

## School Board Roles and Responsibilities

Citizen oversight of local government is the cornerstone of democracy in the United States. School Board members are locally elected public officials entrusted with governing a community's public schools. The role of the school board is to ensure that school districts are responsive to the values, beliefs and priorities of their communities. Boards fulfill this role by performing five major responsibilities:

- ◆ Setting Direction—Planning; goal setting; hiring/evaluating the Superintendent
- ◆ Establishing an effective and efficient structure—Sets policy
- ◆ Providing support—Adopts budgets, levies taxes
- ◆ Ensuring accountability & fiscal responsibility—Monitors district compliance with state and federal regulations; Monitors student and district performance
- ◆ Providing community leadership as advocates for children, the school district and public schools

These five responsibilities represent core functions that are so fundamental to a school system's accountability to the public that they can only be performed by an elected governing body. Authority is granted to the board as a whole, not each member individually. Therefore, board members fulfill these responsibilities by working together as a governance team with the Superintendent to make decisions that will best serve all students in Culver schools.



## Superintendent Roles and Responsibilities



### Stefanie Garber

- ◆ Is the Chief Executive of the school district
- ◆ Runs the daily operations of the school district
- ◆ Carries out policies established by the Board
- ◆ Ensures staff and programs are aligned to carry out the established mission of the district
- ◆ Ensures staff and programs are aligned to maximize student achievement and social development
- ◆ Provides recommendations to the Board regarding all licensed and classified hires/terminations
- ◆ With other administrators, handles all staff complaints and complaints regarding staff (with the exception of complaints against the Superintendent)

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Meet Your  
School Board



Culver School District No. 4



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## Mike Knepp

I have been on the board since 2013. My wife and I have two children that began in Culver Schools during elementary years and both have graduated. We believe they received an excellent education here and had opportunities for growth that are unique to a rural community. My professional career is managing 40,000 acres of high production forage crops for a family owned agricultural business. My experience in biology and agricultural business allows for interaction and a vested goal to see agriculture succeed and understanding complex systems of management. "As an involved community member, I want to do what I can to help Culver School District serve our community and do what is best for our children and prepare them for productive, meaningful lives."

## Lindsay Cloud



I joined the school board in September of 2019 to complete Dave Slaght's position. My husband and father-in-law both attended Culver and my mother-in-law was a teacher here for over 30 years. We have two kids currently in preschool and my oldest child will be attending Culver Elementary in the fall of 2020. I own and operate a property management company based in Bend. I moved to Culver in 2014 and have loved this community ever since. I am honored to be on the board and look forward to the years to come.

## Bob Buckner



I am in my second term on the board. I first ran for election at the urging of community members west of Lake Billy Chinook. I believe in educating every child with the highest standards possible. I am proud to be a veteran of the US Marines Corp and a retired manager from Union Pacific Railroad. My wife, Judy, and I have been married 50 years and have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Serving on the school board I have gained knowledge on how a district functions, both internally and externally as well as the many challenges that confront schools and districts every day. It takes dedicated and sincere individuals in the whole community to obtain positive results.



## Scott Leeper

I have been a school board member for 18 years. My wife, Angi, and I have 4 kids. Two have graduated from Culver and two are currently students here. I have worked for Round Butte Seed Growers/Helena Agri-Enterprises for 17 years. In my spare time I am the President of the Culver Athletic Booster Club as well as a volunteer fire fighter with the Jefferson County Fire District.



## Seth Taylor



I'm Seth Taylor, 39 years old. I've worked as a machinist, a timber cruiser and have spent the last 15 years working for the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife here in Central Oregon. I've been involved in youth outreach programs through YFC and with several churches in the area. I've volunteered with Jefferson County Little League as head coach or assistant coach for the past 5 years. I also support our local FFA and 4H. In 2005 we moved to the Madras area for my job with the Department of Fish & Wildlife. Having grown up in a smaller community myself and attended a rural kindergarten through 8th grade school, I desired for my kids to have the same experience. So in 2012 we moved to Culver when our oldest was in Kindergarten and she's now a middle schooler along with our son. Our youngest daughter attends the elementary school. Since we moved here in 2012, my wife and I fell in love with the Culver School District and it's small-town country feel. I believe that the teachers and administration do an amazing job with our children and I would love to see that continue.

As we know, Culver is a growing community, I want to make sure we keep the small-town feel and excellent education as Culver grows. I want to keep the checks and balances in place between our educators and the school board so that we maintain the standard of education that continues with our high graduation rates and parent involvement. I also want to ensure that our budget dollars are spent in the most appropriate ways to benefit our students, teachers and community.