



## CANDIDATE APPLICATION FORM FOR TRUSTEE AREA 3

*Please fill out and return by 4:00 p.m. on March 29, 2019, to the superintendent's office.*

Date: March 28, 2019

Name: Behler, Mike S

Business Address:

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Home Address:

Phone:

Are you registered to vote at this address? Yes

E-mail:

Occupation and Employer: Owner, Behler Construction Company, Santa Rosa, CA

No. of Years Residing in Trustee Area 3 of the District: 18+ years

Do you have or have you had children in the district's schools? Yes

If yes, what schools? My daughter Erica graduated from Hidden Valley Elementary, Santa Rosa Middle School, and Santa Rosa High School.

1. Why do you want to be a school board member?

My family has a long history of attending Santa Rosa City Schools. In addition to my daughter noted above, my grandfather graduated from Santa Rosa High School and my parents graduated from Herbert Slater Middle School and Montgomery High. Also, my brother, sister, wife, and I graduated from Herbert Slater Middle School and Montgomery High School. Many other relatives have attended and graduated from Santa Rosa City Schools.

My wife, Kori, taught general education for 5 years in Rincon Valley Unified School District. She is currently an adjunct faculty member with SRJC working as a Disability Specialist in the Disability Resources Department and has a private practice specializing in support for students with learning disabilities and ADHD.

My daughter is currently attending SSU and is working towards her masters and teaching credential and wants to become an elementary school teacher.

I have been the estimator and project manager for 13 school projects including the construction of R.L. Stevens Elementary School for the Wright District, one of Santa Rosa City Schools' elementary feeder districts.

I became more engaged as a volunteer for SRCS in 2015 when I began serving on the Bond Oversight Committee for Measure I. I have been chair since 2015. I later joined the committee for Measure L.

The Santa Rosa City Schools have given so much to my family and me that I would like to do more in return.

I believe my knowledge of the district, my experience in construction, my participation on the bond committees, my financial report experience, and my teaching experience would make me an asset to the board. I am a quick study and would hope to get up to speed quickly on the many aspects under the Board's purview.

2. What do you see as the basic purpose of the public schools?
  - a. Provide a challenging, engaging, nurturing, and safe environment where each student can thrive
  - b. Provide students with a platform to use their voice so they become stakeholders in their own education
  - c. Provide access to STEM, CTE, and extracurricular activities so students have a well-rounded education
  - d. Teach each student accountability, perseverance, pride, and responsibility and give them the opportunity to maximize their education and talents
  - e. Prepare students for a satisfying and productive life
  - f. Transition students to the workforce and/or college and prepare them to be good citizens
3. What is the role of the school board in the fulfillment of that purpose? The role of the school board is to ensure that the school district reflects the needs, beliefs, priorities, and values of their community. This role is accomplished by:
  - a. Conduct and Ethics: Providing leadership to the community on behalf of the school district by conducting it's business in a fair, legal, respectful, and responsible manner
  - b. Vision: Using input from the community to establish a shared vision of the educational future, define the goals to get there, and set the course to make it happen.
  - c. Structure: Establishing organizational and physical structures for student and staff success
  - d. Accountability: Being accountable to the community through constant monitoring of the conditions affecting the school district as a whole
  - e. Advocacy and Communication: Advancing the board vision at the local, regional, state, and national levels
4. Briefly describe your commitment to public education and our local school district. I've been an adjunct instructor at both SRJC and SSU and have participated through volunteering at Project Graduation, Hands Across America, CHOICES, and Junior Achievement at various schools. I have served on the NCBE Scholarship Committee for the past 18 years. I also currently serve on the Citizen Oversight Committees for bond measures I and L and on the SRJC Construction Management Advisory Committee.
5. What do you see as the strengths of the school district?
  - a. Progress towards providing a safe and modern learning environment, current and reliable technology, and much needed school repairs due to bond measures I and L
  - b. An involved and attentive school board
  - c. Passionate educators and support staff

- d. Focus on equity in educational access
6. What do you see as the area(s) most needing improvement in the school district?
- Reduce fixed costs
  - More community and parent involvement
  - Access additional State and other funding sources
  - Keep working on the financial stability of the district
  - Improve teacher retention
  - Building educational supports for new high school graduation policies
7. Do you have prior experience serving on a governing board, specifically a school district board? Please list such prior experience. See list below. I have not served on a school district board but have 20+ total years serving on the Santa Rosa Community Advisory Board, the North Coast Builders Exchange Board, and other association boards.
8. Have you worked on any school committees or participated in any school activities recently? Please list them.
- Since 8/2015, I've been a member and chair of the SRCS Bond Measure I Citizen Oversight Committee.
  - In 8/2017, I was added to the SRCS Bond Measure L Citizen Oversight Committee.
9. Describe any other community, business or faith-based activities in which you have participated. describe your role, and whether your work was volunteer or employment-related. The below table outlines most of the volunteering opportunities I've had over the years.

Description	Year(s) / Date	Notes
BEAMS	97-07, 10-Present	Board member
Board Member- City of Santa Rosa Community Advisory Board	12/03 – 1/06	Board Member. Appointed by Bob Blanchard
"Choices" Presenter	2012	Santa Rosa High, Montgomery High, Maria Carrillo High
Citizen Oversight Committee- Bond Measure I	8/15 - Present	Member. Chair 8/15-present
Citizen Oversight Committee- Bond Measure L	8/17 - Present	Member
City of Santa Rosa- New Police Substation	Oct.-Dec. 2004	Donated labor and materials to remodel substation
City of Santa Rosa Strategic Plan Participant	Nov., Dec., 2004	
Distinguished Clown- Luther Burbank Rose Parade	2004, 2005	Fundraiser for the Rose Parade
Empire Industrial Court Association- Vice President	1999 – 2002	Board member
Finley Center Career Fair- guest speaker	2002	2 days
Fire Victim Assistance	10/17 - Present	<a href="https://www.pressdemocrat.com/specialsections/rebuildnorthbay/9301099-181/rebuilding-sonoma-county-santa-rosa">https://www.pressdemocrat.com/specialsections/rebuildnorthbay/9301099-181/rebuilding-sonoma-county-santa-rosa</a>
Hands Across America- participant	2001, 2002	Hidden Valley School
Junior Achievement "Our City"- In-class volunteer	2002	For a 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade class. Abraham Lincoln Elementary School
Kenwood Pillow Fights- supporter and participant	1980 – 2006, 2014	22 Titles. Fundraiser for the Kenwood Volunteer Fire Department
Leadership Santa Rosa- Class 18	2001 – 2002	
NCBE/BEAMS Finance Committee	2004 - Present	Chair 2011 – present
NCBE Member Services Committee	2000	Chair 2000
NCBE Political Action Committee	2001 – 2005	Chair 2002
NCBE Scholarship Committee	2000 – Present	Chair 2000 – 2002, 2007 - 2015
NCBE Worker's Comp Trust	1/99 – 12/07	Chair 2002- 2005
North Coast Builders Exchange- Board Member	1997 – 2007	
North Coast Builders Exchange- Director	2010 - Present	
North Coast Builders Exchange- estimating seminar instructor	May, Sept., 2002	
North Coast Builders Exchange- Past President	2002 – 2003	
North Coast Builders Exchange- President	2001 – 2002	
North Coast Builders Exchange- Second Vice President	2000 – 2001	
North Coast Builders Exchange- Secretary/Treasurer	1999 – 2000	
North Coast Builders Exchange- Secretary/Treasurer	2018 – 2019	
Project Graduation	2008	Santa Rosa High School. Set up, evening volunteer, clean-up

Rincon Valley Grange- clean-up volunteer	8/04/01	Also donated \$400 in clean-up expenses
Salvation Army- celebrity bell ringer	2001 - 2004	Collected over \$10,000
Santa Rosa Junior College- adjunct instructor	1996 – 1999	Taught classes in construction management
SRJC CM Advisory Committee	2018 - Present	
Santa Rosa Youth Soccer League- soccer coach	2000 – 2003, 2005	U10, U12, U14 and U16 girls
Sonoma County Spirit Award- recipient	2001	
Sonoma State University- adjunct instructor	2001 - 2002	Taught classes in construction management
SRJC Architecture and Construction Tech.- advisory committee	2002 – 2006	
SRJC Construction Technology program- guest speaker	Many times	
SSU Construction Management Program- guest speaker/teacher	Several Times	
Sutter Health contractor selection committee	1/05	For new Santa Rosa hospital
Welfare League- interior remodel	12/04 - 2/05	Labor and material contribution