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Governor Tim Walz

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Ryan Vernosh

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

Principal

Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board

Effective: June 30, 2021

Expires: January 6, 2025

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 June 25, 2021.



Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

Tim Walz
Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

Steve Simon
Secretary of State

Replacing: James Miklausich

Filed June 25, 2021
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State
Steve Simon

Application for the position Principal

Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board

Position: Principal

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Ryan Michael Vernosh

Phone: (651) 226-6141

County: Ramsey

Mn House District: 44A

US House District: 4

Recommended by the Appointing Authority: False

Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

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Cover Letter	application/pdf
Resume	application/pdf

Additional Documents (.doc, .docx, .pdf, .txt)

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Part V: Signature

Signature: Ryan M. Vernosh

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Ryan Vernosh, Principal
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November 17, 2020
Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State
Saint Paul, Minnesota

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my interest in the Elementary Principal vacancy on the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB). My experiences as a principal, leader of policy and stakeholder engagement, and as a successful teacher will be an asset to PELSB as we carry out the Board's mission of ensuring all Minnesota students have high quality educators in their schools.

Serving as the principal of Maxfield Elementary School requires me to lead the process of recruiting, hiring, and retaining a teaching force that is representative of the children we serve. Ensuring equitable representation of the teaching force is not an easy task. There are historical and contemporary barriers acting as gatekeepers to the profession for teachers of color. I am committed to developing and upholding high licensing standards that recognize and dismantle those barriers.

My time serving as the leader of policy and engagement development, communications director, and as a federal policy fellow provide me unique insight to the intersection of policy and practice. I observed excellent policy fall short due to a lack of authentic stakeholder engagement. I also witnessed mediocre policy evolve to become strong and impactful because of robust outreach. Effective policy creation, including educator licensure and standards rule making, cannot occur without meaningful input from those most directly impacted. In the case of PELSB, this includes teachers, pre-service teachers, students, families, and preparation programs. My experience developing and implementing district wide engagement efforts will be a support to PELSB's efforts.

I served for approximately six months on the Board of Teaching in 2013 as a teacher representative. I resigned my seat when I transitioned to an administrative role leading district wide policy development. This experience provides me insight into the evolution of the Board and the urgency of the work ahead for PELSB.

The most important in-school factor to student achievement is the classroom teacher. We must ensure that the teachers serving our students are of the highest quality. PELSB plays an integral role in this ideal by maintaining high licensure standards and supporting multiple pathways to the classroom grounded in equity. I believe my qualifications as a principal, policy and engagement lead, successful teacher (2010 MN Teacher of the Year), and former Board of Teaching member will be an asset to PELSB. It will be an honor to serve the students of Minnesota in this role.

Sincerely,

Ryan M. Vernosh
Principal

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RYAN VERNOSH

White Bear Lake, MN 55110 | 651-226-6141 | ryan.vernosh@spps.org

Professional Summary

To work for educational justice for all students by ensuring Black, Brown, Indigenous and children of color have access to exceptional educational opportunities that lead to accelerated student outcomes.

Education

Ed.S: Educational Leadership And Administration 06/2014
Walden University - Minneapolis, MN

M.A.: Curriculum And Instruction With ESL License 12/2009
University Of Saint Thomas - Saint Paul, MN

B.S.: Elementary Education 05/2002
University Of Wisconsin Madison - Madison, WI

Educator Licenses

Principal (K-12)
Mathematics (5-8)
Elementary Education (K-6)
English as a Second Language (K-12)
Early Childhood Education (Birth-grade 3)

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Professional Experience

Principal 08/2016 to Current
School Saint Paul Public School – Saint Paul, MN

Director of Communications 04/2015 to 08/2016
Saint Paul Public Schools – Saint Paul, MN

Policy and Strategic Planning Administrator 08/2013 to 04/2015
Saint Paul Public Schools – Saint Paul, MN

Teaching Ambassador Policy Fellow 07/2012 to 08/2013
US Department Of Education – Washington D.C.

Peer Assistance Review Consulting Teacher
Saint Paul Public Schools – Saint Paul, MN

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Classroom Teacher
Saint Paul Public Schools – Saint Paul, MN

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08/2004 to 06/2012

Teacher
African American Ethnic Academy – Madison, WI

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09/2000 to 06/2003

Related Experiences

- Member of the Board of Directors for the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless (2018-present)
- Member of the National Board of Directors for Adopt a Classroom (2017-present)
- Television and radio media appearances discussing a variety of education topics (2007–present)
- Featured speaker and presenter at district, state, and national conferences (2008 – present)
- Led 18-month stakeholder engagement resulting in the creation and unanimous board approval of the first comprehensive gender inclusion policy in Minnesota (2014-2015)
- Co-led district strategic planning development and outreach (2013-14)
- A Governor appointee to the Minnesota Board of Teaching and member of legislative committee (2013)
- Provided recommendations to Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and Senior Staff about President Obama's RESPECT Blueprint, PreK For All initiative, and School Improvement Grants (2012-13)
- Capitol Hill meetings with members of the House Education and Labor committee and the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions committee (2010-2014)
- Testimonies before Minnesota State House and State Senate education committees (2010-2020)

Honors and Recognitions

- Governor appointee to the Board of Teaching (2013)
- Governor commendation for exemplary service to the students and communities of Minnesota (2011)
- Oval Office meeting President Obama (2011)
- Minnesota's candidate for 2011 National Teacher of the Year (2011)
- Saint Paul City Resolution Proclamation of Ryan Vernosh Day recognizing community involvement and education services (2010)
- 2010 Minnesota State Teacher of the Year (2010)
- Presented a United States Flag flown over the United States Capitol from Congresswoman Betty McCollum (2010)

References

Lisa Sayles-Adams

Superintendent

Eastern Carver County Schools

952.556.6110

Elizabeth Earnest

5th Grade Teacher

Saint Paul Public Schools

651.207.9608

James Walker

Assistant Principal

Saint Paul Public Schools

281.627.8702

Dr. Robert Simmons III

Executive Director

Black Educators Initiative - Baltimore

443.206.3593

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Statement of economic interest for a public official

Official: Vernosh, Ryan

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Occupation: Principal
 Employer: Roseville Area Public Schools
 1251 County Road B2 W
 Roseville, MN 55113

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Positions held

Agency	Position held	Appointment date	Appointment ends	Appointment authori
Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (/reports-and-data/officials-financial-disclosure/agency/80900000/)	Member - Principal	6/30/2021	1/6/2025	Governor
Teaching, Board of (/reports-and-data/officials-financial-disclosure/agency/14300000/)	Classroom Teacher Member	2/2/2013	4/12/2014	Governor

Sources of income

Name of source	Relationship to source
St Paul Public Schools	<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Employer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employee <input type="checkbox"/> Honorarium

Business or professional activity categories

None reported

Securities

None reported

Real property

None reported

Pari-mutuel horse racing interests

None reported

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