

# ELECTION

## HOOD RIVER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT - AT LARGE

### Heidi Parr

#### 1) Why did you decide to run for a position on the Hood River County school board?

I decided to run for school board because, as a working mom with two middle school boys who are active in sports, I have a vested interest in helping Hood River schools be the best places for our kids. I want to give back to the community I live in and this opening on the school board was perfect timing for me professionally and personally. I am also a union member and feel I can bridge the gap between the hardworking school employees and our hardworking parents. And, it goes without saying, these are unprecedented times and I want to see our kids lives getting back to normal as quickly and safely as possible.



Heidi Parr

#### 2) What is your background/profession, and where do you live?

I live in Hood River and have been here for 26 years. I grew up in the public schools in Vancouver, Wash. I attended Washington State University where I received a BA in Public Relations. I am a Fire Captain with the Vancouver Fire Department and was a paramedic for 22 years. I am active in our community and have been volunteering in my kids classrooms for the last 9 years. I am a member of Alpha Gamma, which is a philanthropic organization that serves our community through volunteer work, fund raising and an annual blood drive.

#### 3) What will your top priorities be if voters select you to serve on the board?

My Priorities if selected to serve on the board would focus on creating more transparency so parents are informed about how decisions are being made and how they will impact their families. Many parents across the district feel like they have lost their voice. I want to help create an atmosphere for all voices to be heard and valued.

#### 4) What changes do you think the district needs to make?

As a firefighter responding to 911 calls, I have seen firsthand how closed schools and quarantines during the pandemic have trapped vulnerable kids in horrible conditions. The district should refocus on core curriculum and getting our kids safely back into full-time school and sports as quickly as possible. I believe the district needs to rally to support ALL students and commit to helping each learner reach their potential. Excellence for every kid, every day.

### Jennifer Kelly

#### 1) Why did you decide to run for a position on the Hood River County school board?

Running for the board is the next logical step for me having actively participated in a number of board and district related efforts. I regularly attend school board meetings and am familiar with issues pertaining to the district. I have developed positive working relationships with existing board members and been diligently working with district administration on issues related to instruction during the pandemic. I was a member of the Ready Schools Safe Learners planning committee, The May Street Elementary School Site Council, I have become familiar with board processes, procedures, and policies and have voluntarily completed board member trainings to help come to workable solutions for everyone.



Jennifer Kelly

#### 2) What is your background/profession, and where do you live?

I have lived in Hood River for 25 years and raised two girls in the Hood River School District; currently I have a senior and a freshman at the Hood River Valley High School. I have an M.S. in Fisheries Science from Penn State University, and a B.S. in Natural Resources from the University of Michigan. I have spent my professional career working in various analytical positions in electric utility industry and alongside IBEW union members. In my free time, I love to watch my girls play sports, run, backpack, hike, travel and ski.

#### 3) What will your top priorities be if voters select you to serve on the board?

Responsiveness: I'm committed to being responsive to everyone in the district. Constituents will hear back from me.

Genuine Input: Strengthen existing opportunities for receiving input on topics that matter most to parents. Constituent's opinions matter.

Innovation: Maintain an active commitment to working with administrators and educators to "get to yes" on issues facing the district. I will think outside the box.

Balancing all Sides: Maintain room for constructive and thoughtful feedback. I will hear and listen to alternative views.

Engagement: I'll be dedicated to understanding problems and digging in to solve them. I will put in the time.

#### 4) What changes do you think the district needs to make?

Focus: we've all been distracted by a variety of demands and challenges (not just pandemic related) and I'd like for teachers and kids to be able to refocus on what they are in school to do; focus on rigorous academics for kids at all levels of achievement. Visit [www.jenkellyforschoolboard.com](http://www.jenkellyforschoolboard.com).

## HOOD RIVER VALLEY PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT

### Nan Noteboom

#### 1) Why did you decide to run for a position on the Hood River Valley Parks & Recreation board?

I originally decided to run because I believe that more women should hold public office. I also hoped to equitably represent Odell and Parkdale.



Nan Noteboom

#### 2) What is your background/profession, and where do you live?

This is my 25th year as a high school teacher at Hood River Valley High School. I also am the owner/broker of Noteboom Realty. I live in beautiful north Odell.

#### 3) What will your top priorities be if voters select you to serve on the board?

I am an incumbent; I am hoping to see some of the projects we have started come to fruition.

#### 4) What changes do you think the district needs to make?

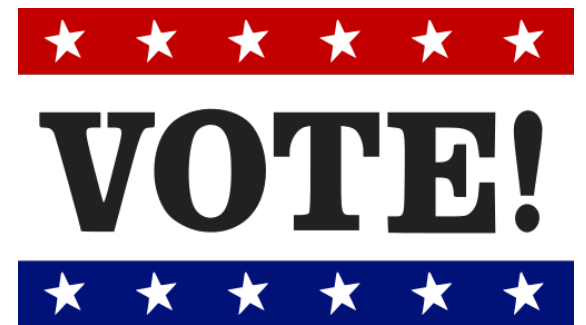
The Hood River Parks and Rec District desperately needs sustainable funding. We currently have one of the lowest property tax rates in the state for districts our size, yet our community demands parks, trails, and recreational programming. We also need a new pool. If we want parks, trails, a public pool, and green space, we must have sustainable funding.

### Anna C. Cavaleri

Anna Cavaleri did not respond to the questionnaire.

According to her election filing, Cavaleri is a Hood River resident currently working as an attorney with Jaques Sharp Attorneys at Law. She holds a Bachelor of Science in business from Regis University and a Juris Doctorate in law from University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

She is currently serving on the parks and recreation district board.



## HOOD RIVER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

### POSITION 2

#### Barb Hosford

#### 1) Why did you decide to run for a position on the Hood River County School District board?

Kids first! I want to give back to my community and school district -helping make tough decisions and make connections with taxpayers. 21st Century challenges shift rapidly and a school board has a huge responsibility to make sure HRCSD remains a solid school district, a fiscal leader with a conservative edge.

#### 2) What is your background/profession, and where do you live?

I live in the city limits of Hood River, Or., 3rd generation Oregonian born in Hood River and raised in The Dalles, graduated Puyallup High School 1971, earned a BS in Education from Oregon State University '76 and MAT from Lewis and Clark College, '80. Having taught secondary classes, that alone gives me experience that I can draw from; I have experience with budgets, writing curriculum, managing groups, developing community partnerships, maintaining facilities and teaching students (31). I was Hood River County School District First Aid and CPR/AED certified trainer (15). I have been an OSAA Varsity Women's Tennis coach (21), Varsity Women's Volleyball Coach (14), Varsity Track and Field Coach (2), active Oregon Women's Sports Leadership member, and a curriculum writer for HRVHS Physical Education, Sports Medicine, First Response Classes (14); a member of Northeast Oregon Area Health Education Center (7) linking rural Oregon to health career opportunities to students interested in Science and Health Careers from 6th grade-12th grade and a Future Health Professionals of Oregon Advisor(20). Previously, I taught high school 9-12 in Oregon at Centennial High School, Wy'East Middle School and Hood River Valley High School. I am a retired educator.

#### 3) What will your top priorities be if voters select you to serve on the board?

- Representing & connecting the board to Hood River county community members
- Bringing teaching experience to the table
- Being familiar with Oregon school culture and our aspiring students
- Collaboration is a strength of mine, representing all parents, taxpayers & students fairly

#### 4) What changes do you think the district needs to make?

Growing the trades and vocational training curriculum i.e., Career Technical Education

(CTE). HRCSD was a leader in the state of Oregon as our secondary track was formed on the trades; now we are hyper- focused on STEM; not all students have an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Yes, students need those skills to be competitive; CTE provides vocational trades to prepare those students who are not college track students.

All students are Americans, and all people are important. Less focus on equity and more focus on equality. Leave the Critical Race Theory out of the classroom. Encourage teachers to upgrade lessons' integrity leaving politics out of the classroom. Get back to basic education in a competitive world with emphasis on reading, writing, math and technology. We also need to develop the whole child with American values and appreciation for our country. Many current practices, policies and procedures were implemented in the 20th Century and are valid today; providing direction and knowledge pathways for kids in 21st Century schools.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Although over the requested word count, the above candidate has been run in full as they are running unopposed and space is available.

### POSITION 3

#### Julia Garcia-Ramirez

Julia Garcia-Ramirez did not respond to the questionnaire.

According to her election filing, Garcia-Ramirez is employed with Mid-Columbia Children's Council as Hood River area manager. Her educational background includes a Bachelor of Science from Ashford University in early childhood program administration. Her prior governmental experience includes two terms on the school board.

### POSITION 6

#### Brandi Shepard

Brandi Shepard did not respond to the questionnaire.

According to her election filing, Shepard is currently employed with Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital. Her educational background includes a Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Studies from Oregon State University.

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