

**NEWBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT
DIRECTOR ZONE 2**



JOB RABINOWITZ

OCCUPATION: Training consultant; small business owner

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: 25 years as instructor and manager in adult technical training for Portland-area technology companies; children's and youth Sunday school teacher for 15 years; coached Chehalem Park and Recreational District soccer,

basketball, and softball teams; small business co-owner for 5 years.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Certificate, Distance Learning Design and Development, University of Washington Extension, 2002; Masters of Business Administration degree, Portland State University, 1984; Bachelor of Arts degree, Physics, Reed College, 1979.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Newberg School District Budget Committee 2006 and 2007.

I support implementation of "No Child Left Behind" in a way that provides proactive and meaningful benefits to parents, children, and teachers in Newberg School District.

Everyone has a stake in our schools, from creating interesting and complete lessons to maintaining safe facilities to doing homework to enforcing bedtime rules. Well-educated children add energy, excitement, and growth to our community. I actively support policies that ensure that the school district is accountable for doing its part and that our children are responsible for their part in learning.

Newberg school district has made great progress towards creating academic excellence in our schools. I support policies to ensure that all NHS graduates have the skills needed to progress into college or the workplace, as they choose.

Public education is one of our most important long-term investments. I will fulfill my duties on our school board with integrity, hard work, and passion.

Thank you for reading my statement, and thank you for your support.

Information furnished by Job Rabinowitz

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MARK ANKENY

OCCUPATION: Dean, College of Education, Pacific University

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: 10 years elementary and middle school teacher in Oregon and California public schools; 14 years as education professor at George Fox University

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: PhD, Educational

Policy and Management, University of Oregon; MS, Education, Portland State University; BA, Psychology, George Fox University; graduate Newberg High School

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Newberg High School principal selection committee.

I have lived and worked in the Newberg area for 29 of the last 39 years. My wife, children, and I are all graduates of Newberg High School. We were positively influenced by teachers who created classrooms full of challenge and support. As an Oregon educational leader I see the following as challenges and opportunities for Newberg School District:

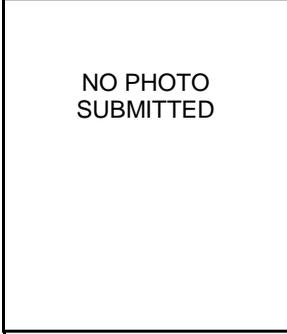
- 1) Complex and rapidly changing student enrollment – Newberg School District students include special education students (13%), talented-and-gifted students (14%), and English-language learners (9.5%). All projections indicate that the number of English-language learners rate will continue to rise. This complex student profile means that teachers must be highly effective at meeting the needs of all learners. I support high-quality professional development that would actively involve academic leaders and teachers in meeting these challenges.
- 2) Rapid changes in the teaching profession – Statewide nearly 30% of newly-hired teachers leave the profession after three years. Academic leaders have a tremendous opportunity to create a positive learning culture as new people come into the schools. I support efforts to create a high-quality mentoring program that allows teachers to grow throughout their careers.
- 3) Aging community population – As Newberg residents continue to age there is a tendency to focus concerns on that group rather than the needs of school-aged children. I advocate that Newberg become leaders in connecting the community (of all ages) to the schools in an active partnership for life-long learning.

As Newberg continues to grow, I will work diligently to make Newberg schools the best in the state.

Information furnished by Mark Ankeny

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JIM BASCOM

OCCUPATION: Senior Sales Manager, XO Communications, Western Region

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: 30 years in the Telecommunications Industry, the past twenty in Management and Executive Management roles. Responsibilities have included profit and loss management for multi-million dollar

operations as well as personnel management of up to 250 employees. Have held leadership roles with companies such as MCI, Electric Lightwave and Integra Telecom.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Auburn High School graduate, Auburn, Washington.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

I believe there is a need to draw the community closer to the School District. Monthly meetings that are open to the public, back pack flyers and reactive websites are all worthy communication tools but I do not believe those forums are effective when trying to reach a larger segment of the parents and students in the community.

Technology needs to be employed to reach out to a broader base while the elected school board members need to be more proactive in reaching out to their respective constituents.

Middle School activities are missing and I believe that our students suffer from the lack of school sponsored and after school activities. While there are some funding issues that surround this initiative, I believe we need to find the means to re-engage this healthy part of our children's education.

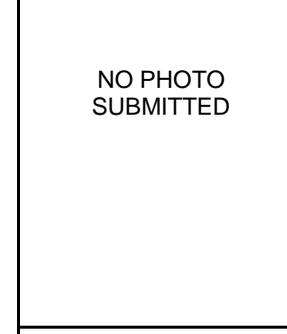
While I do not fully approve of the small schools concept as it has been presented, I understand that the plan is moving forward for implementation in the next school year. I will fully support the efforts to ensure that this plan is implemented with the least amount of disruption to our children. I vow to check and question the moves as they unfold not as a disruption, rather as a check and balance to the decisions being made and to ensure that the student and parent interests are informed and included in the thought process.

I have lived in Newberg with my wife and 2 children for 6 years this June.

Information furnished by Jim Bascom

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JEFF D TANT

OCCUPATION: Lumber Trader, MFP of Oregon; Lieutenant Colonel, Marine Corps Reserves

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Lumber Trader/Broker and Marine Reserves for the past 8 years. Commanded the Marine Reserve unit in Portland and then deployed to Iraq in 2003. The

previous 11 years were on active duty with the Marines where I also deployed to Operation Desert Storm.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Bachelor of Science Degree, Agricultural Economics, Stephen F Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas, 1986.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

Newberg is a wonderful community that we have enjoyed living in. The people of Newberg have been incredibly supportive of us and I believe in returning that support and getting involved to make our community an even better place to live and raise children. We have three children in the school system, two in high school and one at Chehalem Valley Middle School. My experience with our schools shows that we have highly dedicated teachers and administrators but in a time of budget constraints and a rapidly growing community, involved parents and other leaders can make a positive contribution to ensure our schools continue to provide a safe environment that gives our children the best opportunity to succeed. Newberg citizens can work together to make our school district a model for the state and the nation. I hope to use my leadership and management skills to make sure every dollar we spend is used wisely and to help build partnerships with public and private individuals and organizations and leverage those into continued success for our schools.

Information furnished by Jeff D Tant

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**NEWBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**MELINDA
VAN BOSSUYT**

OCCUPATION: Small business owner

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: 4-H Club Leader; Yamhill County Fair Superintendent; Exchange Student Coordinator; Music Instructor; PCC Community Education Instructor; Chairman, Citizens for Newberg and Education;

Chairman, Statewide Citizens Educational Equity Coalition; Girl Scout Leader and Trainer; Archaeologist, USFS and private contractor.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: California State University, Fresno; Michigan State University, BA Anthropology; University of Washington, Archaeology graduate program.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Newberg School Board; Chehalem Valley Strategic Planning Committee; Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee; Yamhill County Landmarks Commission; Yamhill County Economic Development Committee

As a member of your local school board, I value the opportunity to serve the interests of children and citizens in our community.

I am asking for your continued support to:

- Ensure that all students in our schools achieve academic success in basic skills – reading, writing and mathematics
- Prepare students for college and the workforce
- Promote the development of students as good citizens
- Guarantee prudent management of school district funds
- Protect local taxpayer investment in our school facilities

Thank you for your support and the confidence you have shown in our local schools. I look forward to continuing to represent you on the Newberg School Board.

I appreciate your vote.

Information furnished by Melinda Van Bossuyt

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**NEWBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT
DIRECTOR ZONE 6**



**MICHELE "MITSI"
VONDRACHEK**

OCCUPATION: Foster parent and part-time administrative assistant.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Bookkeeper for small manufacturing firm, property manager, secretary.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: University of

Washington, Business Administration major; ongoing studies in child development and at-risk youth education.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Director, Newberg School Board: 1999 - present.

I am fortunate to have lived in Newberg for nearly 30 years. My two children are graduates of Newberg High School and my four foster children attend Newberg schools. Over the years I have been involved in Newberg schools as a classroom volunteer and parent representative on school site councils and advisory committees. I am a strong advocate for public education.

For the past 8 years I have served as a member of the Newberg School District Board of Directors. As a member of the School Board, I am committed to:

- * Ensure academic growth and achievement for all students;
- * Manage growth and district resources;
- * Ensure fiscal accountability;
- * Provide stability in leadership;
- * Represent the community's point of view.

I am quite proud of the schools in our community. During my tenure on the School Board, we have been faced with challenging economic times, both in the state of Oregon and the Newberg School District. Yet, during these years of budget reductions and unstable funding, the Newberg School District Board of Directors, Superintendent Dr. Paula Radich, district staff and our community have maintained a steadfast focus on providing an excellent education in quality facilities, and increasing student achievement to better prepare our students for the future.

I would appreciate the opportunity to continue serving this community, our school district and our children for another term.

Information furnished by Michele Vondrachek

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**NEWBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT
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DEBBIE HAWBLITZEL

OCCUPATION: Four years as an Administrative Assistant with George Fox University.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Seven years as an Administrative Assistant at Newberg Friends Church; Six years as an Operations Officer/ Specialist for Home Savings of America and Home Federal Savings & Loan.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Bachelor of Arts Degree, Social Sciences, Westmont College, 1983.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Newberg School Board, appointed 2005; Newberg School District Citizen Budget Committee, appointed 2004.

I have a vested interest in the success of students in Newberg and it is my desire to continue to serve on the Newberg School Board to achieve that goal. Our family has lived in Newberg for the past 13 years. My husband, Matt, and I have four children in the Newberg schools; our oldest three attend Newberg High School and are in 9th, 11th, and 12th grades. Our youngest is in 2nd grade at Antonia Crater Elementary.

I believe that quality public education is essential to our community and our society. I strongly support "Success Begins With The Basics", a district-wide initiative to:

- improve student achievement in reading, writing and mathematics,
- prepare high school graduates for college and work,
- emphasize the importance of citizenship.

I am committed to promoting high academic standards and attaining continuous improvement in student achievement through:

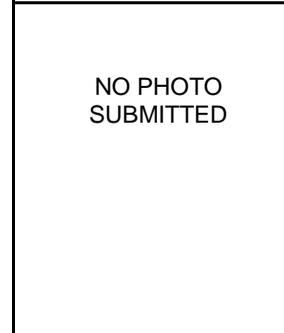
- policy development,
- resource allocation,
- communication with staff, students, and patrons,
- leadership and advocacy,
- community and family partnerships.

I believe that by being involved and listening to the Newberg community, together we can make a difference. I am committed to representing you and I ask for your vote.

Information furnished by Debbie Hawblitzel

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MICHAEL RICHTER

OCCUPATION: Writer—Trainer, Fred Meyer Stores, Inc. (2001-Present)

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Law Clerk—George C. Patrick & Associates, Crown Point, IN (2000-2001); Columnist—*The Torch*, Valparaiso University (2000-2001); Assistant Director of Forensics—Valparaiso University (2000-2001); Substitute Classroom

Teacher—Northwest Indiana (1999-2001); Independent Program Consultant—PCC, Political Science Department (2002); Notary Public—State of Oregon (2007)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Associate Degree—Peace & Conflict Studies, PCC (1995); Bachelor of Science—Political Science, PSU (1999); Bachelor of Science—History PSU (2007); Graduate School of Education, PSU (2002-2003); Valparaiso University School of Law (1999-2001)

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Treasurer—Friends of Larry Galizio (2004-present); Site Council—Joan Austin Elementary (2005-present)

Michael Richter supports:

- Reducing commercial pressures placed upon all children throughout schools.
- Proactive—not reactive—action to the expected growth throughout Newberg over the next five to ten years.
- Identifying and addressing challenges that our students will face in our schools before they face them.
- Fostering citizenship by requiring all students to take a class in Critical Thinking.
- Meeting and exceeding "green" standards for all new buildings and schools in the Newberg School District.
- Eliminating the perpetuated belief that the purpose of school is to prepare students for "the real world." The world students live in is real and is no less real than the world they will live in after school.

Michael Richter believes:

- That we can not afford to polarize ourselves over issues such as science vs. theology or other issues that have divided parents and teachers alike throughout the nation. Compromise and common-sense solutions exist to nearly all problems if we have the ability and willingness to listen to each other.
- That true leadership is found in asking the right questions to find the best solutions.
- That small schools and small classrooms are great benefits to all students, but they cannot have their desired effect without the crucial ingredient of devoted and dedicated teachers.

Information furnished by Michael Richter

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