

MULTNOMAH COUNTY

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT FOR COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

ELECTION DATE: <u>May 21, 2013</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Amended Statement
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Name of Candidate (as it will appear on ballot) Steve Buel	Address 127 N. Hayden Bay Dr. Portland, Oregon 97217
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Filing for: Office of Portland School Board Director
 Name of County/City/District Multnomah County, Portland, Oregon, District 1
 Number of Position/Zone if applicable Position #4


This information furnished by (Name of Candidate or Committee as it should appear in voters' pamphlet)
Buel for School Board

Attached to be included in the Candidate's Statement for the candidate listed above:

Required information
 Occupation (present employment paid or unpaid), or the word "None"
 Occupational Background (previous employment paid or unpaid), or the word "None"
 Educational Background, or the word "None"
 Prior Governmental Experience (elected or appointed), or the word "None"
 Optional Information
 Statement(s) of Endorsement, if applicable (number filed: PAT)
 Photograph

NOTE: Language which violates any provision of ORS 251.415 will be excluded from the voters' pamphlet.

By signing this document, I hereby state:
 All information provided by me on this form (MCED 009) is true to the best of my knowledge and the photograph I have provided, if any, is less than four (4) years old.

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Signature of Candidate or Agent on behalf of Candidate

March 25, 2013

Date Signed

Phone Number of Agent (if applicable)

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Candidate Statement for County Voter's Pamphlet (MCED 009)

Steve Buel, Portland School Board, Position #4 (statement below)

Occupation

Retired Teacher

Occupation Background

Teacher for over 40 years;

Co-founder, Oregon Save Our Schools

Educational Background

MAT U.S. History, Western Oregon; BS Mathematics, University of Oregon

Prior Government Experience

Portland School Board, 1979-1983

Optional Information

WHY STEVE BUEL?

The Portland School Board has failed to address many of the school district's major problems. Steve's extensive educational and community background puts him in a unique position to lead in those areas where PPS struggles. Since 1975 he's been known for his integrity and willingness to speak out for Portland's children.

Your "elected" board members bring almost no initiatives for board action. It is a major weakness.

HERE'S SOME OF STEVE'S PRIORITIES

Focus on the classroom: Problems in a school should be addressed in the school, not by corporate reformers or top down government mandates.

Education, not testing factories: Testing is out of control. We should manage it so every child has a solid, well-rounded education.

Stabilize the school district: Solidify school boundaries and grade configurations to plan for the future.

Music, the arts, PE, libraries, and technology are not “extras”.

Respect teachers: Teachers are professionals and our best source of knowledge and educational experience. We need to treat them that way.

The drop-out problem: Schools need to better engage students. We need real equity for all students. Increase vocational programs. Develop and improve wrap around programs.

Special needs students: Improve help for parents of special needs children. Listen to them better in decisions concerning their child.

English language learners (ELL): Work for a county-wide newcomer’s program. Placements in classrooms should be appropriate.

Improve student behavior: Create more sensible discipline plans. Adjust better to the needs of each child.

Organize maintenance: Most school buildings are over 50 years old. We need to take care of them.

Really listen to citizens: Listening is a dialogue, not three minutes of citizen input and a thank you.

ENDORSED BY THE PORTLAND ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS

Go to Steve’s website, stevebuelforschoolboard.com, for lots more.