

**NEWBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR  
POSITION 6**



**JENNIFER POWELL**

**OCCUPATION:** An adoption consultant for International Family Services

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Yamhill County CASA (child advocate), Criminal Victims Services with Yamhill Co. DA, Youth With A Mission, Providence Newberg Hospital, Crisis Pregnancy

Center, American Red Cross.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** George Fox University, Pioneer Pacific College, Concorde Career Institute, Portland Community College.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Grew up working in the Yamhill Co. Republican party. I am currently a Yamhill Co. PCP.

Born and raised in Newberg Oregon and while working with our youth over the years; Youth Outreach, church community ministries and college mentoring programs; has allowed me to become familiar with issues and needs that our children face. Working in ministries/spend time overseas has given me the opportunity to see multicultural environments and the impact it has on our youth.

Presently I am an adoption consultant at International Family Services, a Yamhill Co. PCP, and a Yamhill Co. Child Advocate. I continue my mentoring to the troubled teens/young adults of the area, make quilts for the homeless and volunteer at Newberg Christian Church's community kitchen, among other community activities.

I know that you can entrust in me the dedication and passion I am committing to for the betterment of our children, the Newberg School Board, and our future.

My goals are clear:

- To listen to you
- To protect our children.
- To see to it that the needs and goals for our children's future and the future of the Newberg School Board are fought for.

*Information furnished by Jennifer Powell  
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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 over 30 years. My two children are graduates of Newberg High School and for 12 years I have fostered children who attend Newberg schools. Over the years I have been involved in our schools as a classroom volunteer and parent representative on school site councils and advisory committees. I am a strong advocate for public educations.

I have served as a member of the Newberg School District Board of Directors for three terms. 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 I 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 DIRECTOR  
ZONE 7**



**DEBBIE HAWBLITZEL**

**OCCUPATION:** Eight 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, elected 2007; 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 17 years. My husband, Matt, and I have four children all of whom have attended Newberg public schools. The oldest three have now graduated. Our youngest is in 6th grade at Mountain View Middle School.

I believe that quality public education is essential to our community and our society. I strong support:

- Improving student achievement in reading, writing and mathematics,
- Preparing high school graduates for college and work,
- Emphasizing 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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**SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION**

**NEWBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**COUNTY OF YAMHILL  
VOTERS' PAMPHLET  
MAY 17, 2011**

**YOU MAY DELIVER YOUR VOTED  
BALLOT POSTAGE-FREE TO THE  
FOLLOWING OFFICIAL DROP SITES:**

<b>Amity City Library</b> 307 S Trade St. Amity Open 24 Hours	<b>Carlton City Hall</b> 191 E Main St. Carlton Open 24 Hours
<b>Dayton City Hall</b> 416 Ferry St. Dayton Open 24 Hours	<b>Dundee City Hall</b> 620 SW 5 <sup>th</sup> St. Dundee Open 24 Hours
<b>Lafayette City Hall</b> 486 3 <sup>rd</sup> St. (99W) Lafayette Open 24 Hours	<b>Newberg Public Safety Parking Lot, Howard Street, Newberg</b> Open 24 Hours
<b>Chehalem Park Pool</b> 1802 Haworth Ave. Newberg Open 24 Hours	<b>Sheridan City Hall</b> 120 SW Mill St. Sheridan Open 24 Hours
<b>Willamina City Hall</b> 411 NE C St. Willamina Open 24 Hours	<b>Yamhill City Hall</b> 205 S Maple St. Yamhill Open 24 Hours
<b>Courthouse- Jail Parking Lot</b> McMinnville Open 24 Hours	<b>Yamhill County Clerk</b> Hours: 9:00AM-5:00PM 414 NE Evans St. McMinnville

**ELECTION DAY, MAY 17, 2011  
ALL DROP SITES WILL BE OPEN UNTIL  
8:00 P.M.**

**NEWBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR  
ZONE 2**

NO  PHOTO  SUBMITTED	<p><b>POLLY R. PETERSON</b></p> <p><b>OCCUPATION:</b> Adjunct Professor of Writing, George Fox University</p> <p><b>OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:</b> High School English and Social Studies teacher, 1990-1992; 2001-2002; George Fox University: Adjunct Professor of Writing and English 2002-2007; Assistant Professor of Writing and English 2007-2009; Adjunct Writing Instructor, English as a Second Language, 2010-Present.</p>
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and English 2002-2007; Assistant Professor of Writing and English 2007-2009; Adjunct Writing Instructor, English as a Second Language, 2010-Present.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** High School Diploma, Hidden Valley High School, 1985; BS in Social Studies Teaching, George Fox University, 1989; MEd in Curriculum and Instruction Specialization, George Fox University, 2006; Graduate work from Oregon State University and Portland State University, 2007-2009.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Volunteer (Dundee Elementary): 2001-2005. Serving in various roles such as Volunteer Coordinator, Parent Club President, and Site Council Parent Representative; Chairperson for the 2002 Bond Election; School Council Parent Representative (2009-2011) Newberg High School's Silver School.

All over the state, people are feeling the financial squeeze. Everyone has to operate with fewer funds. During lean times, careful decision-making becomes most important. As a parent of public school students, and educator, and a volunteer, I will bring my experiences and perspective to these difficult decisions.

My approach will be to focus on finding ways to keep teachers in the classroom, class sizes low, and programs in place. I will back high academic standards and support systems that will help each child meet those goals. I will encourage the district to continue to research and provide solid educational opportunities, tapping into community resources such as the Newberg Portland Community College campus, business-community connections, and other possibilities.

*Information furnished by Polly R. Peterson  
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**NEWBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR  
ZONE 2**

	<p><b>WALTER WOODLAND</b></p> <p><b>OCCUPATION:</b> Self Employed, Construction related industry. Additionally I build custom furniture and other wood products.</p> <p><b>OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:</b> Construction industry 1993 to present; Albertsons Inc. 1989 to 1993</p> <p><b>EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:</b> Boise High School, Graduate</p> <p><b>PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:</b> None</p>
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**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Boise High School, Graduate

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** None

The Newberg School Board's responsibility is; first, to provide a strong core education to the students of the district and second, to respect the district's fiducial responsibility to the taxpayers. All other considerations should be viewed as luxuries that are expendable in times of economic crisis.

The board needs to plan for declining revenues from state and federal sources over the next few years and needs to resist counting on the voting public to approve bonding measures, or even ask at a time when taxpayers incomes are declining as well.

The Newberg School District needs to encourage and foster partnerships with charter schools, instead of being adversarial. Charter schools are funded at 80% of public school rates, without incurring open ended pension and healthcare benefit obligations. They must compete and attract students as well. The remaining 20% (left within the public system) will help in balancing current budgets that include current education programs as well as benefits for current retirees. A "shall issue" policy should be enacted with the burden being on the district to show cause for denying a charter.

We need to consider all possible means to ensure that staff are encouraged not to retire in their middle to late 50's. Now more than ever, we can't afford to fund both their retirement benefits and the cost of the employee who will replace them. Public pension benefit promises are already having detrimental effects on budgets across the state and country and will only get worse. We need to get ahead of this trend, before it leads to insolvency.

The district focus needs to be on fundamental education, including and emphasizing U.S. history, English literacy and basic math skills while respecting the taxpayer's investment.

*Information furnished by Walter Woodland  
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**NEWBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR  
ZONE 3**

	<p><b>MELINDA VAN BOSSUYT</b></p> <p><b>OCCUPATION:</b> Small business owner</p> <p><b>OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:</b> 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</p>
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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; PCC-Newberg Advisory Committee; Chehalem Valley Strategic Planning Committee; Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee; Yamhill County Landmarks Commission; Yamhill County Economic Development Committee

Despite these difficult economic times, Newberg Schools continue to raise academic achievement and maintain academic and elective programs. 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
- Guarantee prudent management of school district funds
- Prepare students for college and the workforce
- Promote the development of students as good citizens
- 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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**VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

To be eligible to vote in the May 17, 2011, election, a completed voter registration card must be on file with the Yamhill County Clerk by not later than 5:00 p.m., April 26, 2011.

**YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE IF:**

- You are a citizen of the United States.
- You will be 18 years of age or older on election day.
- You are a resident of Oregon.

**YOU MUST REREGISTER TO VOTE IF:**

- Your residence or mailing address changes.
- Your name changes.
- You wish to change party affiliation.

**VOTING INSTRUCTIONS**

When you get your ballot packet in the mail after April 29, 2011, immediately examine it to make certain it is complete. It should contain the following items:

- A printed ballot on which you may vote your choice;
- A secrecy envelope with voting instructions printed on it;
- A pre-addressed blue trimmed return envelope in which to return your ballot;
- This Yamhill County Voters' Pamphlet.

If any items are missing, contact the Yamhill County Clerk's Office, at 503-434-7518 or 503-554-7850 from Newberg, and a replacement ballot packet will be sent to you.

**VOTING YOUR BALLOT**

To vote "yes" or "no" on a measure, with a blue or black pen simply fill-in the box next to the vote of your choice.

If you make an error on your ballot, spoil it in any way or lose it, you may obtain a replacement ballot by contacting the Yamhill County Clerk's Office at 503-434-7518 or 503-554-7850.

**RETURNING YOUR VOTED BALLOT**

- Follow the instructions on the secrecy envelope.
- Fold your ballot along the pre-scored fold and insert it into the secrecy envelope.
  - **SEAL** the return envelope and **SIGN** the statement on the back of the envelope. **Your ballot will not be counted if your envelope is not signed.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE: IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR YOUR NAME HAS CHANGED AND YOU HAVE NOT YET REREGISTERED, YOU MAY STILL BE ABLE TO DO SO. CONTACT THE YAMHILL COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.**