

A. SUBJECT:

Appointment of Trustees for Newly Formed School Districts in Idaho and Adams Counties

BACKGROUND:

Grangeville Joint School District No. 241 has recently been divided and the creation of two new school districts has been approved by the State Board of Education.

The State Board of Education has the responsibility to appoint school board trustees for each new district until such time as trustees can be elected by the patrons of each district in May of 2007.

DISCUSSION:

Grangeville Jt. School District No. 241 advertised in the local area papers soliciting applications for trustees for the two new districts. They received the applications, verified the applicants' eligibility to serve, and forwarded the applications to the State Department of Education.

The State Department of Education received at least one nomination for each zone in both of the new school districts. In Joint School District No. 243, the following number of nominations were received: Zone 1, 4; Zone 2, 4; Zone 3, 3; Zone 4, 1; Zone 5, 3. In School District No. 244 the number of nominations by zone were: Zone 1, 2; Zone 2, 2; Zone 3, 3; Zone 4, 1; Zone 5, 1. A list of applicants is attached.

The State Department of Education, with assistance from past presidents of both the Idaho School Boards Association and the Idaho Association of School Administrators, has reviewed the applications and has submitted its recommendations. The application letters of those recommended are attached.

RECOMMENDATION:

The State Department of Education recommends the following individuals be appointed as school board trustees representing their zone for their respective district.

Joint School District No. 243, Idaho and Adams Counties

Zone 1: Joyce Stapleton

Zone 2: William Carter

Zone 3: Carolyn Friend

Zone 4: Cindy Carlson

Zone 5: Richard Friend

School District No. 244, Idaho County

Zone 1: Bobbi Bodine

Zone 2: Susie Borowicz

Zone 3: Craig Spencer

Zone 4: Roberta Joy Lee

Zone 5: Ray Stowers

BOARD ACTION:

It was moved by _____, seconded by _____, and carried to approve/disapprove the State Department of Education's recommendations for trustee appointments.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. List of Trustee Nominations
2. Application Letters for Recommended Nominees

List of Persons Submitting Applications for Trustee Positions in Newly Created School Districts 243 and 244

Joint School District No. 243, Idaho and Adams Counties

Zone 1: Joyce Stapleton

Zone 2: William Carter
Tonya Ormsby
James Updegrove
Kim Zolman

Zone 3: Carolyn Friend
Jeanette Klobetanz
Kim Olson

Zone 4: Cindy Carlson

Zone 5: Richard Friend
Kim Hawks
Heidi Mead

School District No. 244, Idaho County

Zone 1: Bobbi Bodine
Ed Jacoby

Zone 2: Susie Borowicz
Carl Crabtree

Zone 3: Carol Cooper
Mary Schmidt
Craig Spencer

Zone 4: Roberta Joy Lee

Zone 5: Ray Stowers

Joint School District No. 243

Trustee Recommendations

December 7, 2006

Timothy O'Connor, Clerk
Joint School District No. 241
714 Jefferson
Grangeville, ID 83530

Attn: Idaho State Board of Education

RE: Board Member for Joint School District No. 243

Please accept this letter as my application to serve as the trustee from Zone 1 on the Joint School District No. 243 School Board.

I am presently serving as the trustee from Zone 5 on the Joint School District No. 241 School Board. Prior to deconsolidation, zone 5 covered the newly formed Joint School District No. 243, primarily Riggins and surrounding communities. My home address is 803 N. McArthur, Riggins, Idaho, which is in the boundary lines of the newly formed zone 1 in Joint School District No. 243.

I feel it is extremely important that continuity between the interim board and the new board be maintained. I have been involved in the deconsolidation process since it was first brought before the board and the adoption of the final division plan. I attended the State Board of Education meeting when the plan was presented and approved. During the hearing on the division plan I agreed to continue serving as a trustee on the new board.

I am very committed to working toward a solid and thorough education for our children. As a retired school business manager/clerk/treasurer from Nezperce Jt. School District, which is approximately the same size as the new district in the Riggins area, I feel my work experience and knowledge of working with people in a small school district will bring a valuable resource to the newly formed board.

Thank you for your time and effort in helping us make the deconsolidation process a smooth transition.

Sincerely,



Eva Joyce Stapleton
803 N. McArthur
P.O. Box 1246
Riggins, ID 83549

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WILLIAM A. CARTER

P.O. BOX 1301
RIGGINS, IDAHO 83549
(208) 628-3247

December 6, 2006

State Board of Education
650 West State Street
Boise, Id 83720

Dear Board Members:

This is to seek appointment as the board representative of Zone 2 of the newly created Riggins Joint School District No. 243.

My current mailing address is: P. O. Box 1301, Riggins, Idaho 83549. The best physical address reference is 36 Pollock Road. The parcel number assigned by the County Assessor is : 23N01E05E730 (T23N R1E SEC 5).

I seek this position to assist in organizing, staffing and implementing procedures to govern the newly created School District to best serve the educational needs of students in the Riggins Area.

I am currently co-owner of a business we have operated at the present location for some 29 years. I served on the School Board of Joint School District 241 for two terms representing patrons of Zone 5 thereof. I have served several years as Chairman, Board of Directors of the Salmon River Rural Fire Department. Prior to moving to Riggins in 1977 I worked a period of 18 years as a Research Associate and Senior Research Associate for the Citizens Research Council of Michigan specializing in the review of the operations of local governmental units in Michigan and recommending improvements therein. This involved reviewing organizational arrangements, financial and other administrative operations of county, city, village, township, and school districts within Michigan. The last two years in Michigan were spent in the Office of the Budget Director of the Detroit Public School System as requested by the State Legislature for the purpose of assisting the District in improving budget procedures in order to avoid continuing deficits.

I am a graduate of Idaho State University and Wayne State University having majored in Political Science and Public Administration.

Sincerely,


William A Carter

December 11, 2006

Carolyn Friend
P.O. Box 429
304 Berger Street.
Riggins, ID 83349
Zone #3

To Whom It May Concern:

I am submitting this application to be a member of the Board of Trustees.

I am a native of Riggins, Idaho. I moved my family back in 1978 to continue my children's education in a smaller school. I am now getting ready to watch my Grandchildren enter the school system.

I have served as the President of the Chamber of Commerce for three years, have held the office of treasurer for the past 11 years, and held a seat on the City Council for four years. With this experience I feel I will be able to make qualified decisions in regards to the newly established District 243.

I am the Owner Broker of Blevins Agency Real Estate. I have established very strong ties to the community, and know how important schools are to the economic stability of the town.

Please consider me for the position.

Respectfully,

Carolyn Friend
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Cindy Carlson
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Riggins, ID 83549
208-628-3515

December 10, 2006

Joint School District #241
Tim O'Connor, Clerk
714 Jefferson St.
Orangeville, ID 83530

RE: Letter of Application, School District #243

Dear Tim:

This letter represents my application for School Board Member of School District #243. I reside in Zone 4 of this district. I have a great desire to be involved in the education opportunities of this new district. I would love to have the chance to serve on the new board for this school district. It will be exciting and challenging at the same time. I have been very involved in the deconsolidation process and have always supported the idea. I would like to "put my money where my mouth is" and serve on this new board. I realize that we have a challenge ahead of us and that initially it will be very time consuming. I am in the process of making arrangements in my schedule and personal life to accommodate this position if awarded to me. I served on the School Board of District #241 from June of 1998 to November of 2000. I am aware of the commitment to the job.

My husband, Guy and I have been raising kids for 22 1/2 years. We have four very active and successful children. We still have one son at home attending Salmon River High School. We enjoy being involved in their lives and those of their friends. Some of their friends and parents have become great lifetime friends.

What qualifies me for the job? Guy and I currently own two businesses which we have built from the ground up for the last 20 years. Business ownership has given me a lot of necessary experience for a school board position. I know how to run a successful business and how to restructure one that is unsuccessful. I have home schooled all four of our children at onetime or another. I have to say that I loved almost every minute of it. This experience gave me a great admiration for teachers that are able earn the respect of their students. Finally, at the age of 42 I have realized that one of my passions is for kids. Maybe I should have chosen teaching as a profession. Last year, I served as Treasurer of the Salmon River Booster Club which raised \$60,000 to fund extra-curricular activities at Salmon River High School after a failed levy. The Booster Club is still very active and involved in supporting our schools.

In conclusion, I have been involved in the deconsolidation process and would like the opportunity to make this community a desirable place to raise kids and get a great education. This community has wanted local control of their school board and now we have it. Let's get to work!

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 628-3515 home or 628-3037 work.

Sincerely,


Cindy Carlson

TO: Joint School District No. 241
714 Jefferson
Grangeville, ID 83530

FROM: Richard A. Friend (Current Address)
HC 2 Box 502
Pollock, ID 83547
208-628-3095

RE: Letter of application to serve as member of Board of
Trustees for new School District 243—Riggins
Representing ZONE 5

My name is Richard A. Friend. I was raised in the Riggins area, attended Riggins Elementary and graduated from Salmon River High School in 1988. After completing 3 years at Boise State University, I started my own construction business and have been in business for myself ever since. Over the years, I have always come home on vacations and weekends enjoying the various recreational activities that the Riggins area has to offer. In 1998, I married my wife, Kim, who is also a Salmon River High grad (1990—graduated from U of I with the Shearer Scholarship in '95), then we had a son in 2002. After the birth of our son, we knew we had to get home. So, in the Spring of 2004, we moved back to the Riggins area and now own and operate River Adventures, Inc.—a successful outfitting company that has been in business for over 25 years.

I give this history of myself so you can see that Riggins was where we were raised and now, where we want to raise our children. Our business is our dream come true and we will retire here doing what we love and living on this river. Both my wife and I are involved with the school in many ways, supporting them however we can. My wife currently is the assistant volleyball coach and we both

volunteer and donate to the Salmon River Booster Club. We also are very active in the Lewis-Clark Early Childhood program here in Riggins.

I feel that with my roots being firmly planted here in this canyon and my business expertise, I can be of great service to our new School Board. I am very much in favor of this change and feel that as an independent district, we can do much more to benefit our children. I feel strongly that I can help lead our board to make intelligent decisions that will strengthen our new district so that it can be one of the top districts in the state.

Please consider me for this important position. I would consider it an honor to serve my community in this way.

Thank you,



Richard A. Friend

School District No. 244
Trustee Recommendations

Timothy O'Connor, Clerk
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State Board of Education
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1242 Old Highway 7
Grangeville ID 83530
December 10, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is twofold: 1. To enter my name for consideration in the appointment of the Interim Board of Trustees for Idaho School District #244 (based in Grangeville); and 2. To advocate for appointment of current Joint School District #241 board members to serve on the Interim Boards of both new school districts.

It is my interest to be appointed to serve on the Interim Board of District #244. I am a registered voter living in zone 1 of that school district. I am presently in the second year of my fourth term on the Board of Joint School District #241, and I currently serve as chair. Besides myself, current 241 board members who are eligible to serve on the Interim 244 (Grangeville) Board, consist of one member who has served 20 years, one member who has served since June of this year, and one who has served since August of this year. For the sake of providing consistency and background knowledge to the board of new District 244, it is my desire to continue to serve during the transition between the time of appointment and the time the new elected board takes over governance on July 1, 2007.

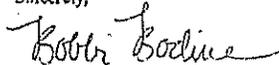
This is a crucial time for both new districts. Immediately after appointment, both boards will begin developing the 2007-2008 budget and making decisions regarding going to the voters for supplemental levies. Contract negotiations with the Central Idaho Education Association will begin in earnest with the hopes of having contract agreements by the end of the current school year. Policies committees which have been ongoing in district #241 will now need to continue in both new districts, hopefully without losing the valuable progress which has already been made. The continuity of these efforts will depend on representation by board members who have been involved as District 241 Trustees.

The Joint School District #241 Board of Trustees is made up of five people who have been dedicated to the needs of all the children in all our schools in all our communities. Any current 241 board member who applies for appointment to their respective new district interim boards, would be an asset, and the benefit to both districts would be the continuity of governance and the knowledge base that has been developed during their service.

In particular, because there is only one current District 241 board member who is eligible to serve on the new District 243 board, I will take this opportunity to express how important it is that Joyce Barnard be appointed to the Interim Board of Trustees for Joint School District #243. Joyce has 2 1/2 years' experience on the board of Joint School District #241 and has an extensive background in school finance. She has been a true advocate for the students in our school district. Her continued service to the students in the Riggins schools would help immensely with the transition to being a stand-alone district.

Thank you for your consideration in selecting board members in both new school districts.

Sincerely,



Bobbi Bodine

December 14, 2006

Tim O'Conner, Clerk
Joint School District #241
714 Jefferson
Grangeville, Idaho 83530

Dear Members of the State Board of Education,

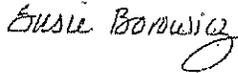
It is my understanding that you are taking names of interested patrons willing to serve the on the newly created school board for School District #244 based in Grangeville, Idaho. I would like you to add my name to that list, please, to represent Zone #2

I am currently serving as a trustee for Zone 2 for Joint School District #241. I feel a strong connection to Joint School District #241 as I have served as an Elk City School teacher and principal. I bring with me over 30 years of experience in the field of education. I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead in the coming years for our newly created district and its children. I would like to be part of the group that determines the direction our new district will take. *The potential here is dynamic!*

I have worked collaboratively and cooperatively in other groups having previously served on the Craig-Wyden North Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee, North Idaho BLM Resource Advisory Committee, Syringa Hospital Foundation Board, as co-chairman of "Save Elk City" and as project coordinator for Idaho's 2003 Capitol Holiday Tree. But my love of children and my vision for their future remains the driving force behind my desire to join and help create this new district.

I will be looking forward to hearing from you. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to apply for this trustee position

Sincerely,



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Commercial Herefords-- Quarter Horses
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Craig L. and Jane Spencer
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Application for Zone #3, District 244

Dec. 11, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

This is an application for Trustee of the School Board for the new District 244 for the period of January to July, 2007.

My name is Craig Spencer. I have lived in Grangeville all my life except while in college. I graduated from Grangeville High School and the University of Idaho. I settled in Grangeville, eventually inheriting our family cattle ranch with my wife, Jane. We raised our family in this community and in these schools. Our younger son just graduated from the UI. Jane is a UI Law graduate, working in Grangeville, and our older son is a student at Seattle U Law School.

I have served over 20 years on the District 241 Board, 10 years as chairman. We have excellent schools in our district. Our enrollment is declining but academically we are strong. Currently we have schools in 5 different diverse communities and it has been a challenge to provide quality education in all areas. Our students score above most in the state even though our per capita income is low. We stay technologically advanced to benefit our isolated circumstance.

The main duties of a Trustee are to hire excellent employees to teach in our classrooms and to administer our schools and to wisely spend and distribute our funds. My experience in these endeavors would be valuable to this newly formed district. For example, I have personally been involved in hiring 17 different principals and one superintendent and I know what to look for when hiring administrators. I have worked successfully with our teachers to provide above average benefits for our employees in an effort to attract and retain a quality teaching staff. I am very proud of our staff.

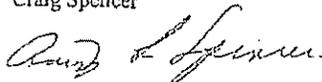
We were able to pass several plant facility levies that have updated and upgraded our physical plants. Our school buildings are in excellent shape. My knowledge of our physical plants would be valuable to our new district.

I am an advocate of rigorous academic education. I promote advanced classes for academically gifted students. I played saxophone most of my life and promote music and arts in education. As an agricultural worker, I also promote vocational education. I search for excellence in teaching. Jane and I have voluntarily taught math and reading in the lower grades and Jane is teaching character to 1st graders now. We are active in the high school activity Boosters and in the music program promotional group.

Please contact me if I can answer any questions you might have about this application.

Thank you for your consideration,

Craig Spencer



Joint Dist. #241
Grangeville, ID 83530

NAME: Roberta Joy Lee
ADDRESS: (Physical) 403 Stuart Drive
(Mailing) P. O. Box 431
Kooskia, ID 83539-0431
ZONE: ~~Zone 2~~ Zone 4

As I am already a member of the Board of Trustees of Joint Dist. #241, I am submitting my application to continue on serving Zone 4 in Joint Dist. # 244. As a former Mayor of Kooskia, the Chairman of the Kooskia Revitalization Committee (13 years), Manager of the Kooskia Chamber of Commerce office and holding offices in various organizations in town, I feel that I am qualified to be a valuable asset to the board of trustees.

I wish to have my application submitted for final vote. Thank you for your consideration


Roberta Joy Lee

1153 Deer Creek Road
White Bird, Idaho
December 14, 2006

School District #241
Tim O'Connor, Clerk
714 Jefferson
Grangeville, Idaho

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Ray Stowers, and I would like to be a member of the Board of Trustees for School District #244, as a representative from zone five. I believe education of our youth is very important, and I would be willing to help direct that process in our communities.

I am 41 years old and operate our family cattle ranch, out of White Bird, together with my wife, Molly, of 21 years, and our two sons, Tyson, 18, and Tate, 13. My wife and I both attended and graduated from schools in District 241, received the local Shearer Scholarships, and went on to graduate from the University of Idaho. Molly attended Elk City and Clearwater Valley schools, and I got my education from Salmon River, in Riggins. Our younger son began his schooling in White Bird and now attends Grangeville Elementary and Middle School. Our older son graduated from Grangeville High School in 2006, and is now a college student. My father, Ray, retired as a shop teacher from Salmon River High School, and both of my wife's parents, Larry and Mary McPherson, retired as teachers from Clearwater Valley Elementary in Kooskia. These connections and experiences throughout the district add to my understanding of how a school district is operated and add to my appreciation and understanding of the needs of the different communities. I feel that it will be very important to have a representative from the southernmost part of the new District # 244 on the Board of Trustees and that I would be an asset as that representative.

Operating our cattle ranch gives me valuable experiences in budgeting limited resources of time and money, and planning the expenditures of both to cover basic needs, maintenance of ranch facilities, and unexpected circumstances, which seem to come along all too often. It takes a tremendous amount of hard work just to survive in this business, and doesn't pay very well in the best of times. However, I wouldn't think of trading places with anyone in any other occupation. My life is very rewarding in ways which have nothing to do with money, and I appreciate it every day. I do believe that my experiences would be very helpful if I am appointed as a member of the school board. I am very level headed and able to make important decisions which will have lasting effects, on the spur of the moment. I am willing and able to dedicate time and effort to being a member of the Board of Trustees for School District #244, from zone five. Please give my application your consideration.

Sincerely,

