Cox, Esther
Board of Education and
Early Development

ESTHER J. COX

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EDUCATION

Waterville High School
Waterville, WA
Graduated 1953

Washington State College
Pullman, WA
1953-1955

Eastern Washington State College
Cheney, WA
BAEd, 1965
Major: Language Arts Minor: Social Studies

University of Alaska Fairbanks
University of Alaska Anchorage
MAEd/Counseling, 1973

CERTIFICATES

State of Alaska Certificates
Type A: Secondary Language Arts 2005-2010
K-12 Guidance Counselor 2005-2010
Type B: Administrative 2005-2010

WORK EXPERIENCE

ASD Educational Consultant, South Anchorage HS, 2000-2004
ASD King Career Center, Principal, 1990-1998
ASD Central Administration, Secondary Supervisor, 1985-1990
ASD Romig Junior High, Principal, 1982-1985
ASD West Anchorage High School, Assistant Principal, 1979-1982
ASD Service-Hanshew Jr/Sr High School, Assistant Principal, 1973-1978
ASD Service-Hanshew Jr/Sr High School, Administrative Intern, 1972
ASD Rural Transition Center, Head Teacher, 1970-1972
Juneau-Douglas High School, Teacher, 1967-1970
West Anchorage High School, Teacher, 1965-1967

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Navy League Board, 2009-2010
Alaska Bar Association Disciplinary Committee, lay member, 2007-present
Alaska Bar Association Fee Arbitration Committee, lay member, 2007-present
Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, volunteer, 2007-present
Bear Valley Elementary School, tutor, 2006-present
ASD Career Technical Education Advisory Board, 2006-present
Campbell Glen Home Owner Board, 2004-present
Anchorage Historical/Fine Arts Museum Commission, 2002-2006
Anchorage Museum Association, 2002-2006
Future of Museum Committee, 2002-2006
McLaughlin Youth Center Advisory Board, 2000-2008
Planning/Zoning Commission, Municipality of Anchorage, 1996-2002
Private Industry Council, Municipality of Anchorage, 1989-1993
Anchorage Youth Court Board of Directors, 1988-1990
Northwest Accreditation Teams: Lathrop, 1981; Cordova, 1981; Seward, 1982; Nenana (chair), 1985; Soldotna (chair), 1990; Nome (chair), 1991; Barrow (chair), 1992; McLaughlin HS (chair), 2000; Polaris K-12, 2002; Chugiak, 2002; West, 2004.

STATE POSITIONS

Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development, 2002-present
First Vice Chair, 2003-2006
Chair, 2007-2010
Alaska Construction Academy Advisory Board, 2006-present
Alaska State Selection Committee, Milken Educator Award, 2003-present
UA Statewide Vocational/Technical Education Advisory Council, 1996-1999
Alaska Department of Education Committee of Practitioners, 1990-1994
Alaska State Northwest Accreditation Committee, 1985-1998
Alaska School Activities Association, Region IV Rep., 1982-1988
Chair, 1986-1987
Planning Team, Seward Wellness Conference, 1987-1992
Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals, president, 1983-1985
Alaska Council of School Administrators, president, 1983-1984
Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals State Conference, chair, 1981-1983
IDEA Fellow, 1972, 1978, 1982, 1985

NATIONAL POSITIONS

National Association of Secondary School Principals, president, 1994-1995
Commission on the Restructure of the American High School, 1994-1995
(NASSP/Carnegie Foundation for the Improvement of Teaching published

"Breaking Ranks: Changing An American Institution")
National Association of Secondary School Principals, Board of Directors, 1989-1995
National Association of Secondary School Principals, delegate to International Confederation of Principals: Geneva, 1992; Antwerp, 1994; Sydney, 1996
National Center for Research for Vocational Education, task force, "Integrating Academics and Vocational Education," 1990-1991
Alaska Assessment Center for Principals, chair, 1984-1985
"Clearing House Magazine," consulting editor, 1993-1996

AWARDS

ASD King Career Center, dedication of playground in honor of Esther J. Cox, 1999
ASD Administrator of the Month, 1998
Mayor's First Outstanding Educator Award, Anchorage, 1998
Milken Family Foundation Education Award, 1996
Woman of Achievement, YWCA/BP, 1994
NASSP/EPCOT Symposium, 1983 (One of 50 principals selected nationwide)
ASD Romig Junior High, principal, US Department of Education "School of Excellence" award, 1985
Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals Distinguished Service Award, 1985
Alaska's Outstanding Secondary School Principal, NASSP/Burger King, "In Honor of Excellence," 1983-84

REFERENCES UPON REQUEST

Governor Sean Parnell
550 W. 7th Ave. Suite 1700
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Governor Parnell:

Being a member of the University of Alaska Board of Regents has been an educational goal of mine for years, but I always felt that I needed more and diverse experiences before I applied. I now have that experience, and I am eager to join with this postsecondary policy group.

I believe that the UA Board of Regents urgently needs a practiced educational eye on the board. My experience in secondary education makes me extremely cognizant of the issues connected to student transition from secondary to postsecondary. Additionally, there are many issues that I feel need addressing: guidance for incoming freshmen; transfer of credit statewide; dual credit; on-line courses; teacher preparation with an emphasis on teaching and retention in rural Alaska---just to name a few.

Recently, the Board of Regents published a treatise, "Shaping Alaska's Future." One theme included is a "Partnership with Alaska Schools." This is a whole new world for the Board of Regents, and I believe I can contribute to making our university system even more successful in this endeavor.

Since I have been on the Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development, I have worked to bring the Board of Regents and the State Board together to discuss many issues. Commissioner Mike Hanley has made it happen, and for the first time, the State Board and the Board of Regents is having an open discussion. Because of my years of secondary school experience and my experience on the Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development, I believe that I could show leadership in those discussions.

Good things are happening in education in our state, but I also know that there is room for growth. I want to continue to be a part of that wave, but now on the postsecondary side.

Personally, I have a vested interested in the UA system: a daughter and I both have Master's Degrees from UAA; a son and two grands have graduated from UAA; one grand is now enrolled with another yet to come!

Governor, I would be a good Regent for you, for the University of Alaska, and for the State of Alaska!

Sincerely,
Esther J. Cox

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Senator Click Bishop

December 17, 2014

The Honorable Bill Walker
Governor of Alaska
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Attn: Elizabeth Hooley, Office of Boards and Commissions

Dear Governor Walker:

It is my pleasure to recommend to you Esther Cox for appointment to one of the open seats on the University of Alaska Board of Regents.

As you know, Esther has served on the Board of Education and Early Development for the past 12 years, including more than five years as chair. Of particular interest to me is that she has also served on the Alaska Construction Academy Advisory Board and the UA Statewide Vocational/Technical Education Advisory Council, so she understands the need for a qualified workforce in our state.

My experience working with Esther on educational and vocational training issues has shown me that she is eminently qualified to serve the people of Alaska on the UA Board of Regents. As a professional who has been involved in the education system from the ground up, from the classroom to administration and from advisory to policy-setting boards, Esther would make a fine addition as a regent.

As Alaska enters new and potentially difficult fiscal times, it is important that we have experience on our policy-making boards. It is my firm belief that Esther Cox has the experience and commitment we need.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please contact me through my office.

Sincerely,

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Sen. Click Bishop

Gov Walker Esther has a train load of common sense!
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Senator Anna MacKinnon – Senate District G

January 8, 2015

Governor Bill Walker
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Walker,

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Ms. Esther Cox to serve on the University of Alaska Board of Regents. I have known Esther for over 10 years and know her to be a woman of great integrity, honor, and commitment. Esther will bring a unique, valuable perspective to the Board. She knows first-hand the challenges and prospects of our education system and is committed to making our state a better place to live by improving and advancing education in our great state.

Esther has over 40 years of experience working in the education field. This experience gives her the insight and experience necessary to help guide the critical decisions of the University of Alaska. She currently serves on the Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development and has served there for over 12 years. She also serves on the Alaska Construction Academy Advisory Board. This experience is critical to the decisions and direction of the Board of Regents. We must bridge the gap between K-12 and higher education, and Esther's knowledge and expertise at the K-12 level will bring a much needed perspective to the Board of Regents.

It is without hesitation I recommend Ms. Cox for the Board of Regents position with the University of Alaska. I am confident she will be a productive member of the board, bringing value and perspective to many key areas. Thank you for your time and your consideration of my comments and Esther's application. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Anna S. MacKinnon

Senator Anna MacKinnon
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