


MARION COUNTY, OREGON

OFFICIAL BALLOT - APRIL 28, 2011

RECALL ELECTION

TO VOTE: Use a black ink pen to complete the appropriate arrow like this: 
Vote "Yes" or "No" on the question.

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 13J

Referred To The Voters By Petition

27-104 PETITIONER'S STATEMENT: (Exactly as stated on Recall Petition)

Susan Meikle-Stoops has failed to represent the public interest in her role as a board member and as chairperson of the Central School Board. She has failed to provide oversight of the superintendent and has allowed the caustic and dysfunctional relationship that exists between the superintendent and district staff to worsen. She is responsible for the antagonistic atmosphere of school board meetings. Ms. Meikle-Stoops has a special responsibility to keep lines of communication open. Instead, she has resolutely ignored concerns raised by district employees and the public - including the vote of no-confidence taken by teachers and classified staff in 2009 and questions regarding bond expenditures. She has arbitrarily and inconsistently limited public comment and prohibited discussion at board meetings. She has used her position as chair to discourage individual board members from speaking directly with the community and staff of the school district. She has failed to share important information with other board members in a timely manner. It is her failed leadership as board chair that has led to the current crisis in our district. Allowing Susan Meikle-Stoops to remain in this position is a disservice to district staff, the community, and most especially children.

STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION: (Exactly as submitted by Susan Meikle Stoops)

I am proud of the work I have done for students and citizens as a member of the Central School Board. Please vote no on this Recall. My record stands for itself.

I have acted in the best interests of our district by following the laws and policies defining how the board of directors conducts business. I have welcomed community participation.

I proudly served for 32 years as a special education teacher, assistant principal and administrative leader in Oregon schools. This background and my contributions on the school board have resulted in our beautiful new high school; in a thorough review of district policies and of fiscal responsibility during difficult budget issues. During my leadership, we've been recognized by ODE for closing the achievement gap at the middle and elementary school levels.

I am a graduate of Willamette University (BA, 1971); and of Western Oregon University (MS, 1975). I am also a member of the Central Lions Club.

While on the Central School Board I have always made decisions focused on what is best for students. I've worked to represent taxpayers positively and courageously. I will continue to listen to community concerns. Please vote no on this Recall.

QUESTION: Do you vote to recall Susan Meikle-Stoops from the office of
Central School District 13J Board Member, Position 4?

YES ←

NO ←

WARNING: Any person who, by use of force or other means, unduly influences an elector to vote in any particular manner or to refrain from voting is subject to a fine.