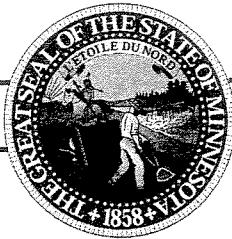


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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

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**DENISE G. KAPLER**

9375 Jonathan Road  
Woodbury, Minnesota 55125  
County of Washington  
Congressional District Six

Because of the special trust and confidence I have in your integrity, judgment and ability, I have appointed and commissioned you to have and to hold the said office of:


**MEMBER REPRESENTING CLASSROOM TEACHERS  
BOARD OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS**

Effective: December 7, 2009  
Term Expires: January 3, 2011

This appointment carries with it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, December 2, 2009.



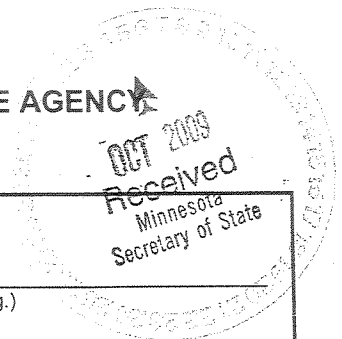
  
Governor

  
Secretary of State

Replacing: Michael Munson

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
OPEN APPOINTMENTS APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON STATE AGENCY**

*All information on this form is available to the public upon request.*



**Agency Name:** \* Board of School Administrators  
(Name of board, council, commission or task force to which you are applying.)

**Position Sought:** Member  
(Membership position sought or enter "member" if no specific requirements exist for position sought.)

**Applicant Name:** \* Denise Kapler  
(First Name) (Last Name)

**Preferred Mailing Address:** \* 9375 Jonathan Road Woodbury MN 55125  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

**Work Phone:** \* ( 651 ) 293 - 8830 **Home Phone:** ( 651 ) 738 - 7096  
**E-MAIL:** \* dkapler@comcast.net

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**County:** Washington **MN House of Rep District:** 56A **U.S. House of Rep District:** 6 DEC 2 2009  
*\* Indicates information that will appear on the Office of the Secretary of State web site: www.sos.state.mn.us*

**Have you ever been convicted of a felony:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X President of the Senate  
**Did the Appointing Authority suggest you submit your application?** YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

**Please attach a current resume or a biographical statement containing work history, education, community activities, etc., and any other information the Applicant or Nominating Person feels would be helpful to the Appointing Authority.**

**OPTIONAL STATISTICAL INFORMATION**

The following information is optional and voluntary. Information is collected for, and compiled in, the annual report on the open appointments process pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* §15.0597.

<b>Sex:</b> <u>X</u> Female _____ Male	<b>Political Party:</b> _____ Democratic-Farmer-Labor <u>X</u> Independence _____ Republican _____ Other _____ _____ No party preference	<b>Race*:</b> _____ African American / Black _____ American Indian / Alaska Native _____ Asian _____ Hispanic _____ Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander <u>X</u> White _____ Other Race _____
<b>Disability:</b> _____ Yes <u>X</u> No		
<b>National Origin:</b> <u>United States of America</u> (Country of Origin or Principle Tribe)		(* Select as many as apply)

I swear that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct and that I satisfy all legally prescribed qualifications for the position sought.

*Denise St. Kapler*

(Signature of Applicant)\*

9-25-09  
(Date)

\* If another person or group is nominating the applicant, the applicant's signature indicates consent to nomination.

<b>MAIL, FAX, OR SUBMIT APPLICATION IN PERSON, TO:</b>	Office of the Secretary of State, Open Appointments 180 State Office Building 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd St. Paul, MN 55155-1299	<b>FAX:</b> (651) 296-9073 <b>Phone:</b> (651) 297-5845 <b>Email:</b> open.appointments@state.mn.us
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Applicants will not receive an acknowledgement of submitted applications; the appointing authority will notify you if an interview is desired. *By request, this application will be made available in alternative format (for example, braille, large print, audio tape, or computer disk.)*

**FOR OFFICE USE:** Sub by AA: \_\_\_\_\_ AA: \_\_\_\_\_ Governor 10/07/09

# Denise G. Kapler

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Woodbury, Minnesota 55125  
651-738-7096  
dkapler@comcast.net

## Experience

2003-Present

Mathematics Teacher Washington Technology Middle School  
Science Teacher Gordon Parks High School  
Saint Paul Public Schools Saint Paul, Minnesota

- Teach algebra, geometry, biology, and engineering classes
- Outreach to the community and facilitate involvement of volunteers in the classroom. Partners include the Army Corp of Engineers, 3M, Ecolab, Medtronic, Ecolab, University of Minnesota, Capital Bank, Saint Paul Radio Club
- Serve on various district curriculum and assessment writing committees
- Rocket Club Mentor - Students from the Rocket Club were invited to the 2007 NASA National Rocket Challenge. Team of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders placed 27<sup>th</sup> in the nation out of seven hundred 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade teams.
- Coordinate the summer program: Project Good Start
- Presented at Saint Catherine University's STEM Conference
- Reflective Practice Research through the Saint Catherine University on The Impact of Technology in the Classroom
- Licensed in Math and Science

2002-Present

Member of District 833 School Board  
South Washington County Schools Cottage Grove, Minnesota

- Governance of Minnesota Public School District serving Woodbury, Cottage Grove, Saint Paul Park and Newport
- Set fiscal and strategic policy, and goals. Define vision and direction for district
- Ethical stewardship of public tax dollars; educational program development and monitoring; student assessment; student support services; employee relations including staff development and hiring of the superintendent; program and staff evaluation; instructional materials; facility use; extracurricular activities; and community trust
- Work with legislators and outside organizations to affect legislation and policy direction at the local, state and federal levels favorable to the schools
- Treasurer with oversight of fiscal standings, and development and issuance of bonds approved through voter referendum. In recognition of the trust in such stewardship, voters most recently passed a \$150 million referendum for capital improvements in 2006.

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- Oversee and analyze evidence on the quality of the school program with respect to the criteria and the expected school-wide learning results as found in community, state, federal and national standards
- Adoption and policy implementation of budgets that are fiscally responsible and maintain outstanding bond ratings
- Develop parameters and final ratification of negotiated contracts so to promote social justice and exemplary working relationships with all levels of staff
- Facilitate communications among various community groups to promote interests of the school and to help determine common ground where collaborative effort is most productive. One such initiative, which reaches over decades, came to fruition this year with the opening of a shared space in the newly constructed high school, in partnership with the community fine arts council.

2009-Present

Adjunct Professor

Saint Catherine University Saint Paul, Minnesota

- Developed and teach STEM Certificate program for licensed Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers.
- Sought, coordinated and facilitated support for this program from federal and state grants

2008 –Present

Program Manager Federal Magnet Grant

Saint Paul Public Schools Saint Paul, Minnesota

- Manage the BioSMART federal magnet grant. Providing for the development, implementation, and monitoring of a best practices, comprehensive standards based, and integrated curriculum model including assessment, program support, co- and extra-curricular activities, staff development, and community outreach.
- Facilitate community resources from all sectors (private, non-profit, government, and higher education) to serve the schools in terms of programming, equipment, funding, and curriculum.

2002-2004

Director of Development

North End Community Foundation Saint Paul, Minnesota

- Develop and implement strategic plan to support foundation's vision.
- Conduct community outreach and development, including grant writing, management and coordination in community for youth after school programming: academic, culture, arts and athletics.
- Plan, implement and manage strategies to identify, cultivate, solicit and steward gifts.
- Conceive, write and edit marketing materials, including website management and design.
- Initiate, design, maintain, and direct a management tracking system for all major donor prospects.
- Developed fund raising opportunities from various businesses in the community. Successful development and implementation of The Emperor's Ball as a major fund raising event held at the Landmark Center

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1983 – 2002

Director, Risk Management

Ramsey County Saint Paul, Minnesota

- Department Head responsible for the divisions of: employee and retiree benefits, occupational health and risk control, claims management, and risk financing and control.
- Member of County Management Team working to support County Board in development of strategic and fiscal policy direction and implementation
- Gather, analyze and develop as needed action plan for program evaluation and improvement
- Coordinate the County's response to disasters for compliance with State and Federal regulations.
- Policy and planning work on issues such as compliance with the ADA, Telework and emergency response.
- Chaired the Downtown Child Care Center Partnership. Members included downtown businesses determined to establish a downtown childcare center, and the establishment of a drop-off center for citizens utilizing the court system. Worked with foundations and other community funding sources to develop interest and understanding, and final design and implementation plan.
- Responsibilities include managing County trust funds, review of all programs and contracts including all construction proposals and rewards for compliance with County guidelines and assessment of risks presented to the County.
- Direct the County's risk finance and trust account programs.
- Responsible for department budget development and management.
- Member of County Management Team, Management Union Negotiations Team, Team for Construction and Renovation of Courthouse/City Hall, Court Security Committee, and Emergency Response Team.

2000-2002

Member of the Math and Science Academy School Board  
Charter School Woodbury, Minnesota

- Set fiscal and strategic policy, and vision for school.
- Work with Minnesota legislators to affect legislation favorable to the schools.
- Treasurer assuring strong financial position
- Oversaw best practices, staff development and curriculum implementation
- Editor of the Annual Report and Emergency Manager for school.
- Facilitated collaboration among the school, the Woodbury Fine Arts Council and the Woodbury Community Theatre, YMCA and Youth Orchestra.

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### Education

Master of Art in Education  
2004 College of Saint Catherine Saint Paul, MN  
Master in Business Administration 1990 University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, MN  
Bachelor of Science  
1979 Zoology Iowa State University Ames, IA  
Project Lead the Way Certification  
2008 Gateway, Milwaukee School of Engineering Milwaukee, WI  
Emergency Manager Certificate Program 2002 FEMA  
Participant 1998 Community Response training by FEMA

### Past and Present Involvement

#### Professional

Research Fellow with the Department of Energy's Sandia National Lab in Livermore, California. Member of: Minnesota Council of Teacher of Mathematics, National Science Teachers Association, Minnesota School Board Association and National School Board Association. Writer and manager of various grants, including: 3M for technology, Star Tribune for literacy, Best Buy for technology, AAIA for technology, Ecolab for technology, and Qwest for STEM initiative. Woodbury Chamber of Commerce Member and Past President of Risk and Insurance Management Society; Member of Public Risk and Insurance Management Society; Infragard Member. On-going participant in various Professional Development classes and programs on teaching strategies, classroom management, curriculum content, finance, policy and planning, nanotechnology, board leadership, and ethical stewardship.

#### Community

Woodbury Athletic Association Board Member; YMCA Board Member; Friends of Woodbury Foundation Member ~ Committee Chair; Member of Fine Arts Council and Woodbury Historical Society; Licensed Radio Operator; Teacher in youth religion programs beginning while in college; Royal Oaks Elementary: PTA Board Member, Picture Person and Junior Great Books; Science Curriculum Committee for Saint Ambrose school; Girl Scout leader; School Board Member at Maternity of Mary School; Eucharistic Minister at Saint Ambrose Catholic Church of Woodbury; Academic Triathlon Coach at Math and Science Academy; and District 833 Curriculum Advisory Committee Member; Volunteer at Saint Agnes Schools, Mentor and Coach After-School Math and Engineering Club at Saint Agnes.

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