaboration and productive relationships with our local, state and federal partners as we continue to address infrastructure, economic diversity and long term sustainability. These relationships are key to receiving attention and resources for the future of the Port's Vision

and Capital Improvement Plans. The Port's web site is an excellent place to view these plans.

I hope to receive your support and your vote in May. I believe my work on behalf of the Port of Garibaldi will continue to result in both the restoration of existing infrastructure and in new business development insuring the future of the Port district and its citizens. I am dedicated to that outcome.

I believe I am the best candidate to accomplish these goals. I hope you will join me over the next few years as I continue to work towards the vision and responsibilities a port district is charged with.

**Cindy Oswald
62 years old**

Occupation: Owner of Twins Ranch LLC, Catering, Custom event planning, Family Covered Wagon and Tent Camping, Pet Grooming, Rail Riders Tillamook

Education: Retail Management, School District Administration, Vet Tech, Food Service Management

Family: Husband- Larry Oswald, Children- Angelia, Lisa, Joseph, Grand Children, Charles, Robert, Hailey, Connor, Porter, Zowie

Why are you running for Port of Garibaldi Commissioner, position 4?

I understand the challenge here on the coast with tourism and business on a seasonal basis and I believe I can help. I have years of experience building good

business and promoting outstanding customer service

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?

I understand business and customer service. I am organized and committed to improve conditions at the

port. I live right here and will continue to support our local business and activities.

What is the port's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?

Continue to work on the Ports vision and goals, find funding and support for

business and activities. Find new ways to partner with the city and others to promote events after the shutdowns due to the pandemic and continue to develop and implement new programs opportunities I believe will help the Port in the future.

Mid-County Recreation District Pos. 3



Larry Oswald

Occupation: Currently owner operator of Twins

Ranch LLC and retired from State of Oregon Parks and Recreation.

Education: I have a BS in business management, with a CPRP Certified park and recreation professional with the National Recreation and Park Association and Regent Emeritus and past chair of the Pacific Southwest Maintenance School.

Family: I live in Tillamook. My family and I moved here in 2007 and began at Nehalem Bay State Park.

Why are you running for Mid-County Recreation

District Director, position 3?

It has been my honor to serve as chair of the development committee to form the district and develop a plan to move forward to the next level.

This new Mid County Park and Recreation District will help build relationships with current organizations, look to fill the gaps in community, recreation and sports programs. Help identify needs for all age groups and bring organizations together to share, develop and build more recreation, sports and

healthy living opportunities for Tillamook and the County.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?

From 1991-2018 I have over thirty years experience as a Parks and Recreational professional working for world-class organizations such as The City of Henderson, and Clark County in Nevada. My focus has been park construction, maintenance, planning and development, park administration, and recreation program development

and coordination.

I have helped build relationships between agencies, open schools, boys and girls clubs, goodwill, city, county and state agencies.

I have a BS in business management, with a CPRP Certified park and recreation professional with the National Recreation and Park Association and Regent Emeritus and past chair of the Pacific Southwest Maintenance School; I have a balance of public and private work experience. I know how government works and I know how to make

government work better and be more accountable. I am currently serving on the Tillamook County Planning Commission.

I have achieved agency accreditation with The City of Henderson and Clark County Nevada through the NRPA.

I believe I have the background, experience and ability to reach out to our citizens and organizations with the idea to grow our programming to meet the needs of our community.

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Pami Boomer
37 years old

Occupation: Office Administrator, Port of Tillamook Bay

Education: One Year of College and additional training

Family: Married 14 years with 4 children

Why are you running

for Mid-County Recreation District Director, position 3?

I am running for the Mid-county Recreation District position 3 because I am very passionate about getting people out and moving and providing activities for everyone in our county. I have wanted to volunteer my time for a while now and feel like

this is the perfect position for my experience.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?

I am experienced with grant management and special districts. I have also experienced sports in Tillamook as a player, parent and coach. My family also enjoys the outdoor experi-

ences Tillamook county has and are excited for new opportunities.

What is the district's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?

The districts biggest challenge is funding. I am excited to bring my accounting and grant background to look for ways to fund our district.

Read the Voters Guide online tillamook-headlight-herald.com

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Supporting Andrea Goss

I am supporting Andrea Goss for the Tillamook Board of Education Position #1 and here is why I am asking you to do so as well. I have had the privilege of working with Andrea on several community projects over the last five years. Not only is her enthusiasm and dedication a joy to work with but it shows her passion for our community. Andrea has been an active Tillamook citizen for 20 years. Her experience of being on other boards is apparent in her ability to bring others together, being an active volunteer in the community awarded her a nominee position for volunteer citizen of the year in Tillamook displays her commitment to this community but also her ability to be a leader, to be a bridge when needed and dedication to seeing that the job gets done.

Andrea has been an active member, as well as President, for our local AAUW, American Association of University Women, for 17 years to support education for women in our community, helping raise countless dollars for scholarships. All so local young women can follow their dreams and pursuits of furthering their education and obtaining a degree. Andrea has diligently volunteered with CASA for 12 years,

servicing and advocating for our youth to support their educational needs.

Voting for Andrea is a vote for knowing she will listen to your concerns, be an advocate for your child in their educational needs as well as entrusting her to the Mission of this school board.

*Jan Boal RN
Beaver*

Manderson, Troxel, and Coon for Tillamook School Board

The Tillamook School Board is in an unprecedented situation. With the May special election approaching, 4 out of 5 school board positions are up for grabs.

Eva Manderson, Nick Troxel, and LaDonna Coon are the current school board members running for re-election, and they have done a remarkable job in their roles during this year of pandemic, wildfires, and social unrest. School districts from around the state have made calls to our district asking how we were able to get kids back to in-person school so quickly and safely. Our district has set the bar for others and is leading by example. We are on the right track, and replacing school board leadership en masse is not the right move for our kids or our commu-

nity. At the recent AAUW forum, each candidate (in attendance) running to unseat a sitting school board member agreed with the current board's goals. They also agreed that the existing school board is heading in the right direction. Our kids and our teachers need consistency, now more than ever. Vote for Manderson, Troxel, and Coon to keep strong and experienced leadership in place.

*Nikki Brown
Tillamook*

Bloom for NCRD board

I am endorsing Jack Bloom for North County Recreation District (NCRD) Board. Jack is a long-time district volunteer and 10-year member of the NCRD Board. He has been instrumental in decisions that have improved the facility. His vision and vigorous advocacy have helped create an environment supportive of administrative and program staff as they have improved and expanded NCRD services for all residents of the district.

During Jack's tenure, much-needed maintenance and expansion of NCRD facilities has been undertaken, including the Performing Arts Center (PAC) refurbishment. The PAC has become the center point for live performance in the north Tillamook

County area and attracts quality performers from all over the country.

Other improvements to NCRD facilities advocated by Jack and accomplished over the past few years include:

- Renovation of the upper parking area in front of the building
- New covered entryway with ADA accessibility ramp
- Parking lot lighting with a grant from PUD
- Complete remodel of the kitchen including a new floor, cabinets, and appliances
- Construction of the Pickleball courts adjacent to 7th St.
- Welcome Center lobby with ADA restrooms

Now, after many years of dedication, hard work, planning and saving, NCRD is poised to construct a new aquatics facility. Jack has been vitally involved with this project for years. Working with other Board members and NCRD staff, Jack has helped devise and successfully execute a plan for financing the new pool project. He is currently working closely with the design team to move

*Wallace Burton
Nehalem*

Spring also means political sign season

I love Spring! With it

comes the migration of birds gone for the Winter back into our area to be enjoyed by us all. One of my favorite species is what I call the Politicos.

The Politicos begin showing up in early April on election years. You can find the largest flock roosting in Don Averill's field on Hwy 101 coming into Tillamook. What makes this species so interesting is that no two are alike. They come in all different colors, sizes and shapes. Some even feature a human face.

Next, we see the Politicos spreading out into other areas of our community, nesting in private yards, business windows/fences and farmer's fields. This is a very informational and entertaining thing. I get especially tickled when I see Politicos for opposing candidates residing in the same place. I guess not all households agree and/or businesses don't want to take sides.

One thing I have seen though, is that even though the Politicos don't look the same, most have the same character trait of a commitment to follow the rules. I have seen numerous signs illegally posted on highway right of ways, propped up against city traffic signs, and I even saw one today nailed to a PUD power pole. My response to this is, whether a candidate myself or just a voter, has always held the

belief that is someone can't be trusted in the little things, they can't be trusted in the big things.

I want to give a shout out to all those candidates, including my challenger, Mary B. Johnson, who have the integrity to put their signs where they have been given permission and followed the rules.

*Chris Kell, Candidate
Tillamook County Transportation
District, Board Position #5*

Support Hogan-Heimerl

We are writing to share our support of Becky Hogan-Heimerl's candidacy to serve on the Tillamook School Board position 2. We have known and worked with Becky for most of her life, and are extremely excited and supportive of her interest in this important work. Over the years, we watched her grow up and watched her be successful at everything she set her mind to accomplish.

Becky is very community minded and believes in education and serving others. She is thoughtful, considerate, a great listener, and has the skills to work through processes in the public arena. Becky is a dedicated volun-

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teer 4-H leader and shares her passion and knowledge with many youth throughout our County. Often people underestimate the challenge of being successful working on public issues, but Becky understands this is challenging, but more importantly she brings the skills, determination and work ethic to be highly successful.

Becky has four children and is a devoted parent, and we believe she will serve all of us well as a school board member. We are very proud to support Becky for the Tillamook School Board position 2.

Please remember to VOTE, every voice matters!

*Troy & Lisa Downing
Tillamook*

Support Mike Gardner for TSD9 board

I am asking people in the Tillamook School District (to vote for Mike Gardner, for position #5. Mike has been on the TPUD board for two years and in that time I have come to appreciate his knowledge, his ability to ask questions and how he applies his understanding to the issues we face.

I taught at THS for 27 years in the areas of Sociology, Journalism,

Government and Economics. With my background, I have learned to appreciate people that have learned to ask questions. Mike has the ability to ask the difficult questions when others may be afraid to make a stand.

Education seems to be at a crossroad. Parents need to get more involved in our educational opportunities and to support the right kind of curriculum.

As a parent, do you ask questions? As a citizen, do you ask questions? Mike does and he will ask those questions for you. He is open and alert and he sees the big

picture of what is happening in k-12.

As a board member of the TPUD, Mike will make that stand that needs to be made and he will represent the citizens of district #5. His background in education gives him the insights that are needed to keep our students competitive, encouraged and successful. Please vote for Mike Gardner position 5. God bless and thank you.

*Harry Hewitt
Tillamook*

I support Hogan-Heimerl for TSD9 school board

I am writing this as a letter of recommendation on behalf of Becky Hogan-Heimerl, a candidate for Position 2 of the Tillamook School Board. I have had the good fortune of being a life-long friend of Becky's. She is a respected member of our community who is trustworthy, honest and kind. As a mom of children who attend Tillamook School District #9, I can't think of anyone I would rather have representing my family, as well as the faculty and staff of our district.

It is extremely important to carefully choose school board members. Becky is very passionate about the education of students, along with ensuring faculty and staff feel valued. She works diligently to make our children's lives more enriched. From volunteering in the schools, to starting a cloverbud 4-H club, sitting on committees and working behind the scenes to help those in need, Becky stops at nothing to give back to her community.

I have watched Becky in leadership rolls through high school, college and now our professional years. She leads with a balanced and fair approach. She does what is right and will make the hard decisions. Becky will value our traditions, while striving

for excellence.

Becky and her husband have four young children and as such, has a vested interest in the success of our students as they move through the schools of district #9. Becky will bring many positive attributes to the school board. She will be an amazing asset to the boards many duties. Her willingness to lead a life of service is second to none. It is without any reservations that I recommend Becky for Position 2 of the Tillamook School Board.

Sincerely,
*Freyne Seaholm-Lancaster
Tillamook*

Vote for Johnson for TCTD board

Please vote for Mary Johnson, who is running for Position 5 for the Tillamook County Transportation District's Board of Directors. As an avid public transportation user, she relied solely on interconnected public transportation systems while in college and as she worked and traveled nationally and internationally. She found that a lack of reliable public transportation can be a huge obstacle to obtaining basic needs such as health care, employment, and nutritious food. She worked in the legal field for many years, and her experience in careful listening, viewing issues from different perspectives, and researching solutions to difficult problems will enable her to be a dynamic and effective board member. She supports enhancing our transit system so that all of our residents can access employment, education, shopping, medical services, and recreation within Tillamook County, as well as have access to the Willamette Valley and other coastal communities.

Mary is a person willing to bring some fresh views. Please join me and vote for Mary! Her opponent is not a public transit user. As a past

GM of the TCTD I can tell you that Mary will help to invigorate this Board, bring some stability to the Medicaid ride program, and continue to help improve the Tillamook County public transportation system.

Sincerely,

*Matt Mumford
Tillamook*

As a Tillamook School Board member for 10 years, and Board Chair for the last 2 years, I wanted to share my first-hand experience working with Eva Manderson and Nick Troxel. Both of these Board Members deserve to be reelected in May.

With 7 years of Board experience, Eva brings a quiet and steady leadership to the Board. Her expertise in Early Childhood Education is invaluable as we serve our youngest students. Eva asks questions and digs deeper to get to the heart of issues. Eva directed the recruitment process for current Superintendent Curt Shelley, one of the Board's primary responsibilities. Curt has demonstrated that he is a strong and kind leader over the last difficult year and has made decisions based on scientific data and a regard for students and staff. Because Eva said, "I want to know more", we have a Statewide Executive leader at the helm of our District.

I have known Nick Troxel through Rotary for 12 years. He's been a School Board member for the last 3 years. Nick has taken a leadership role in the Superintendent annual evaluation process and also was a part of the District committee who reviewed all of our District Policies in preparation for them to be available online. That's dedication. I know Nick to be ethical, fair, thoughtful and he brings a Safety expertise to the Board that makes our schools stronger. Nick cares for students and understands the bigger challenges our community faces. He's

someone you would want on your team or beside you in the trenches.

One of the things I enjoy the most about School Board service is the opportunity to learn something new every day. Our leaders consider a variety of complex decisions daily. These include financial resource management, student achievement, employee recruitment and retention, professional development, technology, curriculum, safety, and communication. Meeting the needs of all students in our District is always a challenge and doing it during a pandemic has required our leaders to demonstrate courage, resiliency and compassion. As Board members, we need to stay aware of the fact that schools are a foundation in our community and that decisions affect students, families and business owners. We provide support for our school leaders in these decision-making processes

TSD9 has led Tillamook County in getting kids back to school, all the while balancing the variety of interests in every decision. I'm thankful for the work that all our employees and specifically Superintendent Shelley do on a daily basis. The path ahead of us continues to pose challenges and I urge you to consider experience and the steep learning curve ahead for new Board members as you cast your vote. This position requires commitment, an open mind, confidentiality and an ability to think bigger – at the policy level. It requires an ability to develop relationships with a variety of people and to listen to viewpoints which may differ from our own. Eva and Nick are solid contributors who have earned my vote.

*Kris Lachenmeier
Tillamook*

I am Nick I am running for TSD9 board

My name is Nick Troxel and I am a current TSD9 school board member. I am rerunning for Tillamook School Board position number five. I am a firm believer in public schools and have fond memories of that time in my life. Our schools, our systems and our children are not the same as they were when I was in school, and that's okay. With that being said, I know it's important to look through the lens of Kids 1st and doing what's right for our children. We want to meet our children where they are to provide the best educational experience for them.

I am a husband, father, son, brother and friend to many. I first moved to Tillamook in June of 2000 working for the Oregon State Police. I began work for the City of Tillamook as a Police

Officer in 2003. I have made Tillamook my home ever since. I am married, have two children who are current students in the Tillamook School District.

I have served this community through my dedicated work with the City, Elks Lodge, Rotary Club, helping Hands Reentry as a Board Member and as a TSD9 School Board member.

I have a passion for service above self and am asking for your Vote to continue in my school board service. This is a time for consistency not inconsistency within our school board. Being a school board member is a tough volunteer job with a steep learning curve.

I am professionally passionate about my School Board service. I have not accepted money for this campaign and I am not accepting campaign contributions. If

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you support me please tell your friends and family to vote for me. I fundamentally can't spend money on a non-partisan,

nonpolitical, volunteer board role. We have children within our district who are suffering clothing, food and shelter instability. If you feel the need to donate money, I would encourage

you to consider donating to a school, school food bank, or other local charity such as CARE or

Helping Hands to help our children directly.

When you vote for me, you will be voting for professionalism, experience, a person who knows

the role of the board member, a proven track record of leadership in challenging times, and an

understanding of the complicated educational funding system. Please, Vote for Nick Troxel,

TSD9 school board position number five. Let's keep Kids 1st!

Remember, Kids 1st! when casting your vote for school board members during this May

Election. I am available for further conversations through my Facebook page, email (nick.troxel@icloud.com) or phone 503-664-0297.

*Nick Troxel
Tillamook*

I support Goss for school board

I am writing to express my strong support for Andrea Goss in her campaign for Tillamook School Board Position #1. I have witnessed Andrea's dedication to the well-being and education of our community's youth in a multitude of ways. I have had the honor of working alongside Andrea on several fundraisers created to raise scholarship funds for local high school students and have witnessed her 15 years of

servicing our youth as a CASA volunteer (Court Appointed Special Advocate) supporting youth who have been placed in the foster care system.

Having myself served as a manager of a local non-profit for 15 years I also have worked directly under Andrea's Board of Director supervision of my position. I found Andrea to be a fully committed, responsible, engaged, creative and compassionate leader. Andrea asked important questions regarding the many decisions organizations must make, including those issues related to financial and budgeting planning.

A vote for Andrea Goss will truly be a vote for our children and our schools. Andrea is a tireless advocate for the well-being of our community and especially for our children.

Please join me in voting for Andrea Goss for Tillamook School Board Position #1.

*Kathleen Marvin
Tillamook*

Elect Frankie Knight to NCRD Board

I retired as Executive Director in January. I am doing a small amount of temporary work for NCRD as a private contractor, but I write as a private citizen.

Frankie Knight III was appointed to the board in July of 2019 to fill a vacancy. He offers a rare and uniquely beneficial perspective to the board for a number of important reasons. As a youth he learned to swim at NCRD's pool. He participated in children's theatre in the auditorium (PAC) and socializing at the youth teen center. As an adult he volunteered in the fitness center and played softball at Rex Champ Field. He still swims regularly in the pool and has utilized it for water rescue training as a member of Ne-

halem Bay Fire & Rescue. He was appointed to the NCRD budget committee in 2018.

As a board member he demonstrated his professionalism with excellent listening skills and a thirst for details. He would consistently engage in appropriate research into decisions and ask probing questions. When he offered opinions on various courses of action his input was always met with serious consideration and he effectively influenced positive dialogue leading to consensus. He has a mature, problem-solving approach always respectful of the perspectives of others. He has a comprehensive understanding of the north county community. These are the kinds of skills, and temperament, so critical for a member of a board of directors. His background and experience have clearly prepared him for this kind of service in a complex and vital organization such as NCRD.

I was particularly pleased when the board brought him on in 2019 because I view him as someone who will help guide NCRD for many years into the future. His extended family history here goes back a long time, and he is invested in preserving the community benefits of NCRD for his young family. We are very fortunate to have Frankie willing to serve, and we absolutely should elect him.

*David Wiegand
Nehalem*

Vote Goss for school board

I'm asking the Voters in the Tillamook School District to support Andrea Goss for our School Board. Given all the disturbing things occurring in Education right now, it's imperative that we pay closer attention to what's going on in Salem as it affects our kids locally.

Andrea brings what seems

lost all too often in elected officials, Common Sense. Her lifelong commitment to public service has currently found Andrea as a part-time Victim's Advocate here in the DA's Office. She cares about the kids and has no extreme agenda.

*William B Porter
Tillamook*

Re-Elect Jack Bloom for NCRD Board

I am the former Executive Director of NCRD. I still do a little temporary work for NCD as a private contractor, but I write as a private citizen.

John (Jack) Bloom served as board chair during my four years there. Over the years I have served as executive for five different boards, and Jack Bloom is at the top of the list for his vast knowledge, skills, experience, integrity, and dedication to NCRD. During Jack's tenure as board chair, NCRD completed restoration of the performing arts center; the addition of an ADA restroom; restoration of Rex Champ Field; complete remodel of the Fitness Center and community center rooms; completely new upper parking lot; four pickleball courts; adding emergency child care in the Youth Center; construction now underway of ADA restrooms and a lobby for the performing arts center; passing the operations levy with a 71% "yes" vote; and many others. Most recently Jack was instrumental in helping to secure the funding needed to replace the 90 year old swimming pool, (a goal for the past 20 years!) and the construction plans are already in progress. The new pool will be completely ADA accessible, a huge improvement over the old pool.

Jack's professional experience is always immediately evident, which includes serving as a Navy helicopter pilot, banker, and many high level positions within the Defense Department. As just one

example, he served as Senior Watch Officer for the Chief of Naval Operations.

In smaller communities people tend to decide to run for board positions for a variety of reasons. The most dangerous reason is having a personal agenda, or a desire for public grandstanding, rather than the long term health and mission of the organization in question.

I have had quite a few experiences with Jack's opponent and I have yet to see evidence of the kinds of professional experience or temperament that, in my professional opinion, would serve NCRD well.

The next two years will be critical as work gets started on the new swimming pool. Please vote to continue NCRD's success, and re-elect Jack Bloom.

*David Wiegand
Nehalem*

In response to the post by Julianne Johnson:

With all due respect : You have to be kidding!

First you acknowledge that Jack Bloom has done an exemplary job in helping to guide the NCRD for the past 8 years and now you want to "throw him under the bus".

But wait a minute: you want Jack to continue in a non-board position to guide the development and completion of the pool. Why would anyone do such a thing? Even suggesting such a situation is ludicrous and demeaning to Jack and everyone who has watched Jack's guidance and dedication to NCRD over the last 8 years.

There is a group of people in our community who keep alluding to how NCRD is not responsive to the whims of a select few in the community. However, not one person has enumerated what areas the Board of NCRD has NOT

responded to.

Jack Bloom has put in tireless hours into bringing NCRD into a very stable financial situation and is fulfilling many of the needs of our community.

If there are areas that certain individuals would like to be addressed by the Board bring them to the attention of the Board at one of their open meetings.

To "throw the baby out with the bath water" is not a solution.

NCRD needs Jack to continue in his position and complete the programs which he has instituted.

*Anthony Vinciguerra
Nehalem*

Bloom for NCRD board

My name is Burt Went. Patty and I have lived in Manzanita for over 20 years. We would like to urge you to vote for John (Jack) Bloom for Position #5 on the North County Recreation District (NCRD) Board of Directors. Jack is in his second term on the Board, now serving as Board Chairman. During his time on the Board his vision has been the maintenance, improvement and expansion of NCRD facilities to better serve the members of our diverse community. And, importantly, NCRD has achieved financial stability as evidenced by its A+ credit rating.

Jack is a known quantity with a well known excellent record. We believe he will continue to work with the Board and staff for a better NCRD for everyone. Please vote for Jack Bloom on your ballot for NCRD Board Position #5.

*Burt and Patty Went
Manzanita*

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Goss for TSD school board

I have known Andrea Goss for several years and she has always acted with high ethical and integrity standards. If chosen, Andrea will serve the Tillamook School Board very well.

Sincerely,

*Elisabet Wilkerson
Tillamook*

Vote for Mike Gardner TSD9 Pos. 5

Mike and I first met each other my senior year of high school when he became my teacher at Wilson River School. My grades were bad and I was hardly on track to graduate to say the least. As the year went on, my attitude and attendance had gone from bad to worse. I could tell that I was a complete pain in Mike's butt, but he was a thorn in my butt too. Mike was not going to let me give up on myself.

He had a way of challenging me to get my work done. I always said that I was going to join the Marines, and that was how Mike got to me. If I was slacking or not doing the right thing, he would remind me that if I didn't pull it together I wouldn't be going in the Marines at all. One of the many lessons I learned in his class was that my actions have consequences and I wasn't going to pull a fast one on him. I could tell he cared and saw something in my that many other teachers did not. This pushed me to do better. These attributes are what makes him a perfect candidate for the school board.

If Mike would have just given up on me like so many other teachers had through the years, I could say for certain I would not be where I am today. With his guidance and tough love attitude I was

able to pull myself together to graduate. Then I was able to fulfill my childhood dream of becoming an infantry Marine. Being able to do that has molded me into the man I am today, raising a family here in Tillamook. As a father with children in the school system, I trust Mike to represent us in the decision making for our children's education.

*Elijah Arvin
Tillamook*

Eva for education

We are very happy to take this opportunity to show our support to Eva Manderson, as she is running for re-election for Tillamook School District Board position 3. The three of us have worked together under Eva's leadership in the past at Tillamook Early Learning Center (Former Tillamook Bay Child Care Center) and one of us is currently working with Eva at Northwest Regional Child Resource and Referral.

It has always been clear to us that Eva's main concern is that all children get an equal chance at education and all families get the support they need. Her vision and hard work have been instrumental in making positive changes for children, from Infants and

Toddlers to seniors in high school. We really believe that thanks to Eva, Early Childhood Education in our community finally got the recognition and the respect it deserved.

Eva is accepting of all people, of all backgrounds, and of all cultures, whether it is country culture or family culture.

Eva has done a remarkable job as a Tillamook School District Board Member and it only makes sense to say that she definitely is the right person for the position and that she is running for re-election for the right reasons.

We are fully supporting Eva Manderson for position 3 and we strongly encourage

our community to do the same.

*Marichona Brassfield
Tiffany Bofill
Eve Josi
Tillamook*

Bloom for NCRD board ... stay the course

We need incumbent Jack Boom on the North County Recreation District Board of Directors. He is our go to member on the new pool construction project that includes bond and funding. This is not the time to change board members. Jack has been on the point on all the improvements we have made. The parking lot and the enter way remodel, the renovation of the theater, and the new theater lobby with ADA restroom, are just some to mention.

I can understand that some of you want to change the board members, and that is what democracy is all about, BUT PLEASE NOT THIS YEAR.

So please join me and vote for Jack Bloom for North County Recreation District Board Position #5

*Wally Burton
Nehalem*

Goss for children

Andrea Goss cares about the children of Tillamook County. She has volunteered for 15 years as a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) giving a voice to abused and neglected children in court. She has given out scholarships to college bound youth through AAUW, the Kiwanis Club, and the Master Gardener's Committee. Andrea wants to broaden the opportunities for all our children with a seat on the Tillamook School Board, Position 1.

Andrea listens to challenges faced by children and educators alike. She comes

up with solutions based on their best ideas for what would serve them best. She has been a tireless advocate for providing our children and teachers with the best resources to meet their needs. As her supervisor at CASA, I have seen Andrea stand by and stand up for her assigned CASA child.

Everyone who knows Andrea is impressed with her ability to dedicate herself and commit to making things better for children. We need Andrea's breadth of experience and her ability to listen with an open mind to find solutions that better our children's futures. Please vote for Andrea Goss for Position 1 on the Tillamook School Board.

*Vanessa Genens
Tillamook*

I support Eva Manderson for TSD 9 school board

My vote is in support of Eva Manderson for Tillamook School District Board position 3. I began working with Eva in 2008 as she began her tenure as Director of the Tillamook Early Learning Center (TELC). A hasty exit from the previous administration helped place TELC at risk of closing due to regulatory and financial barriers. Eva stepped up to ensure the children continued to thrive in the classroom. I joined the TELC board at a meeting Eva held to explain the path forward. While she spoke of the challenges, the Center faced, primarily she listened to the concerned families, their needs for affordable care, their desires for quality education, the lack of other opportunities if the doors closed. Her calm and balanced responses placed children at the forefront of hard questions about problems that do not have clear answers.

Eva has a keen ability to

coordinate stakeholders and engage community resources to improve the learning environment. Over seven years, I worked directly with Eva while she spearheaded the writing, execution, and reporting of; local, state, and federal grant programs. She raised the bar at TELC for students and teachers by working with community leaders and state regulators to develop and implement early childhood curriculum to improve educational outcomes. Since leaving TELC, I have continued to enjoy working with Eva on youth programs; her involvement leads to better results. For all thirteen years I have known Eva, she has continued to guide our community towards positive experiences for our children. I believe Eva can correctly balance the demands of children, teachers, politics, regulation, and finance. Eva Manderson is the right choice for Tillamook School District Board position 3.

*Bill Gerken
Tillamook*

Vote for the incumbents for TSD9 school board

Something's happening here. What it is – not exactly clear. It's been a difficult year for many parents, students and teachers with a deadly pandemic and online learning, but with the guidance of our superintendent and school board members, we have safely return to face-to-face learning. I want to thank them for keeping our children safe in the face of what must have been extreme pressure by those frustrated by state mandates.

Certainly there have been disappointments as normal activities were put on hold: prom, charity drive, outdoor school, sports and others, but this pandemic isn't forever and the health of our children, school staff and commu-

nity should not be measured against traditions.

This is why we support the incumbents whose good judgment and common sense of seeing us through. Eva Manderson, LaDonna Coon, Nick Troxel, and I know that's why I'm going back Andrea Goss are our choices. Your vote matters and this one may be more important than the usual school board election. Check out the candidates. We hope you will agree that there is no substitute for experience and no reason to fix what isn't broken.

*Patti Brown
Lyndall Bongiorno
Kathryn Christensen
April Petersen
Jerry Thompson
Tillamook*

Andrea Goss for school board

I am confident Andrea Goss will be an outstanding board member for Tillamook School District 9. It was a pleasure for me to work with Andrea on the Board of Directors for "Tides of Change" and as volunteers together for the Warming Center. Andrea is a positive, energetic person who has a strong work ethic and is always willing to join with others to reach consensus and achieve goals on any project. She is intelligent, loyal, kind and always a good listener.

As a Board Member she regularly volunteered for different committee roles, from being the Board Secretary to volunteering with others in re-writing program changes. She helped with community outreach and was committed to the very important and time consuming process of selecting and hiring a new Director for Changing Tides. Her work with CARE's Warming Center demonstrated willingness to give her time when the call came to

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help open the center for community members who were experiencing homelessness.

I will be voting for Andrea and I hope you will to.

*Paul J Hernandez
Tillamook*

My vote is to re-elect Eva Manderson

Having just completed serving 13 years on the Tillamook School District Board of Directors I walked away feeling sure that our community and the kids we serve are in great hands. During my tenure on the board our district has been faced with great challenges. During all of those challenges including the pandemic that we are faced with now, our entire district has rallied to be better and stronger and do what is best for our kids. As you consider who is the best candidate for the Board Position 3 I strongly urge you to re-elect Eva Manderson.

Eva has been through many of the toughest challenges within our district. She was the board chair during the recruitment and hiring of a new superintendent and led our board fearlessly during that lengthy and many times unpopular activity. With her leadership and that of the other board members we have a great superintendent leading the management of our district.

What Eva brings to the district which the other candidates cannot is her expertise in early childhood education. Her work with our early learners in Tillamook County provides the rest of the board and district an understanding of the critical work needed to improve the preparation that our youngest learners need to be successful in our schools. She works in multiple local, county and state level consortiums specific to our early childhood education needs. With that knowledge and leadership I can't think of

anyone more qualified to be on the Tillamook School Board.

*Dave Hollandsworth
past TSD9 Board Member*

Keep the current school board members ... vote for incumbents

Public education is one of the foundations of a democracy. Every young person should be taught the skills to meet our world's challenges. Our children, regardless of religion, race or socioeconomic background must be equipped to understand and succeed in today's world.

I believe that our dedicated district employees under the able leadership of Superintendent Curt Shelley and guidance of our school board have worked to that end, balancing our students' health and education in this most difficult of times.

I encourage you to re-elect these dedicated incumbent school board members: LaDonna Coon, Eva Manderson and Detective Nick Troxel, because they have served our community by putting our children first.

*Laurie Lamb
Tillamook*

Jesse Werner for School Board Position #3

Hello citizens of School District #9! I am a 1966 graduate of Tillamook High School and a lifetime resident of Tillamook County. I was noticing all of the candidates running for the District #9 School Board and one candidate made me smile and warmed this "old guys" heart! Jesse Werner is a person I have known his entire life and have watched him graduate, get married, raise his family, work hard for his employers and now he wants to give that same dedication and work ethic and integrity

to maintain our schools to the same high caliber they have always been! Good for you Jesse! I support you 100% in this new endeavor.

A vote for Jesse is a vote for our kids to be prepared for their futures in this society that is always changing! Jesse brings a value system that is worth noting and I support Jesse Werner and look forward to his continued service to our wonderful community.

*Robert (Bob) Miles
Tillamook*

Andrea Goss for TSD9 Position 1

I am writing in support of Andrea Goss for Position 1 with the Tillamook School District Board of Education. Over the course of the past ten plus years, I have come to know Andrea through her involvement with various community, education, volunteer, and benevolent organizations. Andrea's leadership skills along with her passion for the work, and compassion towards those she advocates for have touched the lives of many in Tillamook and the county.

I am aware of the roles and responsibilities of school board members as well as the myriad of challenges they face and, at times, difficult decisions they need to make. Andrea's professional background and prior board service in the community provides a solid foundation to serve in this capacity. In addition, her experience will enable Andrea to address the many needs, issues, and perspectives to consider in order to provide quality, relevant, and equitable education opportunities to the students, employees, and patrons of the school district.

Again, I encourage your support for Andrea Goss for TSD9 Position 1.

*Pat Ryan
Rockaway Beach*

I support Shimek and Knight for NCRD board

CLARIFICATION: We are not voting on someone to build the pool; that can and absolutely should be achieved outside a board position. We are voting for two of five seats to lead by example to uphold the full NCRD mission to their entire constituent base, and even if they feel fulfilled themselves, they will demonstrate community-first leadership.

When I first talked with Constance Shimek and shared what the path of parenting children toward a whole, full life in community looked like through my eyes, she admitted this was a new way for her to look at things, even in being a mom herself. This is when I knew she has the graceful leadership qualities of listening to hear another person's truth. Ultimately, she and I realized we are headed to the very same place, yet we are on different paths to get there, and that's okay! Since then, I see her continue to keep the greater community at the forefront in her conversations; she speaks of important solutions and budget oversight that will financially sustain the NCRD for generations; and she is available to take into consideration different views, needs, and ideas, beyond her own.

In a time when there is much uncertainty, our leaders must keep us moving forward, so that we will succeed together and bring out the best in one-another. Constance Shimek has a person-centered approach that recognizes individuals and their unique qualities – a merit I believe is how true leadership builds a team of champions. She knows that no one person can do it all and also understands the duty of an elected position is many things, not only the construction of a building.

Constance Shimek and Frankie Knight have both proven to be leaders with listening skills that I trust will

amplify and reinforce a plan to enhance everyone's experiences at the NCRD!

For the North County Recreation District, I will be voting for Constance Shimek and Frankie Knight.

NCRD's mission is to promote the educational, social, and physical well-being of the entire north county community by offering activities for all ages and abilities in an inviting environment.

*Julie Chick
Nehalem*

Vote for Andrea Goss for TSD9 board

I am a teacher who cares deeply about Tillamook public schools, and there is no doubt in my mind that Andrea Goss deserves our votes for Tillamook School Board, Position # 1. I have worked personally with her in my classroom. She spent time in my senior project and college preparation class at Wilson River Alternative School in Tillamook Schools, interacting with my students. She visited with me gathering information to help the foster child she represented as a CASA. Andrea also worked with AAUW granting scholarships to Tillamook High School students. Her experience with students is far ranging. Through all these contacts, I saw the depth of Andrea's understanding of people and her tireless commitment to the community.

The residents, and especially the children of our community, are fortunate that Andrea is running for Tillamook School Board. Students, families, and fellow educators are looking for school board leaders to unite us around a shared vision of what high quality education will look like after most students spent a year out of the classroom doing online learning. Andrea will provide leadership to raise student achievement. Diving deeply into a situation, learning, and working together for solutions

is one of her strengths.

With two decades of leadership in our community, Angie serves on numerous groups working to impact our kids and our community. For many years she has been a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for foster children, working tirelessly to benefit the children she represented. As a CASA she worked with social services, the legal system, and schools.

Andrea works diligently to educate herself, constantly asking questions about our district. One of the recent issues Andrea asked about was the need to retain the many quality teachers and support staff we have. As a long time mentor teacher in Tillamook, I am impressed with her careful listening and positive attitude on this topic. Andrea knows the Tillamook community well and can help develop supports for educators.

Andrea is always prepared, a strong collaborator, a careful listener, and will always put students first when making the challenging decisions which confront the board. She will make tough decisions in order to expand equal opportunity for all.

If you have been lucky enough to work with Andrea, you know she is a leader who brings people together. She offers her positive outlook to every endeavor and her intelligence to every decision. Her commitment to providing a quality education for all children is heartfelt.

As a classroom teacher of 42 years, a mentor teacher for 14 years, and a state education leader, I wish Andrea had been on my all my school boards!

Let's keep our schools and community strong by electing Andrea Goss for Tillamook School Board, Position # 1. Importantly, remember to return your ballot before May 18th.

*Mary McGinnis
Rockaway Beach*