

## The Boise Metro Chamber Presents

# Boise School Board Candidate Forum August 26, 2014

### Brian Cronin



**OCCUPATION:** Marketing and communications consultant (currently Senior VP at Strategies 360)

**EDUCATION:** Ed.M, Harvard University; B.A. Haverford College

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** Classroom volunteer (Boise School District); Board member (Conservation Voters for Idaho); soccer coach (Idaho Rush); past board member of Boise Metro Chamber Small Business Success Center, Idaho Human Rights Education Center, Boise State Public Radio; past Commissioner, Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs; Graduate, Leadership Boise; volunteer, Agency for New Americans; Vice Chairman, Ada County Highway District Neighborhood Advisory Committee; volunteer, United Way Community Impact

Review Team & Direct Impact Response Team (DIRT)

**PERSONAL/FAMILY INFORMATION:** Wife: Veronica (17 years); Children: Kyra and Alana (age 11)

**HOBBIES, INTERESTS:** Exercise, reading, family, great outdoors, tennis, travel

**YEARS LIVING IN THE BOISE SCHOOL DISTRICT:** 16 years

### Nancy Gregory



**OCCUPATION:** Homemaker, Volunteer, Advocate, Mentor

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's in Elementary Education

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** 12 years as a school board trustee, district representative on Idaho Leads Project, board liaison to the Chamber Education/Workforce Committee, chair of the district legislative and policy committees, multiple years on parent/teach boards, founder of support group for families of gifted students, Edufest board member, parent representative on ITAG/SAGE board, church youth leader and instructor.

**PERSONAL/FAMILY INFORMATION:** Paul and I have 6 children (all Borah graduates) and 17 grandchildren. Paul is an engineer at Micron.

**HOBBIES/INTERESTS:** I like to read, cook, sew, and garden.

**YEARS LIVING IN THE BOISE SCHOOL DISTRICT:** 24 years

### John Hruby



**OCCUPATION:** President, Soar USA (an independent consulting firm focused on strategy & business development in government/defense markets)

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor of Science, U.S. Air Force Academy plus 3 Masters Degrees (most recent being an MBA)

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** Church Sunday School, Boy Scouts, High School Booster Club

**PERSONAL/FAMILY INFORMATION:** Wife (Stefanie); 4 children (Courtney, Megan, Grant, Ben)

**HOBBIES/INTERESTS:** Family, travelling, hiking, biking, and golf

**YEARS LIVING IN THE BOISE SCHOOL DISTRICT:** 8 out of last 11 years

## Travis Jones



**OCCUPATION:** Executive Director, Idaho Grain Producers Association

**EDUCATION:** BS, Agribusiness and MS, Agricultural Economics - University of Idaho

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** Boise Elks Lodge #310 member/activities volunteer, 100 Men Who Care, Amy Hafer Memorial Cancer Walk, City Club of Boise member, Rake-up Boise, Idaho State Society, FarmHouse Fraternity alumni board of directors, Chief Joseph Days rodeo volunteer.

**PERSONAL/FAMILY INFORMATION:** Age: 37, Spouse: Samantha, Children: Cyrus (6, Liberty Elementary), Home: Timberline High School quadrant

**HOBBIES/INTERESTS:** History, Outdoors, Soccer, Basketball, Softball, Hunting, Family time, Music

**YEARS LIVING IN THE BOISE SCHOOL DISTRICT:** 8 years

## Doug Park



**OCCUPATION:** Change Manager, Leadership Coach, Strategy Development, Team Builder

**EDUCATION:** BSIA at GMI

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** Volunteer work in the Boise Schools. Honored at the White House for leading a project locally that remodeled the Women's Crisis Center, Volunteered with my kids to Paint the Town and other community events. Helped Ben Quintana and Ken Carroll develop and launch the BYP Mentoring program.

**PERSONAL/FAMILY INFORMATION:** Cynthia and I have been married for 40 years and we enjoy two children; Emily in Cleveland and Nicholas in the U.S. Navy

**HOBBIES/INTERESTS:** Reading, coaching young adults, and my work as an education volunteer

**YEARS LIVING IN THE BOISE SCHOOL DISTRICT:** 27 years

## Tony Shallat



**OCCUPATION:** Attorney, pending passage of Idaho Bar; Political Consultant

**EDUCATION:** B.A. University of San Diego Magna Cum Laude; J.D. University of Idaho College of Law

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** District 19 Democratic Chairman; Community Advisory Board (CAB) Boise State Public Radio; Board of Directors, Idaho Civic Engagement Project

**PERSONAL/FAMILY INFORMATION:** Single; Mother and Father both educators who live in Boise.

**HOBBIES, INTERESTS:** Cycling, Snowboarding, Hiking, Golf

**YEARS LIVING IN THE BOISE SCHOOL DISTRICT:** Born here, moved away for college, came back - 19 years total.

## Grant Walden



**OCCUPATION:** Financial Analyst

**EDUCATION:** AA Clark College 1986, BA Washington State University 1989

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** Mountain View Lateral Water Users Assn. (Past President), WSU Alumni Assn. (Past Idaho Director), Mountain View Elementary

**PERSONAL/FAMILY INFORMATION:** Wife; Susan Buxton, Daughter; McKell (student at Fairmont Jr. High)

**HOBBIES/INTERESTS:** Rafting and College Football

**YEARS LIVING IN THE BOISE SCHOOL DISTRICT:** 25 years