

## OSEA Chapter 48/Beaverton School Board Candidate Endorsements May 2009

Those of you who are registered voters in Washington County have more than likely received your general election ballot by now of which includes voting for BSD #48 school board members for another four years. (Please note: this ballot is a separate vote from the OSEA Chapter Officer/Delegate ballot which you have also received.)

In the upcoming Washington County general election, citizens of BSD #48 are asked to vote to fill four (4) BSD #48 School Board positions from a total of eight candidates. On the evening of Tuesday, May 5, a volunteer committee of OSEA Chapter 48 members interviewed seven candidates and reviewed the written statement of one other. Congratulations to the committee for soliciting the participation of ALL eight candidates!

The committee asked each candidate several questions so that we could learn something about their background and experience, as well as how the candidates feel about the work done by classified employees, and more importantly, their view on District policies and clauses in our classified contract that preserve job security and benefits. Additionally, the candidates were asked questions about policies and laws regarding nutrition services, unemployment, and education proposals that would divert money away from public education.

Every candidate expressed respect for classified employees and the work we do. Many of the candidates had done research about classified staff and our Union contract. All of the candidates expressed their support of job security, health benefits, and the anti-contracting out language in our Union contract. The candidates were also supportive of the current district policy of trying to preserve fully benefited classified positions.

In conclusion, after much discussion and deliberation, the committee has endorsed certain candidates, based upon their responses and interactions to the interview questions. The OSEA Chapter #48 Interview Committee recommendations for the four BSD #48 School Board positions are:

\*Zone 1 – Karen Cunningham

\*Zone 2 – Tom Quillin

\*Zone 4 – Sarah Smith

\*Zone 5 – DUAL ENDORSEMENT: Kim Overhage OR J Russell Rain

The following OSEA Chapter #48 Candidate Interview Committee were: Lori Abraham (Merlo Station), Cheri Arthur (Merlo Station), Kerin Larson (Welcome Center), Lawrence Rajotte (Southridge), and Anna Taylor (Westview).

The members wish to thank all the candidates for taking the time to answer their questions and learn more about OSEA Chapter #48 Classified and its members.