



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Steve Atwater, Superintendent
SUBJECT: 2010-11 Administrator Contracts- Item 11 a. (10)

It is recommended that the following administrator contracts be approved for the 2010-11 school year. The following assignments are tentative:

David Larson	*Principal	Homer Middle
Lisa Callahan	*Principal	Nikiski North Star
Dawn Edwards-Smith	Principal/Teacher	River City Academy

*reflects a change in assignment

RESUME

David Larson

Homer, AK 99603-3633

Current Certificates

AK Type A Secondary English Teacher
Highly Qualified in High School and Middle School English/Language Arts.
AK Type B Administrator.
OR Transitional Administrator PK-12

Education

M.Ed. (2005) Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ.
Educational Administration
(1997) Southwestern Assemblies of God University, Waxahachie, TX.
Post-Bac Teacher Certification
B.A. (1974) Northwest University, Kirkland, WA.

Professional Experience

2008- Present Assistant Principal of Homer High School, Homer, AK

- Instructional leadership and evaluation.
- Oversight of athletics and schoolwide behavior policies.
- Oversight of building use.
- Intervention team.
- Professional Learning Committees

2007- 2008 Principal of Lincoln Elementary School, Coquille, OR

- Instructional leadership and staff evaluation.
- Implementation and sustainability of Reading First Literacy Model using Houghton Mifflin Reading curriculum and supplemental scientifically researched based interventions.
- District level Title X Homeless Liaison
- Assessment oversight and implementation.
- Development and implementation of formative classroom walkthroughs.

2005- 2007 Principal of Noorvik Pre-K-12 school.

- Instructional leadership.
- Staff professional development.
- Assessment and data driven instructional development and implementation.
- Curriculum approval and oversight.
- Activities/athletic Director.
- Supervision and management of the complete classified and certificated staff.
- Classified and certificated staff observations and evaluation.

- 1998-2005 Secondary English Teacher (Highly Qualified), Kenai Central High, Kenai, AK.
- 9th grade Language Arts
 - 10th grade Honors English
 - 12th grade Advanced Placement Literature and Composition
 - World History
 - Yearbook
 - Mock Trial advisor with a team invited to the Mock Trial national competition in Omaha NE (2001)
 - Senior Class Graduation advisor
 - Commencement Speaker for Kenai Central High School Class of 2005
- 2004 Administrative Intern, Kenai Central High School, Kenai, AK.
- 2004 Administrative Intern, Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.
- 2001-03 Collective Bargaining Negotiator, Kenai Peninsula Education Assoc., Kenai, AK.
- 1998 Alternative Programs, Louis Angapak School, Tuntutuliak, AK.
- 1997 Substitute Matanuska-Susitna School District, Palmer, AK.
- 1997 Substitute Alaska Job Corp. Palmer, AK.
- 1997 Teacher Intern, Wasilla High School, Wasilla, AK.

Professional Memberships

National Association of Secondary School Principals
Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals

Honors

- 2004 BP Teacher of the Year nominee
- 1996 Dean's List, Southwestern A/G University

Presenter

- 2004 Kenai Central High School, School Improvement Goals
- 2004 Kenai Peninsula Borough School Dist., Homeroom.com/ Skills Tutor Training
- 2003 Kenai Central High School, Using Technology in the Classroom

Professional Committees

- 2004 State of Alaska Teacher Certification Technical Oversight Committee
- 2003 State of Alaska Committee to formulate a study of Teacher Certification
- 2004-05 Professional Development (chairperson), Kenai Central High School, Kenai, AK.
- 2001-03 Collective Bargaining Committee, K.P.E.A, Kenai, AK.
- 1999-02 Intervention Team, Kenai Central High School, Kenai, AK.

Public Sector Volunteer Experiences

Executive Board, Cascade Chamber of Commerce, Cascade ID.
City Councilmember, City of Cascade, ID.
Valley County Economic Development Committee, Valley Co. ID.

Lisa Callahan

OBJECTIVE

To obtain an administrative position in a public or private school setting

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Nominated for Distinguished Educator Awards Twice
Langford Quality Learning Processes Training
Building Professional Learning Communities Training
Frameworks for Teaching and Teacher Evaluation Training

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
Homer Middle School Principal
Homer, AK

August 2008 to Present

- Built Response To Intervention (RTI) program for Homer Middle School.
- Presented teacher inservices on Peer Coaching, Differentiated Instruction, 21st Century Learning Skills, Data Driven Instruction, and Professional Collaboration
- Hired, supported, and evaluated school staff
- Created Husky Tracks program to give students opportunities to perform community service and participate in hands on activities in science, rocketry, drama, debate, youth court, chess, Math Counts, and other activities
- Collaborated on KPBSD team to develop a new teacher evaluation tool
- Served as athletic director

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
Teacher
Ninilchik, AK

August 2006 to May 2008

- Taught second grade math, second and third grade reading, and K-12 vocal and instrumental music
- Developed a successful after school reading tutoring program
- Rebuilt band program increasing student participation by 700%
- Participated in Success For All Leadership Academy and Professional Learning Community leadership conferences
- Prepared Title I reports, budgets, and building level plans

Clark County School District
Music Specialist
Las Vegas, NV

August 2003 to August 2006

- Instructed K-5 general music classes
- Directed choirs, musicals, and steel drum bands
- Coordinated and presented steel drum workshops for the community
- Completed 350 administrative intern hours with administrators in affluent suburban schools and at-risk schools with high ELL and homeless populations
- Coordinated after-school math and reading tutoring programs
- Presented teacher workshops on the Reading Counts program and building steel drum ensembles
- Prepared new teacher packets which included high quality lesson plans for math, language arts, and science, as well as the components of an effective lesson plan, learning environment suggestions, and classroom management guidelines

Matsu Borough School District

August 1995 to June 2003

Teacher

Palmer, AK

- Taught middle school choir, health, honor choir, and handbell choir at Colony Middle School
- Taught elementary general music and band at Finger Lake Elementary School
- Increased student participation in band by 100% and created choir program
- Organized Matsu District Honors Festivals and teacher workshops
- Directed and managed the community and school Colony Calypso steel drum bands

Bassett Grade School

August 1992 to May 1995

Teacher

Bassett, NE

- Directed beginning, intermediate, and advanced bands for grades 5-8 and taught K-8 general music classes
- Increased student numbers in band and choir by 80%

EDUCATION

University of Phoenix

2006

Master of Arts Educational Administration GPA: 4.0

Las Vegas, NV

University of Nebraska at Kearney

1991

Bachelor of Arts Music Education GPA: 3.8

Kearney, NE

INTERESTS

Hiking, whitewater rafting, traveling, reading, playing steel drums

REFERENCES

Available upon request

DAWN RENEE EDWARDS-SMITH

CERTIFICATION, ENDORSEMENT AREAS & HIGHLY QUALIFIED STATUS

Type B	Administrative Certification	State of Alaska	<i>expected certification: June 2010</i>
Type A	Regular Teacher Certification	State of Alaska	Secondary Teacher
Endorsement	General Science	State of Alaska	grades 7-12
Endorsement	German	State of Alaska	grades 7-12
Highly Qualified	Mathematics	State of Alaska	grades 7-12
Highly Qualified	World & US History	State of Alaska – <i>Expected June 2010</i>	grades 7-12

EDUCATION

Master of Science, Educational Leadership Dean's List 2008-2010 WGU is the only online, performance-based university in the U.S. and has unconditional NCATE accreditation.	Western Governors University <i>Expected Graduation</i>	Salt Lake City, Utah May 2010
Bachelor of Arts, Secondary Education	Eastern Michigan University Graduated Cum Laude	Ypsilanti, Michigan April 1997
Alaska Pacific University	US History Graduate Courses	2008-2010
University of Alaska – Fairbanks	Multicultural Education Courses	1999-2000
School for International Training CSA Program	Wildlife Ecology, Tanzania, East Africa	1997

INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE

River City Academy	Soldotna, AK	Gregg Wilbanks, principal	2007-present
Content area teacher for 7-8 Physical Science, 7-12 Mathematics (levels 1-5), 9-12 Social Environments (World & US History, AK Studies and Government) and Advisory Classes (PECC, Careers and Technology)			
Kenai Alternative High School	Kenai, AK	Gregg Wilbanks & Dennis Dunn, principals	1999-2007
Generalist teacher for Mathematics, Language Arts, Science, World History, Art, Technology and German.			
Maudrey J. Sommer School	Tanana, AK	Richard Curtis, principal/superintendent	1997-1999
Generalist teacher for 7-12 Mathematics, Computer Science, School-to-Work, Physics and Trigonometry.			

CO-CURRICULAR LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

Student Assisted Peer Mentorship Program at River City Academy	2010
Designed and implemented the current student mentorship program at RCA as part of M.S. Capstone Project.	
CORE (Culture of Respect for Everyone) Court Program Advisor at River City Academy	2009-2010
Designed and implemented the current RCA CORE Court program, a peer-led intervention program.	
Middle School Math Advisor	2009-2010
Organized and oversaw the RCA involvement in the District Wide Middle School Math Meet in Homer.	
First Lego League (FLL) Robotics Advisor	2007-2010
FLL Afterschool Robotics Program for Soldotna Montessori Charter School with participants in grades 3 - 6.	
River City Academy Senior Center Oral History Project Co-facilitator	2007-2008
Helped in the implementation of a grant from Chevron Corporation to record, write and publish a set of oral histories of Soldotna's early residents. Organized with Gregg Wilbanks and Tad Degray.	

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OTHER RELATED COMMITTEE & INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE

Performance Based Education Committee (PBE)	Norma Holmgaard, Director	2009-2010
Responsible for the development and review of the KPBSD K-6 standards in mathematics and expansion of the performance-based model to other small schools in the district.		
Academic Policy Committee (APC) Vice Chair	Dr. Kristin Mitchell, Chair	2005 to present
Soldotna Montessori Charter School (SMCS)	Mo Sanders, Principal	
Responsible for ensuring the adherence of SMCS to the KPBSD/State approved charter and evaluation of the principal. Participated in the rewrite of the SMCS Charter in 2006 and a special session for SMCS with Melody Douglas, KPBSD Finance Director, on charter school funding and finance regulations.		
District Technology Review Committee	Sean Dusek, Asst. Superintendent	2009-2010
Responsible for the implementation and review of the stimulus grant funds for technology and the development/adoption of KPBSD technology standards.		
Hiring Committee Participation		2000 to present
Participated in various hiring committees including administrator, teacher and counselor positions at Kenai Alternative High School and instructional aides and classroom teachers at Soldotna Montessori Charter School.		
Standards Development Committee	Sam Stewart, Asst. Superintendent	2006-2007
Responsible for the design, development, presentation and KPBSD School Board approval of the KPBSD standards for grades 9-12 in all content areas.		
University of Alaska – Rural Division		1998-1999
Distance Delivery instructor for college classes on Internet Use for Teachers and Introductory Microsoft Office.		

INSTITUTES & TRAINING EXPERIENCE

Adams 50/Reinventing Schools Coalition (RISC) Summer Institute	Denver, CO	June 2009
One week institute on the RISC model and specifically the implementation of the model in schools. Most sessions attended focused on being a beacon/lead teacher and leadership inside the RISC model.		
Quality Learning in Education <i>with David Langford</i>	Soldotna, Alaska	June/Dec. 2009
Two and half day training and one day follow up meeting (December 2009) for principals and lead teachers on the integration of Langford's Quality Process Tools in the classroom.		
Reinventing Schools Coalition Winter Conference	Anchorage, AK	Fall 2006
Three day conference on the implementation of a standards-based program, including presentations on grading practices by Robert Marzano and instructional design by Richard Delorenzo.		
Quality Schools Institute <i>with Richard Delorenzo</i>	Soldotna, AK	Summer 2000
Week long institute on the basics of performance based education as funded by Chugach's Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation grant. Small group focus centered on moving the mathematics program at Kenai Alternative to a more performance-based model, which is still in place today.		
Effective Strategies for Teaching in a Performance Based Classroom - <i>upcoming</i>		June 2010
Co-facilitator for sessions for the upcoming three day conference focused on the implementation of a performance based program in the classroom.		

AWARDS & GRANTS

KPBSD Golden Apple Award	2009
KPBSD Technology Grant – Robotics for River City Academy	2009-2010
Western Governors University Aspiring Principals Scholarship	2008-2010
Alaska Humanities Forum – AK:50 in Stained Glass Grant	2008-2009
Teaching American History Grant, National Council for History Teachers	2007-2010
Principal Recommendation for KPBSD Teacher of the Year	2005