

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 4 pm April 25, 2023 in the Ojai Unified School District Office located at 414 E. Ojai Ave. Ojai, California 93023, or by email sent in of care of Dr. Sherill Knox, Interim Superintendent, sknox@ojaiusd.org

**OJAI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
APPLICATION TO FILL BOARD OF EDUCATION VACANCIES
TRUSTEE AREA #2**

DEADLINE: 4 p.m., April 25, 2023

(Please Print Name & Address)

Name: Lange Darris Lange
 (Last) (First) (Initial)

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: Ca Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

City: Ojai State: Ca Zip: 93023 Phone: _____

Email: _____

Any Former Names Used: None

Occupation & Employer: Lead Informations Systems Administrator - Tri-Counties Regional Center

Number of Years Residing in the District: 14

Do you have children in the District's school? Yes No What grades are they in? 4, 8 Ages? 9, 14

Have any family members attended District Schools? Yes No Which schools? MOES, MMS

Dates of attendance? _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: (Voluntary. Not Required.)

High School College/University	State	Degree/Units	Year Issued	Major/Minor
Mira Costa High	CA	Diploma	1988-1992	
SBCC	CA	48 +	1993-1996	Computer Science

LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES:

List language competencies, other than English: None

(Please Use Additional Paper, If Needed)

1. Why do you want to be a school Board Member?

See Attached for all questions.

2. Please discuss your interest in and commitment to the Ojai Unified School District.

3. Identify the most significant issues in public education generally and in the Ojai Unified School District specifically. State the ways you believe the District should respond to these issues.

4. What do you see as the major responsibilities of a Board Member?

5. How does the Board's role differ from that of the Superintendent?

6. What should be the relationship between Board members and District administration in the handling of school concerns?

7. Please identify and discuss the areas of knowledge or expertise that you would bring to the Board.

8. Have you worked on any school committees or participated in any school activities recently? If so, please list them.

9. List any other community or business activities in which you have participated. Describe your role, and whether your work was as a volunteer or employee.

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10. Please describe any expertise or experience you may have in the areas of finance, school finance, fiscal matters, education, or service on public boards.

11. Please fill out the attached Form 700 and submit with your application.

12. Please review the copy of Board Bylaw 9220. After reading Board Bylaw 9220, do you certify that you will abide by the requirements of Board Bylaw 9220? Yes No

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor?

Yes

No

If yes, please describe the offense(s):

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: If you answer no to any of the following questions, you are not eligible to serve as a Board member.

Yes

No

I am 18 years of age or older.

I am a resident of the Ojai Unified School District, Trustee Area #2.

I am a registered voter.

I am not disqualified to hold this office because of a conviction of any of the crimes listed on page 5 nor am I otherwise disqualified under the California Constitution or statutes from holding public office.

CERTIFICATION OF QUALIFICATIONS AND WORK COMMITMENT

I understand that upon appointment I would be required to file a Conflict of Interest Statement and take an Oath of Office.

I certify I am 18 years of age or older, a registered voter and that I reside within the Trustee Area #2 of the Ojai Unified School District.

I certify I am not disqualified to hold this office because of a conviction of any of the crimes listed on page 4 and further certify I am not otherwise disqualified under the California Constitution or statutes from holding public office.

1. Why do you want to be a school Board Member?

I transferred my kids from private to public ~ 3 years ago and have publicly advocated for parent participation and transparency. In a climate of public distrust and friction, I am volunteering my time and service to participate in a solution.

2. Please discuss your interest in and commitment to the Ojai Unified School District.

I have invested countless hours researching programs and processes in our district; my participation speaks for its own. My primary goal is district success, to change the tone from defensiveness to acknowledgment. Success also includes public access and dialog beyond board meetings. Board meetings are more of a public broadcast than dialog. I am willing to establish board committees where public dialogue is encouraged.

3. Identify the most significant issues in public education generally and in the Ojai Unified School District specifically. State the ways you believe the District should respond to these issues.

The school's funding formula needs to be revised. Most school funds are tied to goals and actions for student achievement. Unrestricted funds generally provide a base action to accomplish a goal, and restricted funds generally provide an enhanced effort to achieve a goal. Ojai's goals and actions could be more specific and concise. Specific actions promote transparency and, from a financial perspective, will simplify the separation of restricted and unrestricted funds.

Teachers in our district must be paid for all of their time beyond the one-year service credit. OjaiUSD should offer a Defined Benefit Program to supplement retirement.
[\(<https://www.calstrs.com/defined-benefit-program>\)](https://www.calstrs.com/defined-benefit-program)

4. What do you see as the major responsibilities of a Board Member?

As a school board member, your primary responsibility is to ensure that the district provides high quality education to its students. The Board is responsible for setting policies and making decisions about the district's budget, curriculum, facilities, and personnel.

5. How does the Board's role differ from that of the Superintendent?

Trustees are accountable to the community and represent the interests of district's students, parents, and taxpayers. The superintendent works with the district staff to implement the policies and decisions made by the school board and is accountable to the board for the district's performance

6. What should be the relationship between Board members and District administration in the handling of school concerns?

The relationship between school board members and district administration should be collaborative and constructive, with both groups working together to address school concerns in the best interest of the students and the community.

7. Please identify and discuss the areas of knowledge or expertise that you would bring to the Board.

I bring experience with data analytics and data structure, which can be valuable when making decisions or asking questions about technology, budget reports, or program evaluation. I am informed, and participated in most if not all board meetings for the last 2 years

8. Have you worked on any school committees or participated in any school activities recently? If so, please list them.

Last year, I was elected to serve on the School Site Council at Meiners Oak Elementary. SSCs work with other parents, teachers, and community members to develop/approve the school's Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) I also serve on the District Advisory Committee, a board committee tasked with reviewing and providing input on the Ojai's education plan LCAP (Local Control and Accountability Plan)

9. List any other community or business activities in which you have participated. Describe your role, and whether your work was as a volunteer or employee.

I actively donate to NHS and MMS Music and Drama programs, and our family participated and donated to Meiners Oaks Elementary Fall and Winter Festivals. I respectfully participated in community advocacy to save Ojai Schools and Support teachers. I hosted and open dialog discussion at my home with teachers and parents.

10. Please describe any expertise or experience you may have in the areas of finance, school finance, fiscal matters, education, or service on public boards.

I work for a state nonprofit with a similar budgeting cycle, where performance is also based on services, not profit. My experience producing reports based on defined criteria from the state can help the board ensure compliance with state regulations and accountability measures.

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DocuSigned by:
DARRIS LANGE
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4/25/2023

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I understand a Board Member's responsibility requires attendance at: (1) one or two regular Board meetings each month; (2) special meetings or study sessions when called; and (3) numerous school events. I understand that I will be required to read my Board packet and be prepared to make decisions on complex educational issues.

I understand that this application may be made available to the public in accordance with the Public Records Act.

I understand that my failure to complete this application and return it by **4 pm on April 25, 2023** will result in my ineligibility to be a candidate for provisional appointment to the Board.

I certify that the foregoing information is true and correct under penalty of perjury.

DocuSigned by:

DARRIS LANGE

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Signature

04/25/2023

Date



STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS COVER PAGE A PUBLIC DOCUMENT

Date Initial Filing Received Filing Official Use Only

Please type or print in ink.

NAME OF FILER (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE) LANGE, DARRIS K

1. Office, Agency, or Court

Agency Name (Do not use acronyms) OJAI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEE AREA 2

Division, Board, Department, District, if applicable OJAI UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD Your Position

If filing for multiple positions, list below or on an attachment. (Do not use acronyms)

Agency: Position:

2. Jurisdiction Of Office (Check at least one box)

State Multi-County City of Judge, Retired Judge, Pro Tern Judge, or Court Commissioner (Statewide Jurisdiction) County of Other OJAI UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD

3. Type of Statement (Check at least one box)

Annual: The period covered is January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. Leaving Office: Date Left 1/1/2022. The period covered is 7/1/2022 through December 31, 2022. The period covered is January 1, 2022, through the date of leaving office. Assuming Office: Date assumed. The period covered is through the date of leaving office. Candidate: Date of Election and office sought, if different than Part 1:

4. Schedule Summary (required)

Total number of pages including this coverage:

Schedules attached

Schedule A-1 Investments - schedule attached Schedule A-2 Investments - schedule attached Schedule B - Real Property - schedule attached Schedule C Income, Loans, & Business Positions - schedule attached Schedule D - Income - Gifts - schedule attached Schedule E - Income - Gifts - Travel Payments - schedule attached

-or- None No reportable interests on any schedule

5. Verification

MAILING ADDRESS STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE

DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER EMAIL ADDRESS

I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing this statement. I have reviewed this statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein and in any attached schedules is true and complete. I acknowledge this is a public document.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date Signed DARRIS LANGE 4/25/2023

Signature

(File the originally signed paper statement with your filing official.)

SCHEDULE A-1 Investments

Stocks, Bonds, and Other Interests (Ownership Interest is Less Than 10%)

Investments must be itemized.

Do not attach brokerage or financial statements.

CALIFORNIA FORM 700

FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Name _____

▶ NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY _____

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS BUSINESS _____

FAIR MARKET VALUE

\$2,000 - \$10,000 \$10,001 - \$100,000

\$100,001 - \$1,000,000 Over \$1,000,000

NATURE OF INVESTMENT

Stock Other _____ (Describe)

Partnership Income Received of \$0 - \$499

Income Received of \$500 or More (Report on Schedule C)

IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:

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