



Northwest Regional Education Service District

May 28, 2021

TO: Zone 4 Component District Boards

FR: Lauren Slyh O'Driscoll, Board Secretary

RE: Candidate Applications for NWRESD Board Zone 4 position

EXPLANATION: NWRESD board Zone 4 position is up for election to begin July 1, 2021. NWRESD has completed the application process for candidates and received three applications included in this packet.

As per board policy BBE, any vacancy on the NWRESD Board of an elected member from any numbered zone position shall be filled through election by the component district boards from within that zone. Each school board within Zone 4 will receive one vote for their candidate of choice.

Please find attached materials for:

- Anthony Erickson (Incumbent)
- Jim Helmen
- Benjamin Pelster

Thank you,

Lauren Slyh O'Driscoll
NWRESD Board Secretary

NWRESD Board of Directors Elected Position Application

Contact Information:

Name *

Anthony Erickson

Residing School District *

Scappoose

Email Address *

tonye@oregonaero.com

Home Phone Number and/or Cell Phone Number *

503-396-3363

Please select the elected position you are applying for: *

- Zone 2: Astoria, Banks, Forest Grove, Jewell, Knappa, Neah-Kah-Nie, Nestucca Valley, Seaside, Tillamook, and Warrenton-Hammond
- Zone 4: Beaverton (Partial), Clatskanie, Rainier, Scappoose, St. Helens, and Vernonia

I currently reside within the boundaries of the zone I wish to represent and have for one (1) full year prior to this application. *

- Yes
- No

Request for Exception

NA

I am a registered voter within the boundaries of NWRESD. *

- Yes
- No

I will support the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Oregon. *

Yes

No

Please check below to confirm you are not an employee of NWRESD. *

I am NOT an employee of NWRESD.

Please tell us about any employment or volunteer information relevant to this position. *

I am the Chief Operating Officer of Oregon Aero, Inc. Employed in and resident of Columbia county for 25+ years. I am a current board member of the NWRESD. I also volunteer as a board advisor for Oregon Outreach Inc., a non-profit school. I serve on the PCC foundation board. My two children spent their k-12 years in the Scappoose school district. My son is graduating this year.

Please share your educational background. *

High School and Aeronautical education.

Please share why you would like to be elected to the NWRESD Board of Directors. *

To continue supporting the ESD students, teachers and staff and the work they do in our communities. To keep working to support our equity work.

Anything else you would like to add?

High quality education, access to resources, and working with students and their families is key to the future success of our students and communities. NWRESD plays a very important role in achieving those goals. I volunteered to support these efforts.

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Contact Information:

Name *

Jim Helmen

Address *

Residing School District *

Clatskanie School District

Email Address *

jhelmen@csd.k12.or.us

Home Phone Number and/or Cell Phone Number *

5417014998

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Please tell us about any employment or volunteer information relevant to this position. *

I have been a school administrator in the Clatskanie School District for the past 6 years. I have also been on the ESD Budget Committee for the past three years.

Please share your educational background. *

School/District Office Administrator 7 years, regular education/ special education teacher 15 years

Please share why you would like to be elected to the NWRESD Board of Directors. *

I would like to be part of a team that supports school districts with equitable educational options. I am passionate about thinking outside the box in finding new ways to support instructional improvements.

Anything else you would like to add?

I Look forward to the consideration.

NWRESD Board of Directors Elected Position Application

Contact Information:

Name *

Benjamin Pelster

Residing School District *

Vernonia

Email Address *

bjpelster@gmail.com

Home Phone Number and/or Cell Phone Number *

5036809141

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Employed as an electrician for the past 15 years, and entrepreneur/owner of my own business, I have the aptitude and experience to provide excellent guidance and experience which can benefit the NWESD in its pursuit of education of our youth. I have volunteered in my community and local schools, assisting when possible with the students and my own children.

Please share your educational background. *

Graduated HS from Benson Polytechnic School in Portland, entered into the Electrical Apprenticeship in 2001-2006, and became a licensed Journeyman Electrician in 2006, graduating top of my class. I hold an Oregon Supervisor license and also General Contracting for my own business.

Please share why you would like to be elected to the NWRESD Board of Directors. *

The biggest answer is to make a difference in the lives of our students and community. Along with the goal of the NWRESD to create culturally sustaining learning environments that ensure each student is safe, known, and connected, one of the biggest benefits I believe I can help provide is that bridge between the community and the schools to help develop authentic, reciprocal, and inclusive partnerships with our diverse students, families, and community partners. It is in bringing in the families and community partners into the educational arena that we can strengthen the programs we offer, and more fully support the learning of our students.