

## Interview Questions Tillamook Pioneer

### 1-How long SC

From birth to 18 then returned at age 22 been here for the last 17 years

### 2-Family history in our area

The Hurlimans came to this area early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and Wharton's arrived in 1927. I am the fourth generation to live in this area, on both my mother and father's side of the family. Both the Wharton and Hurliman families have been very involved in the community. My maternal grandparents Clem and Elizabeth Hurliman were dairy farmers on Meda Loop and my paternal grandparents, James and Wanona "Jim and Noni", are best known for owning the sporting goods store in Hebo and dory fishing. My mother and father, Rose and Randy Wharton, have always been very involved citizens in our community. I am fortunate that my family has modeled for me how important it is to take pride in our community and to give back to our community as often as possible. I am proud to be the third generation to graduate from Nestucca High School and am excited to continue the tradition by having my daughters become Nestucca graduates.

### 3, 4, 5-Did I see myself returning for a career in education, why come back what positions held.

Upon graduating from Nestucca the last thing I thought I would find myself doing would be returning to work in education with in the Nestucca School District.

I came back to the area upon graduating from Portland State university to serve a year as an AmeriCorp volunteer. My plan was to use the year determine my next steps. I found that I loved working with students, and enrolled in George Fox University to attain my Masters in Arts of Teaching (MAT). During my time in the district I have been an Instructional assistant, teacher, Elementary Principal and now Superintendent. Additionally, I have coached volleyball, track and field, cross country and softball.

### 6-personal history and ties give an advantage

As product of this community, I am proud of the opportunities South Tillamook County has provided . As a longtime resident, I feel I understand the culture of our small rural area, as well as the needs of our families and students. I am fortunate to have the unique advantage of knowing how this community "thinks" It is important to me to help develop the future of our community while respecting and celebrating, our past. I want to pass that on.

7- The only disadvantage I have seen from being so rooted in the community, is it has been a learning opportunity for some to be able to separate Misty, the person, from Misty, the Superintendent. I have known many of the community members my entire life, therefore they bring with them an established history on how I think and act. The role of superintendent presents limitations concerning decisions I have to make, which can sometimes be unpopular, particularly with people that know me well. I try to clearly communicate as to why I make the decisions that I do and what I have to consider. 8- Vision for the district

My vision for the Nestucca Valley School District is to provide opportunity and resources to our students, as well as equip them with the skills they need to find success in their chosen path of life. As a

parent I know we all want the very best for our own children. As an educator, I want the very best for every child. I love our community and school district. I am often amazed at the support and dedication found in our parents and community members to create opportunity for our kids. I also will work to make the Nestucca Valley School District community a great place for staff to live and work. I am excited to see what we can accomplish, in the future.

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The most pressing challenge is always resources and staying ahead of a rapidly changing culture.

Overcoming these challenges lies in educating our staff and community .There are many great resources out there. The first step is clearly identifying the need then looking for the resources to help address it. It is important to go through the steps of identifying the need, seeing what resources are out there and never being afraid to jump in and ask for support. Our community always steps up.