

STATE OF MINNESOTA
Executive Department



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President of the Senate

Governor Tim Walz

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Jill Lofald

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

Public Member

Board of School Administrators

Effective: March 9, 2022

Expires: January 5, 2026

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

Signed and sealed March 4, 2022.



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Governor

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Steve Simon

Secretary of State

Reappointment

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Professional Development and Community Involvement

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Current Employment

2021 Re-elected to four-year term on Duluth School Board – District 4
2018-Present Elected to a 4-year term on the Duluth School Board District 4
2018-2021 MSBA (Minnesota School Board) Leadership Training
2018-2020 Various lobbying days at the State Capitol on Educational funding and programs
2019- 2020 College of St. Scholastica Education Department – Supervisor of Student Teachers
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School Board Leadership and Trainings – 2017 – to Present – Minnesota School Board Association (MSBA)

2021 – Director's Award -100 points from MSBA-sponsored sessions to improve individual performance
2021- Leadership Development Certificate – Learning to Lead
AMSD – Association Metro School District – School Board member and serving on the Legislative Committee
2020-2021 – Duluth School Board Chair
2021 – Elected to a second 4-year term on the Duluth School Board

Board of School Administrators (BOSA)

Appointed in 2018 by Gov. Dayton
Four years on the BOSA Licensing Committee
Two years as the Chair of the Licensing Committee
Strong, consistent, committed member of the BOSA Board
Attended all monthly meetings in my 4-year term

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Board of School Administrators
Dept. of Education
1500 Highway 36 W.
Roseville, Mn.

To Whom it May Concern;

I would be honored to serve on the Board of School Administrators as the School Board representative. One of the main reasons I am applying for this appointment is my 40 years of experience in education. It has not been 40 years of a career; it has been 40 years of a calling. I still have a strong passion for children, for communities, for our public schools, for teachers and administrators.

A second reason I would enjoy being a member of this board would be the unique lens I would have serving on this board. I am a school board member and can represent that position with authority and experience, but as a former teacher I can use my experience in working with school leaders to help make informed decisions as a board member. I have spent four years as a school board member and have just been re-elected for another four years. I have served as a board chair for two of my four years.

The issues we have faced these past two years also brings experiences to the BOSA board. We will face many unique and honest challenges due to the pandemic and having served four years on the BOSA board and four years on the Duluth School Board gives me great background and strength to continue to serve and use my knowledge to lead. I understand about our return, recovery and reimagine journey ahead for all education in Minnesota.

I am blessed to have the time that being on this board would require. I feel like I am still an active learner and enjoy the opportunity to use my education, experience, passion and time to serve as a member of the Board of School Administrators. I am proud of the fact that in my four-year term on BOSA I attended all monthly meetings and worked to be prepared, share my knowledge and move business of the BOSA board in a positive direction.

If you have any further questions or need more information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Jill Lofald
Duluth Public Schools
District 4 School Board Member
Current School Board Chair
Retired Duluth English Teacher
Current Head Debate and Speech Coach for Duluth Public Schools

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Application for the position Public Member (School Board Member) Application Date: 11/21/2021 9:31:55 PM

Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Board Of School Administrators
Position: Public Member (School Board Member)

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Jill Elizabeth Lofald
Phone: (218) 391-4696
County: St. Louis
Mn House District: 07B
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/vnd.openxmlformats-officedocument.wordprocessingml.document

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