

Application for the position Teacher

Part I: Position Sought

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

Part II: Applicant Information

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County: St. Louis
Mn House District: 07A
US House District: 8
Recommended by the Appointing Authority: False

Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

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

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

Type	File Name
No additional documents found.	

Part IV: Optional Statistical Information

Gender: Female
Disability: No
Age: 62
Political Affiliation: No Answer
Ethnicity: White or Caucasian
Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin: No

Part V: Signature

Signature: Anne Kraffhefer
Date: 7/6/2017 12:13:40 PM

6 July 2017

Office of Minnesota Secretary of State, Steve Simon
180 State office Building
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Secretary Simon,

I was recently reappointed to my second term on the Minnesota Board of Teaching (BOT) as a Classroom Teacher Member. It has been an honor to serve on the BOT the last five years. As a Board, we have been working to assure that the process for becoming a licensed teacher in Minnesota is clear to applicants, higher education institutions and school districts. In addition, we are making strides toward developing policies and clarifying rule to assure that students in Minnesota will have highly qualified teachers in their classrooms in the years to come. There is work that I would like to continue as a member of the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB), in the seat designated for teacher outside of the metro area.

As part of the Board of Teaching, I have served on the Legislative Committee, the Discipline Committee and the Executive Committee. The decision by the Minnesota Legislature to allow two members of the BOT to be eligible for reappointment to PELSB was a very important consideration made by our legislators. Maintaining consistency in board operations will require some institutional memory, provided by current members of the BOT. The best example I can offer is consistency in the ongoing work of the Discipline Committee. The decisions of this committee are based on Minnesota Statute and Rule, but we also consider previous decisions made by the committee, for similar concerns. We then follow the concept of "rule of law" in determining the consequence for each person brought before the committee.

There are other matters that members of PELSB will be considering that should be treated with consistency. Please consider my application to be one of two current BOT members to mentor their fellow PELSB members, and be able to share both process pieces and knowledge with this new board.

Sincerely,

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Academic Degrees

- *Bachelor of Applied Science* *University of MN, Duluth*
Elementary Education, June 1977
- *Master of Education* *College of St. Scholastica*
Math and Science Instruction, August 1997

Professional Experience

Minnesota Board of Teaching – January 2013 to Present
Currently Serving on the Discipline Committee and Legislative Committee
AFT ER&D Thinking Math Training I Summer 1994 and January 1995
AFT ER&D Thinking Math Training II Summer 1995 and January 1996
AFT ER&D Thinking Math Training III Summer 1996 and January 1997
Elementary Classroom Teacher – Duluth Public Schools – 1993 to Present
GED Teacher –Duluth Public Schools/City of Duluth - 1990 to 1993
Literacy Coordinator – Duluth Public Schools/City of Duluth – 1987 to 1990
Classroom Teacher – Rhema Academy, Brimson, MN - 1978 to 1981
Classroom Teacher – St. Anthony’s School, Duluth, MN – 1977 to 1978

Professional assignments and activities

Duluth Federation of Teachers Executive Board Secretary – 2006 to Present
ER&D Local Site Coordinator – 2008 to 2012
Elementary Quality Leadership Team (Labor-Management Committee) 2011 to Present
Contract Negotiations Team – 2006 to Present
Building Level Leadership Team – 2001 to 2005 and 2011 to Present
Elementary Action Committee – Duluth Public Schools – 2007 to Present - Chair 2009 to 2011
Elementary Math Committee – Duluth Public Schools – 1998 to Present
Assignment and Transfer Committee - Elementary Representative 2008 to Present
District Co-Curricular Labor Management Team - 2006 to 2010

Community Involvement

City of Duluth Higher Education Board – 2004 to 2007
St. Louis County Children’s Mental Health Advisory Board – 2000 to 2002

Research

Implications of Changing to Math Reform Curriculum in Upper Elementary

This two year research project was based on a small control group at a school with more than 70% free/reduced lunch in the years 1995-97. Students in the experimental group were instructed in math reform methods, using ER&D’s Thinking Math approach as the foundation for instruction. Comparison with the control group showed major gains on scores of experimental group members in conceptual math items on standardized tests. Published in *The Right Angle* Winter 1999.