

Application for the position Principal

Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board
Position: Principal

Part II: Applicant Information

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County: Hennepin
Mn House District: 61A
US House District: 5
Recommended by the Appointing Authority: False

Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

Type	File Type
Cover Letter	application/pdf
Resume	application/vnd.openxmlformats-officedocument.wordprocessingml.document

Additional Documents (.doc, .docx, .pdf, .txt)

Type	File Name
No additional documents found.	

Part IV: Optional Statistical Information

Gender: Male
Disability: No
Age: 45
Political Affiliation: Democratic-Farm-Labor
Ethnicity: White or Caucasian
Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin: No

Part V: Signature

Signature: James Miklausich
Date: 6/27/2017 10:12:19 AM



Superintendent: Dr. Rod Thompson
Principal: Jim Miklausich
Assistant Principal: Matt Headrick
Dean: Amanda Hainline

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Jim Miklausich and it is with great excitement that I apply for the administrative position on the Professional Educator Licensing Standards Board I have spent the past 20 years working in education. The majority of those years were spent as a classroom teacher and now I am a school principal. I know from my experience the importance of the classroom teacher.

Educator licensing is at a critical point in Minnesota. Our state faces a teacher shortage in many key areas and at the same time having highly qualified teachers in front of our students is crucial. The role of Professional Educator Licensing Standards Board is to find a balance between these two key points.

As a school administrator I have had a front row seat to the challenges facing teachers working on initial licensure and the need for variances to ensure that our students have the best instruction possible. The current process can be frustrating and confusing leaving well intentioned and qualified people in difficult situations. The balance the Board faces is challenging and important. There are important decisions to be made when it comes to people following nontraditional paths to a licensing and for people moving to Minnesota from out of state. All of these decisions will impact our state's future.

I feel that my experiences in the classroom and as an administrator make me uniquely qualified to face these difficulties. Over the past 20 years I have worked in classroom as a teacher and been a part of the development of 3 different teacher evaluation programs. I have served in a q-comp district and written a q-comp plan. I evaluate teachers on a regular basis and know the qualities of high quality instructors. I know the value of having the right people leading Minnesota's classrooms. At the same time I am an active member of the Minnesota policy community as a Humphrey Fellow.

I hope that you will consider my application so that my experiences can be used to support Minnesota's classrooms. Please do not hesitate to call me at 612-242-6261 with questions.

Sincerely,

Jim Miklausich
Principal – East Junior High Shakopee

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Objective: To obtain a position that will utilize my leadership abilities, management skills, school experiences, and interpersonal skills to better a non-profit agency.

Education:

Humphrey Policy Fellow 2016- 2017

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, K-12 Principal Licensure Program 2008-2009

University of St. Thomas, MN, MA Elementary Education 1995-1997

University of St Thomas, MN, BA Business Sales and Marketing 1990-1994

Summary of Leadership Experience:

- Shakopee East Jr. High Principal 2013 – present
 - Facilitated Shakopee Schools Middle School Task Force
 - Administrative Lead Shakopee School Integration Equity Team
 - Administrative Lead Teacher Evaluation Review
 - Administrative Lead District Staff Development Committee
 - Administrative Lead Shakopee Q-comp Application
- Richardson Elementary School Principal 2009-2013
 - Administrative Lead Teacher Evaluation Review
 - Successfully Lobbied for All Day Every Day Kindergarten

Principal Shakopee East Jr. High

2012 –present

- Supervise a staff of over 100 and manage a budget of over 7 million dollars
- MCA test scores have risen in reading and math
- Shakopee Schools Principal of the Year 2013-14
- Led curriculum redesign to parallel college and career ready standards.

Principal Richardson Elementary - North St Paul

2008-2012

- Supervised a staff of over 75 and managed a budget of over 5 million dollars
- School exited AYP by raising student achievement over 10% in math and 7% in reading as measured by MCA test scores
- School became Celebration eligible and received Celebration status in 2012-2013
- Successfully implemented an RTI/MTSS model to support students at a classroom level.
- Built partnerships with local faith communities to build a network of support for students.

Teacher Cowern Elementary - North St Paul

1997-2008

- Successfully taught classes of 30 students as measured by MCA test scores and social emotional growth
- School Lead Teacher

References: Available Upon Request