



Centralia School District

Special Board Meeting- Board Director Interviews

Date and Time

Wednesday September 16, 2026 at 5:00 PM PDT

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Centralia School District Office

5:00 p.m. Special Board Meeting

Zoom: <https://centralia-wednet-edu.zoom.us/j/91299411867>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/centraliaschooldistrict>

Our Mission: Prioritize Students- Uphold High Expectations- Champion Hope- Cultivate Collaboration

Our Vision: All Students Achieve Academic and Personal Excellence

Agenda

Presenter

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

B. Flag Salute

C. Record Attendance

Tim Browning, President

Deb Parnham, Vice President

Sarah Holmes, Director

Lisa Leon, Director

Presenter

D. Approval of the Agenda

II. School Board Director Interviews

A. Monique Farland

B. Leah Sisemore

III. Executive Session

To discuss the candidate qualifications. RCW 42.30.110.

IV. New Business

A. Consideration of Approval of Appointment of School Board Director

V. Closing Items

A. Future Meeting Schedule and Board Recommended Agenda Items for Future Meetings

September Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, September 24, 2026

5:00 p.m. at Centralia High School Performing Arts Center

October Study Session

Thursday, October 8, 2026

5:00 pm at the Centralia High School Performing Arts Center

B. Adjourn Meeting

People with disabilities should contact the superintendent's office at least 24 hours in advance so that arrangements can be made for them to participate in board meetings.

Coversheet

Monique Farland

Section:	II. School Board Director Interviews
Item:	A. Monique Farland
Purpose:	
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	centralia_school_board_letter(1)-MF.pdf Monique A Farland Resume.pdf

Monique Farland

August 20, 2026

Hello,

I am writing to express my interest in serving as a member of the Centralia School District Board of Directors. I would welcome the opportunity to serve.

I have lived in Lewis County for 7 years and have built a record of civic engagement here that I believe would translate directly into thoughtful, informed service on this board. Currently, I serve as President-Elect of AAUW Lewis County and as Chair of the League of Women Voters of Lewis County, where I have led advocacy on local issues. This work has given me a close, practical understanding of how Lewis County residents engage with public institutions, and how important it is for those institutions to be transparent, responsive, and accountable to the community they serve.

I have also worked directly with elected officials and their staff on issues affecting Lewis County, including outreach to representatives from Senator Patty Murray's and Senator Maria Cantwell's offices. That experience taught me how to research an issue thoroughly, build coalitions across different community groups, and communicate effectively with decision-makers at every level of government — skills I would bring directly to board deliberations and to representing this district's families well.

My daughter graduated from the Visions program in 2022, which gave me firsthand understanding of the issues adults with disabilities face every day and deepened my investment in how our schools serve every student, not just some. I want to bring that same attentiveness to the board's work on behalf of all Centralia students and families.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss my interest further and to answer any questions the board may have. Thank you for your consideration and for your service to the students and families of the Centralia School District.

Sincerely,
Monique Farland

Monique A Farland

Skills

- Operating Systems: Microsoft Windows 95/98/XP/7/8.1/10/Server 2012 R2. Macintosh OS and Linux. Microsoft Office: Word, PowerPoint, Excel. Technical Support, Windows Server Administration, Active Directory, Group Policy, Certificates, Wireless Administration, VPN's, Remote Desktop, WSUS, SQL Server, DHCP, DNS, G Suite, Windows Deployment, Microsoft Deployment, Hyper-V, Disaster Recovery, IT Soft Skills course, Spiceworks, SCCM, Networking, Linux, SharePoint, Drupal, WordPress, HTML, some JavaScripting, Social Media, Microsoft Windows Back-up, Customer Service course, Cisco switches and routers
- **Lynda.com-** WordPress Essential Training, SharePoint Essential Training, PowerShell 5.1 Essential Training, Google Apps 2016 for Education Essential Training.

Professional Experience

Developmental Disabilities Administration *Centralia, WA 01/20 to present*

Individual Provider

- Provide in-home personal care and respite services to Medicaid-eligible client. Assist with daily living tasks, including bathing, dressing, meal prep, and transportation.

Olympia School District *Olympia, WA 06/18 to present*

IT Field Technician

- Resolve technical issues with software, networks, windows laptops, MacBook's, iPad's, iPod's, iMacs, audio systems, projectors and windows desktop computers.

DSHS Aging Long Term Support Administration *Lacey, WA 04/17 to 06/17, 08/17 to 06/18*

IT Helpdesk Intern

- Research, diagnose, install images and resolve technical issues, Active Directory, computers, monitors, printers, software and hardware.

DSHS Services Enterprise Support Administration *Olympia, WA 06/17 to 8/17*

IT Intern

- Designed and maintained a SharePoint website called Intern Collaboration, used for Interns for collaboration, announcements, tasks, calendar and a blog. Created an InfoPath form for ETOC Service desk using a SharePoint list and InfoPath.

Olympia School District *Olympia, WA 01/17 to 03/17*

IT Helpdesk Intern

- Troubleshooted, unpacked and properly inventory laptops, MacBook's, desktop computers, Mac imaging, Microsoft Deployment toolkit and Windows Deployment.

Education

Centralia College

Centralia, WA

09/23 to 06/25

AAS Accounting/ Tax

Manage accounting information and data in a variety of business settings.

Prepare financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

Assist in conducting audits in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS).

Use the computer accounting software QuickBooks.

Calculate tax liability and prepare tax forms for individuals and business entities.

Prepare written and oral business communications to industry standards using word processing and spreadsheet software.

South Puget Sound Community College

Olympia, WA

09/15 to 06/17

AAS Information Technology Computer Support Degree

Installed, configured and maintained client hardware and software. Effectively troubleshooted hardware and software in “end user” environments. Maintained and monitored customer service at helpdesk tier level one.

Volunteer Activities

AAUW President Elect

Centralia, WA

06/25 to present

Assists the current President with branch administration, prepares to assume the presidency by learning leadership operations, and collaborates on program development, board oversight, and organizational projects. Runs meetings when President isn't there.

League of Women Voters Lewis County

Lewis County, WA

08/26 to presents

Nonpartisan civic organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Coversheet

Leah Sisemore

Section:	II. School Board Director Interviews
Item:	B. Leah Sisemore
Purpose:	
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	CSD LOI-LS.pdf LS Resume 26.pdf

Leah Sisemore



August 15, 2026

Centralia School District Board of Directors

I am writing to express my interest in the vacant position on the Centralia School District Board of Directors. As a parent, behavioral health professional, and longtime member of this community, I believe my experience and perspective could add value to the Board and support the students, families, educators, and staff of Centralia School District.

I currently have children attending Centralia schools, and I have had other children go through the district and graduate from Centralia High School. I have experienced our schools through different children, ages, strengths, and needs, giving me both a longtime connection to the district and the perspective of a parent actively navigating it today.

Professionally, my background includes behavioral health, public systems, program management, policy, funding, and community partnerships. I regularly work within complex systems where decisions require balancing regulations, resources, accountability, and the needs of people and communities. I am comfortable reviewing budgets, contracts, policies, and legislation, asking thoughtful questions, and working collaboratively with people who bring different expertise and perspectives.

I believe that experience could be particularly valuable given the relatively short period remaining in this appointment. I am already familiar with public meeting processes, governance responsibilities, budgets, and the impacts of state policy. This would allow me to focus my initial time on learning the district, its priorities, finances, challenges, successes, and people, and begin contributing quickly.

I recognize that this appointment comes at an important time as the district is continues implementation of the 2026-31 strategic plan while navigating the 2026–27 budget and longer-term financial planning, as well as preparing for another long legislative session in Olympia. My professional experience has taught me how to follow legislative and policy changes, understand their practical and financial implications, and work with subject-matter experts to navigate them responsibly. I believe good stewardship means keeping

resources aligned with the district's mission, understanding the outcomes they are producing, and keeping student achievement at the center of decision-making.

I also care deeply about preparing students for life beyond graduation. Success can mean college, Running Start, career and technical education, apprenticeships, skilled trades, military service, or entering the workforce. I want our students to see meaningful opportunities for themselves and our schools to maintain strong relationships with families, employers, higher education, trades, and community partners.

Above all, I believe effective governance is built on relationships. Parents should feel heard, educators and staff should feel respected, and Board members should be able to disagree thoughtfully while continuing to work together. I would come prepared to listen and learn, ask informed questions, build relationships, and contribute my experience.

I would be honored to serve Centralia School District and believe I could make meaningful use of the time entrusted to this appointment while keeping students at the center of the work.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Leah Sisemore

LEAH SISEMORE

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Behavioral health and public-systems professional with experience in provider relationship management, state-funded programs, housing stabilization, policy implementation, contracting, budget oversight, and cross-sector partnerships. Skilled at translating legislation, regulation, contracts, funding requirements, and policy into practical operational guidance.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Provider Relationship Account Manager *Carelon Behavioral Health Elevance Health May 2026–Present*

- Manage relationships with behavioral health providers and regional partners, supporting communication, issue resolution, program implementation, and system coordination.
- Interpret healthcare policy, provider agreements, contractual requirements, funding parameters, and operational guidance to support provider performance and compliance.
- Track state legislation, budget actions, and policy developments affecting behavioral health providers and publicly funded services; assess and communicate operational and fiscal impacts.
- Review program and financial considerations, contract requirements, and provider performance trends while collaborating across health plan, provider, and public-system partners to identify risks and improve service delivery.

Program Manager

WA State Dept. of Commerce

Mar 2023–May 2026

- Managed state and federally funded housing stabilization programs across multiple regions, overseeing budgets, expenditures, provider contracts, funding utilization, statutory requirements, and compliance.
- Reviewed provider invoices, budgets, fiscal documentation, contracts, and performance data to ensure allowable use of public funds and alignment with contractual and program requirements.
- Tracked legislation, state budgets, appropriations, and policy changes affecting housing and behavioral health programs; assessed fiscal and operational impacts and translated changes into implementation guidance.
- Provided technical assistance to providers and regional partners and developed monitoring tools, corrective-action processes, contract guidance, and strategies to address program and financial risks.

Program Manager

Gather Services

Jun 2020–Mar 2023

- Supervised housing stabilization and behavioral health programming, including program budgets, spending priorities, resource allocation, and operational planning for individuals with complex service needs.
- Supported contracts and service agreements, documentation and compliance requirements, housing entry, case planning, crisis-response coordination, and cross-agency service delivery.

EDUCATION

BAS, Behavioral Health — Centralia College **AA, Criminal Justice** — Centralia College