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**CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET
Orange Unified School District**

Please fill out and return by April 26, 2024 at 4:00 pm to cerich@orangeusd.org, or leave at the superintendent's office.

Date: 04/24/2024

Kunzman, Lisa D
(Last Name) (First Name) (Initial)

Business Address: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Home Address: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Occupation and Employer: Certified Athletic Trainer, Century High School/Santa Ana Unified School District
No. of Years Residing in District: 13

Do you have children in the district's schools? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, what schools? _____

1. Do you have prior experience serving on a governing board, specifically a school district board? Please list such prior experience.
I do not

2. Have you worked on any school committees or participated in any school activities recently? Please list them.
My job is in education. I work closely with the Athletic Director and my school's administration on job-related and occasional, unrelated policies and procedures.
I am very active in the Athletic Department.

3. Describe any other community or business activities in which you have participated. describe your role, and whether your work was volunteer or employment-related
I volunteer to run the Foothills Preschool Garden where my son goes to preschool.

4. Why do you want to be a school board member?
I have a 4-year old son that will be attending a OUSD school in the fall of 2025. I want to be involved with the direction the district is going in. I also have experienced both the pros and the cons of being an 20-year school district employee and feel that this unique vantage point will enable positive outcomes for OUSD.

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5. What do you see as the basic purpose of the public schools?
Public schools are there for the benefit of all school aged children. We have a duty to provide each student with a safe, nurturing environment and provide pathways for educational advancement.
The pathways should include both academic and non-academic opportunities post high school graduation.
6. What is the role of the school board in the fulfillment of that purpose?
I look at the school board as a community liaison between parents, students, staff and the district office. Board members are there to assure funding is appropriate for each site, to cheer on the students for all their achievements and make that we are fiscally responsible for the future.
7. How does the board's role differ from that of the superintendent?
The board acts as a liaison between the people they represent and the district which the superintendent heads. They also act as a check and balance on the district, keeping spending in check, assuring schools are meeting the needs of the community that they serve and making sure we are compliant with state laws.
8. What should be the relationship between the board members and the administration in the handling of school concerns?
School concerns should be handled with diligence and care by both the board and the administration. Both parties are there for the children and their best interests must always come first. School concerns must be addressed, especially safety concerns.
9. Briefly describe your commitment to public education and our local school district.
I have worked in public education for more than 20 years. I am committed to my job at a public high school in an underserved neighboring community. I think this experience will be beneficial to Orange Unified School District because of all I have seen and dealt with throughout my career.
10. What do you see as the strengths of the school district?
The district offers a wide variety of programs for students at all grade levels. I like the dual immersion programs that the district offers, the commitment to sports and the focus on academic achievement.
11. What do you see as the area(s) most needing improvement in the school district?
I would like to see more in depth legal analysis of policies before the board enacts them to avoid lawsuits, assure facility improvements are equal at all sites, keep an eye on dealings with charter schools and make sure we have robust career and college pathways for all students.

* Applicants may attach an optional letter or recommendation and/or resume. Anything included in or attached to the application is a public record.

ATTESTATION

I Lisa Kunzman, am hereby applying for the vacancy on the Board of Education for Orange Unified School District Area 7.

Residency Requirement

I hereby declare that I reside within the boundaries of the Trustee area I am applying for pursuant to the statutory definition of residency provided in Government Code section 244 and applicant laws. If there is any change in the status of my residency, I agree to immediately notify the Superintendent of Schools in writing.

Qualifications

I hereby declare that I am eligible to be a Board member without further qualifications as set forth in OUSD Board Bylaw 9220. Board Bylaw states in relevant part:

Any person is eligible to be a Board member, without further qualifications, if he/she is 18 years of age or older, a citizen of California, a resident of the school district, a registered voter and not legally disqualified from holding civil office. Any person who has been convicted of a felony involving the giving, accepting, or offering of a bribe, embezzlement or theft of public funds, extortion, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any such crime, under California law or the law of another state, the United States of America, or another country, is not eligible to be a candidate for office or be a Board member except when the person has been granted a pardon in accordance with law. (Education Code 35107; Elections Code 20)

A District employee elected to the Board shall resign his/her position before being sworn in or shall have his/her employment automatically terminated upon being sworn into office. (E.C. 35107)

I understand that this application and anything attached to it is a public document and may be requested under provisions of the California Public Records Act.

I understand that upon appointment I would be required to comply with conflict of interest laws and policies and that I would be required to take an oath of office.

I attest the foregoing information is true to the best of my knowledge.

Print Name: Lisa D. Kunzman Date: 4/26/2024

Signature of Applicant: 

Provisionally appointed Board members hold the office until the next regularly scheduled election per Education Code section 5091(e)), unless terminated by petition per Education Code section 5091(c)).

Lisa Kunzman

Orange, CA | [REDACTED]
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Summary

20 years experience as a certified athletic trainer (ATC) working in a public high school.

Education

UC Irvine | Irvine, CA

Criminology, Law and Society | 06/2002

BA awarded 2002

Sports Medicine Club President Fall 2001-Spring 2002.

Skills

Communication skills, Customer service

Experience

Century High School | CA, Santa Ana

Head Athletic Trainer | 03/2005 - Present

Responsible for Athletic training coverage of all Varsity football games on and off campus. Responsible for athletic training coverage of all on campus athletic contests and practices.

Costa Mesa High School | CA, Costa Mesa

Head Athletic Trainer | 09/2002 - 06/2005

Responsible for Athletic training coverage of all Varsity football games on and off campus. Responsible for athletic training coverage of all on campus athletic contests and practices.

UC Irvine | CA, Irvine

Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer | 04/2002 - 06/2003

Responsible for Athletic Trainer Coverage for Men's Soccer Team and Men's Waterpolo.



Santa Ana Unified School District
CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL
California Distinguished School

Nata Shin., Principal

Administrative Team:

Mr. Scott Michael, Mr. Jesus Nufiez, Ms. Cristina Ridgeley-Mones

April 26, 2024

To whom it may concern:

This letter is written on behalf of Ms. Lisa Kunzman as a candidate for an open seat on the Orange Unified School District Board of Education.

It has been my exceptional good fortune and genuine pleasure to work with Ms. Kunzman at Century High School, where she has served with distinction as our head Athletic Trainer, Certified since 2005. From 2010 until 2023, I served as Ms. Kunzman's immediate supervisor in my capacity as athletic director at Century. Throughout my time working with Ms. Kunzman, I have consistently found her to be highly capable and competent, carefully organized, diligently proactive and forward thinking, broadly intelligent, and genuinely caring and people centered in carrying out her duties in a thorough and efficient manner.

Lisa's preparation for her profession is both unique and practical. While earning her bachelor's degree at the University of California, Irvine (graduation 2002), she worked as a student intern in the UCI Sports Medicine Department, completing well beyond the requisite practical hours for national certification as an athletic trainer. Her graduation and certification coincided generally with the employment of certified athletic trainers in Orange County high schools. Lisa began her work in public schools at Costa Mesa High School in the Newport Mesa Unified School District in fall 2003 until spring 2005. When the Santa Ana Unified School District opted to employ a full-time, permanent track, athletic trainer, Certified at each District high school in the summer of 2005, Ms. Kunzman's distinguished service and strong recommendations from the athletic staff at Costa Mesa High School along with her professional preparation at UCI, made her truly stand out among the pool of applicants for the position here at Century. It is also notable that, the two most recently hired athletic trainers, Certified have been hired largely on the recommendation of Ms. Kunzman. Both have served successfully.

I strongly believe that Ms. Kunzman's extensive work in high school athletic programs provides a strong context for serving as a Board Trustee. Athletics and all extra-curricular programs, are vital to a strong, successful overall school program and foster strong connections among community members, parents, and the schools. Further, Ms. Kunzman's work experiences include preparing and working within a budget, working extended, holiday, and weekend hours that are necessary to carry out the goals of an effective extra-curricular program. I know that she has developed an understanding of, and appreciation for, the dedicated service that both classified and certificated school employees provide to allow students and schools to be successful. Finally, the unique nature of her position has provided Ms. Kunzman with a very practical and thorough understanding of the significance of both liability and risk management processes and procedures within the current public school environment. These experiences will, without question, allow Ms. Kunzman to begin her

service on the OUSD Board with a level of understanding of many of the most significant aspects of public education that the other applicants for this position simply would not have. The ability to serve effectively on day 1 certainly contributes to Ms. Kunzman's qualifications.

Lisa Kunzman is an invested community member in the City of Orange. She bought, and still lives in, her first home in the City approximately 11 years ago. During the height of California's drought, she volunteered to participate in a conservation landscaping conversion project to make her front yard both esthetically pleasing and non- water dependent, that was sponsored by the City of Orange. Most importantly, Ms. Kunzman is the mother of a pre-school age son who will soon be enrolling in OUSD schools. There may be no more significant role than parent- and perhaps no more invested group of community members that schools serve than its parent base. I know that Ms. Kunzman's service would be guided by the principle of what any parent would desire for a high quality school district for their children.

In closing, Lisa Kunzman is a bright, capable, and invested candidate to serve as a member of the OUSD School Board. I have every confidence that, upon completion of your careful review, you will agree that she is an exceptionally well qualified candidate whose potential for service in this capacity is exceptional. I am proud to recommend her with the strongest possible enthusiasm.

Professionally,



Matt Cavanaugh
Teacher
Century High School
Santa Ana Unified School District.