

Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development
Appointees
March 16, 2018



James Fields



Sandra Kowalski



Tiffany Scott



Lorri Van Diest

General Information

Board/Commission and seat you are seeking:
Education and Early Development Board, REAA Seat

Additional Boards/Commissions of interest:
None

State Boards/Commissions on which you have served:
Board of Education and Early Development

First Name JAMES	Middle Name	Last Name FIELDS
Mailing Address [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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Military Service		

Conflict of Interest

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Yes

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No

Please explain the potential financial benefit

Employment History

Employment work history including paid, unpaid, or voluntary.

Cascade Housing - 1994 - 2002

American Village of Alaska Inc. - 2002 - 2010

The Hub of Alaska - 2010 - current

Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications

List both formal and informal education and training experiences:

High School Diploma

3 years college courses

Small business owner for 25 years

List any professional licenses, certifications, or registrations and dates obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria:

I have been a member of Copper River School District Board of Education since 2008. I have been on Alaska Board of Education and Early Development for 4 1/2 years

List any community service, municipal government, and state positions held, and any awards received.

Local School board

Current Chair of Alaska Board of Education and Early Development

Conviction Record

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor within the past five years or a felony within the past ten years?

No

Conviction Circumstances

Certification of Accuracy & Completeness

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Resume Addendum:

Press Release Wording

James Fields, Copper River School District, has been re-appointed to the Alaska Board of Education and Early Development. Fields has been a business owner and active community member in the Copper River area since 2002.

Submitted: 8/24/2017 2:27:07 PM

General Information

Board/Commission and seat you are seeking:
Education and Early Development Board, Public Seat

Additional Boards/Commissions of interest:
None

State Boards/Commissions on which you have served:

None

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Sandra		Kowalski

Military Service

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Yes

Please explain the potential financial benefit

Yes|None.

Employment History

Employment work history including paid, unpaid, or voluntary.

Recently accepted Director of College of Rural and Community Development Indigenous Programs at the University of Alaska Fairbanks to begin January 8, 2018

Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, Fairbanks, AK June 2014 - Present

- Supervise principals and program implementation at 19 elementary schools
- Oversee departments: Federal Programs, Response to Intervention
- Respond to parent, school board, and community concerns
- Support superintendent in initiative development and implementation
- Assist superintendent in development of budget

Principal, Randy Smith Middle School, Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, Fairbanks, AK August 2008 – Present,

- Implement a professional learning communities model with content teams
- Implement intervention and support structures for early adolescents
- Facilitate and support staff in meeting the needs of students
- Build staff knowledge and skill at implementing professional learning communities, effective instruction, assessment, and grading practices

Teacher and Secondary Administrative Intern, Effie Kokrine Charter School, Lathrop High School, Fairbanks North Star Borough School District August 2007 – May 2008

- Plan and implement culturally relevant curriculum at charter school with high Alaska Native student population at Effie Kokrine Charter School
- At Lathrop, implemented application of administrative policies, instructional supervision and other administrative responsibilities within FNSBSD's secondary schools

Principal, June Nelson Elementary School (preschool through Grade 5), Northwest Arctic Borough School District, Kotzebue, Alaska August 2004-May 2007

- Incorporated student performance data, measurable goals and clear strategies and resources in instruction and collaborative instruction in classrooms
- Recognized by State Commissioner as having prepared an outstanding school improvement plan

School Improvement Specialist, Northwest Arctic Borough School District, Kotzebue, Alaska, 2003-2004

- Facilitated the implementation of school improvement plans at sites across district
- Educated staff, communities on changes brought on by NCLB

Director of State and Federal Programs, Northwest Arctic Borough School District, Kotzebue, Alaska August 2000 – May 2003

- Administered and supervised grant-funded programs
- Coordinated fiscal resources across sites and programs

Director of Tribal School, Nikaitchuat Iisagviat, Native Village of Kotzebue, Kotzebue, Alaska July 1999 – June 2000

- Supervised program and staff at a grass-roots-created Inupiaq (Native) language immersion school
- Created formula and competitive grant proposals as seed funding

Teacher, Northwest Arctic Borough School District, Kotzebue, Alaska 1989 – 1997, 1998 – 1999

- Taught as a middle school generalist, K-12 Inupiaq language teacher, high school language arts and math teacher

- Participated on curriculum and alignment committees, as well as helped implement the middle school concept in a 7-12 setting

Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications

List both formal and informal education and training experiences:

University of Alaska Anchorage, Anchorage, AK 2005 – 2009

- Superintendent Endorsement Program

National University, LaJolla, CA 2002 – 2004

- M.S. Educational Leadership

University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK 1984 – 1989

- B.A. English, cum laude
- B.A. Inupiaq Language, magna cum laude
- Minor in Secondary Education

List any professional licenses, certifications, or registrations and dates obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria:

Alaska Type B Administrative and Superintendent Endorsement

Alaska Type A Teaching Certification

List any community service, municipal government, and state positions held, and any awards received.

Member, Moore Settlement Collaborative Committee

Member, Education Transition Team, Palin Administration

Member, State of Alaska, Dept. of Education & Early Development Literacy Blueprint Committee

Conviction Record

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor within the past **five** years or a felony within the past **ten** years?

No

Conviction Circumstances

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Resume Addendum:

Press Release Wording

Sandra Kowalski, 52 of Fairbanks, holds a Master's in Educational Leadership from National University, Bachelor's degrees in Iñupiaq Language and English from UAF, and Principal and Superintendent's endorsements. She is currently Director of Indigenous Programs for the College of Community and Rural Development at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She has served as Assistant Superintendent of Fairbanks schools as well as principal, teacher district administrator for both the Fairbanks and Northwest Arctic Borough School District.

Submitted: 11/19/2017 8:49:07 AM



Sandra Kowalski



Office of Boards and Commissions
550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1700
Anchorage, AK 99501

November 7, 2017

Governor Walker,

As a current district level administrator leading Fairbanks schools through timely and current strategic change, I am excited about the prospect of serving on the State Board of Education. I have been a passionate leader in both tribal and public education in Alaska for over twenty-five years, and am confident that my experience and leadership will be an asset on the State Board of Education. I believe that cultural well-being and a strong Indigenous identity, paired with excellent educational opportunities for every child in Alaska play an important role in the future of Alaska's communities. Meeting Alaska's Education Challenge will take committed leadership.

I bring to the Board a 28-year career in education in the state of Alaska, with 19 years in administration at both the school and district level in rural Alaska and the Fairbanks community. I hold a Master's in Educational Leadership from National University, Bachelor's degrees in Iñupiaq Language and English from UAF, and Principal and Superintendent's endorsements. As an educational leader, my role has been to build effective partnerships among staff, local, state and federal agencies, and communities that support learning.

In addition to serving as a principal at both the elementary and middle school levels, I also served as Director of State and Federal Programs in Northwest Arctic Borough School District, where I worked with federal and state agencies in grant writing and compliance and am comfortable managing budgets in excess of 3 million dollars. As a director of Nikaitchuat Iñisagvlat, a tribal Iñupiaq language immersion school in Kotzebue, I promoted a grassroots effort for language and cultural revitalization for my home community. I have served on several statewide committees and task forces such as the Governor's Education Transition Committee, the Moore Settlement Collaborative Committee, the Statewide Literacy Blueprint and various Department of Education and Early development standards committees and am experienced working with leaders at

all levels.

Most recently, I lead Fairbanks elementary schools in implementing the School Board's strategic plan. To meet the board's top strategic goal, my work has centered on leading the district's elementary schools in implementing personalized learning and facilitating the conversion of a number of elementary schools into K-8 schools.

My 28 years in rural and urban k-12 education provides me the unique experience to serve as we develop and expand opportunities for Alaska's children. I look forward to talking with you on how, together, we can build the future and meet Alaska's Education Challenge.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra J. Kowalski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Sandra" on the top line and "J. Kowalski" on the bottom line.

Sandra J. Kowalski

Objective	Provide leadership in rural and Native education and community development through focused and collaborative leadership
Experience	<p>Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, Fairbanks, AK June 2014 - Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supervise principals and program implementation at 19 elementary schools• Oversee departments: Federal Programs, Response to Intervention• Respond to parent, school board, and community concerns• Support superintendent in initiative development and implementation• Assist superintendent in development of budget <p>Principal, Randy Smith Middle School, Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, Fairbanks, AK August 2008 – Present,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implement a professional learning communities model with content teams• Implement intervention and support structures for early adolescents• Facilitate and support staff in meeting the needs of students• Build staff knowledge and skill at implementing professional learning communities, effective instruction, assessment, and grading practices <p>Teacher and Secondary Administrative Intern, Effie Kokrine Charter School, Lathrop High School, Fairbanks North Star Borough School District August 2007 – May 2008</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plan and implement culturally relevant curriculum at charter school with high Alaska Native student population at Effie Kokrine Charter School• At Lathrop, implemented application of administrative policies, instructional supervision and other administrative responsibilities within FNSBSD's secondary schools <p>Principal, June Nelson Elementary School (preschool through Grade 5), Northwest Arctic Borough School District, Kotzebue, Alaska August 2004-May 2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incorporated student performance data, measurable goals and clear strategies and resources in instruction and collaborative instruction in classrooms• Recognized by State Commissioner as having prepared an outstanding school improvement plan <p>School Improvement Specialist, Northwest Arctic Borough School District, Kotzebue, Alaska, 2003-2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitated the implementation of school improvement plans at sites across district• Educated staff, communities on changes brought on by NCLB <p>Director of State and Federal Programs, Northwest Arctic Borough School District, Kotzebue, Alaska August 2000 – May 2003</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administered and supervised grant-funded programs• Coordinated fiscal resources across sites and programs <p>Director of Tribal School, Nikaitchuat Iisagviat, Native Village of Kotzebue, Kotzebue, Alaska July 1999 – June 2000</p>

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Education & Credentials

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- Minor in Secondary Education

**Alaska Type B Administrative and Superintendent Endorsement
Alaska Type A Teaching Certification**

Professional Activities and Memberships

- Member, Moore Settlement Collaborative Committee
- Member, Education Transition Team, Palin Administration
- Member, State of Alaska, Dept. of Education & Early Development Literacy Blueprint Committee
- Member, Board of Directors, Avante Guard
- Member, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
- Member, National Association of Secondary Principals
- Volunteer, Arctic Winter Games 2014

Interests

Acquire skills and knowledge through a doctorate study to have a deep, positive impact on the educational experience of Alaska Native, Native American students in Alaskan schools.

References

**Karen Gaborik, Superintendent,
Fairbanks North Star Borough**

Jerry Covey, JSC Consulting, LLC,

**Paul Ongtooguk, Director, Center
for Research and Alaska Native
Education, University of Alaska**

Senator Michael Dunleavy, former

Sue McHenry, Emerita, Advisor

Reggie Joule, Mayor, Northwest

General Information

Board/Commission and seat you are seeking:
Education and Early Development Board, Second Judicial District

Additional Boards/Commissions of interest:
None

State Boards/Commissions on which you have served:

None

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Tiffany	Rose	Scott

Military Service**Conflict of Interest**

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Employment History

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Manillaq Health Center, Registered Nurse, (under contract, pending passing NCLEX-RN on February 20, 2018)

Manillaq Health Center, Emergency Department Patient Care Technician I (January 2016-present)

NANA Regional Corporation, Government Affairs Manager (February 2016-September 2016)

NANA Development Corporation, Executive Research and Administrative Assistant, Project Coordinator (February 2013-December 2014)

Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications

List both formal and informal education and training experiences:

Colony High School (high school diploma) Palmer, Alaska (2003)

Harvard University Extension School (Bachelor of Liberal Arts) Cambridge, MA (2015)

Alaska Technical Center (Certified Nurse's Aide) Kotzebue, Alaska (2015)

University of Alaska Anchorage (Associate of Applied Science, Nursing) Anchorage, AK (2017)

List any professional licenses, certifications, or registrations and dates obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria:

Candidate: NCLEX-RN (scheduled for February 20, 2018)

List any community service, municipal government, and state positions held, and any awards received.

University of Alaska Anchorage, School of Nursing, Director's Award for Highest GPA (December 2017)

University of Alaska Anchorage, School of Nursing, Spirit Award (December 2017)

University of Alaska Anchorage, School of Nursing, Alpha Delta Nu Honor Society (December 2017)

University of Alaska Fairbanks, Chukchi Campus, Science Student of the Year (May 2016)

Alaska Technical Center, Savaktuuraq Award for Academic Excellence (May 2016)

Alaska School Activities Association, Region 1 Cheer Coach of the Year (March 2010)

Kotzebue Volunteer Fire Department, EMS volunteer (2015-Present)

Northwest Arctic Borough School District Strategic Planning Committee, Member (2016)

Alaska Technical Center Health Occupations Program, Volunteer Instructor (2016-2017)

Nikaltchuat Iisagviaq Immersion School, Volunteer, Parent (2015-2016)

Mat-Su Borough School District, School Board Member (2013-2015) (Compensated)

Junior Achievement of Alaska, Volunteer (2013)

Kotzebue Softball Association, Volunteer, President (2010-2011)

City of Kotzebue 4th of July Planning Committee, Volunteer (2010)

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Conviction Circumstances

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Resume Addendum:

Press Release Wording

Tiffany R. Scott, 32 of Kotzebue, is employed by Maniilaq Association, at the Maniilaq Health Center, in the Acute Care department. Scott holds an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing from the University of Alaska Anchorage and a Bachelor of Liberal Arts in Extension Studies from Harvard University. Scott is a former member of the Mat-Su Borough School District School Board.

Submitted: 2/5/2018 2:11:36 PM



General Information

Board/Commission and seat you are seeking:
Education and Early Development Board, Seat vacated by John Harmon

Additional Boards/Commissions of interest:
None

State Boards/Commissions on which you have served:

None

First Name Lorri	Middle Name Ann	Last Name Van Diest	
Military Service None			

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Employment History

Employment work history including paid, unpaid, or voluntary.

Substitute Counselor, Mat-Su Borough School District (MSBSD), Palmer, Alaska, 2015 to Present

Saxon Math Consultant, Various Alaska School Districts, 2011-2013

Retired Educator, MSBSD, 2010 to Present

District Curriculum Coordinator, MSBSD (District Office), 2004-2010

Secondary School Counselor, MSBSD (Colony High School & Teeland Middle School), 1993-2004

High School Math Teacher, MSBSD (Colony High School) & Kenai Peninsula School District (Seward Jr/Sr High School), 1988-1993

High School Girls Basketball Assistant Coach, MSBSD (Colony High School), 1991-2002

Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications

List both formal and informal education and training experiences:

Renewed and maintained LPC with 40 CEUs every 2 years

Renewed and maintained teaching certificates with 6 semester credits every 5 years

Guidance & Counseling, M.S., Oregon State University, 1996 Summa Cum Laude

Mathematics, B.S., Seattle Pacific University, 1986 Cum Laude

List any professional licenses, certifications, or registrations and dates obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria:

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), State of Alaska, 2000 to Present

Certified Mathematics Teacher, State of Alaska, Grades 7-12, 1988 to Present

Certified School Counselor, State of Alaska, Grades K-12, 1993 to Present

List any community service, municipal government, and state positions held, and any awards received.
Lazy Mountain Community Council Board, Palmer, Alaska, President 2016 to Present, 2009-2011
Alaska Private & Home Educators Association Board (APHEA), Wasilla, Alaska, 2012-2015
Board of Directors for HeartReach Pregnancy Center, Wasilla, Alaska, 2009-2012, President 2009-2010

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Resume Addendum:

Press Release Wording

Lorri A. Van Diest, 53 of Palmer, is a retired educator from the Matanuska Susitna Borough School District holds a bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Seattle Pacific University and a master's degree in Counseling from Oregon State University. Van Diest is a Licensed Professional Counselor.

Submitted: 1/14/2018 1:56:58 PM

Lorri A. Van Diest

PROFILE

I am a sincere, conscientious, and trustworthy individual who is seeking to expand my professional skills. I can offer the Board of Education my skills as a facilitator, coordinator, organizer, team player, and counselor.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

- Lazy Mountain Community Council Board • Palmer, Alaska • President 2016 to Present, 2009-2011
- Board of Directors for HeartReach Pregnancy Center • Wasilla, Alaska • 2009-2012 • President 2009-2010
- Alaska Private & Home Educators Association (APHEA) Board • Wasilla, Alaska • Board Member 2012-2015

WORK EXPERIENCE

Mat-Su Borough School District • 501 N. Gulkana • Palmer, Alaska

Substitute Counselor • 2015 to Present

- Fill-in for regular counselor at various secondary schools
- Work up to 8 weeks at a time
- Responsibilities are the same as the full-time counselor

District Curriculum Coordinator • 2004 to 2010

- Coordinated district curriculum development for all core content areas
- Facilitated curriculum meetings and Curriculum Council meetings for up to 40 people at a time
- Organized the process for selecting district-wide curriculum materials
- Teamed up with other district leaders on various initiatives, including district improvement plans, federal grants, and AYP efforts

Secondary School Counselor • Teeland Middle School & Colony High School • 1993 – 2004

- counseled individual students and parents
- facilitated group counseling situations
- Worked with community agencies regarding individual students
- Maintained confidential records
- Advised and helped high school seniors transition to various post-secondary opportunities
- Conducted scholarship, financial aid, post secondary education workshops
- Coordinated a school wide counseling program

- Built the master schedule for TMS & CHS and scheduled up to 600 students

High School Math Teacher • Colony High School & Seward Jr/Sr High-
1988– 1993

- Taught all levels of high school math courses, including Pre-Calculus
- Maintained accurate student records
- Planned classroom instruction & organized classroom environment

High School Girl's Basketball Assistant Coach • Colony High School •
1991 – 2002

- Coached all levels - C Team, JV and Varsity
- Designed and ran •C team practices
- Chaperoned all basketball trips, including travel to other states
- Worked closely with Head Girls Basketball Coach

Saxon Math Consultant • Various Districts across Alaska • 2011 – 2013

- Planned and facilitated training for all district teachers
- Operated distant learning technology for trainings
- Prepared written reports for school officials

CERTIFICATES

- Licensed Professional Counselor • State of Alaska • License #87 • 2000 to Present
- Certified Secondary Math Teacher • State of Alaska • 1988 to Present
- Certified School Counselor • State of Alaska• 1993 to Present

EDUCATION

- Guidance & Counseling M.S. • Oregon State University •Corvallis, Oregon • Summa Cum Laude 1996
- Mathematics B.S. • Seattle Pacific University •Seattle, Washington • Cum Laude 1986

QUALIFICATIONS

- Skilled and experienced facilitator
- Skilled communicator in verbal and written language
- Accurate and confidential record keeper
- Solid team member

