

Sheridan School Board names finalists for district's next superintendent

After completing an extensive multi-state search, the Sheridan School District Board of Directors is pleased to announce that three finalists have been selected for further consideration to be the next Superintendent of Schools with a term beginning July 1, 2020. The finalists were selected from a field of 27 applicants. The board and a screening committee of 15 administrators, staff and community members thoroughly reviewed the applications and the board has conducted initial interviews with several candidates. The three selected finalists are:

Dorie Vickery

Dr. Vickery is currently an educational consultant for the Philomath school district. Previously she spent over ten years in a variety of administrative roles in the Central school district that included but was not limited to Director of Teaching and Learning, special projects, state and federal grants and elementary principal. She has over 19 years of teaching experience in a variety of roles. Dr. Vickery earned her doctoral degree (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership from George Fox University in 2013.

Ryan Relken

Mr. Relken has worked for the Goodrich area school system from 2014 to 2019, first as an elementary principal and then becoming their superintendent in 2017. Prior to moving to Michigan, he was a school principal in the Lincoln County school district (Oregon) for four years. He has elementary teaching experience while in Arizona. Mr. Relken has master's degrees in elementary education and educational leadership Northern Arizona and Edinboro (PA) universities respectfully.

Brian Flannery

Since May 2018, Mr. Flannery has been the assistant director for the Center for High School Success, Stand for Children. Prior to his present job, he was the high school principal in Philomath for two years. For the previous five years he was the Coordinator for Global and Online Education/CEO of the UO Talented & Gifted program. Mr. Flannery has a master's degree in Education from Oregon State University. He is currently working on his Doctorate degree at the University of Oregon.

The school board will begin background checks for the finalists over the next few weeks. The checks will include telephone references and licensure investigation. After the background checks are completed the school board will invite each finalist for a "day in the district" on Thursday, May 28th. At that time district staff and members of the community will have an opportunity to meet the candidates. The staff/community forums will be simultaneously held at three different sites from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. To comply with social distancing guidelines, attendance will be limited to 25 people or less at each location. At least one of the sites will be streamed live for participants to view the event virtually. The locations are the Sheridan school district office, Sheridan high school "new" gym and the SHS cafeteria. Each session will be moderated by a local board member. Audience members will remain at their chosen site as all three candidates will rotate to meet with each group at each site. For additional information, please contact Mr. Scott Burke, school board chairperson at 503-490-7263.