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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Educationally qualified with a Doctorate of Education in Administration and Policy, Specialist in Educational Administration, Masters of Education in Leadership, Bachelors of Science in Education, Certificate in Professional Development
- Extensive experience in K-12 school administration
- Demonstrated competency in leading educational organizations, understanding and utilizing research, curriculum development, staff development and evaluating program effectiveness
- Demonstrated competency in teaching graduate level courses in educational leadership

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Professional Development Certificate

May 2008

Doctor of Education

January 2004

Policy and Administration

MANKATO STATE UNIVERSITY

Specialist in Education Administration

June 1993

Professional Administrative, Elementary Principal

May 1993

Professional Administrative, District Superintendent

June 2001

MANKATO STATE UNIVERSITY

Masters in Science, Special Education/Gifted Education

June 1986

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Science in Education

March 1978

K-6 Teaching Certification

April 1978

EDUCATIONAL NON-DEGREE LEADERSHIP BACKGROUND

HARVARD

Redesigning American High Schools for Improved Instruction

June 28 – July 3, 2007

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Carlson School of Management – Bush Educators Program

1997- 1999

BLANDIN COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

1994-1995

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

- 8/08 – Present Associate Professor, Minnesota State University, Mankato, Minnesota
Department of Educational Leadership
- 7/04 – 7/08 Superintendent of Schools, Austin Public Schools, Austin, Minnesota.
Responsible for the daily operation and leadership of the District. Oversee an organization with a \$40,000,000 budget serving 4,300 students and 800 employees.
- 7/02 – 6/04 Principal, Ellis Middle School, Austin, Minnesota. Responsible for the leadership of the building. Duties included strategic planning, personnel, instructional leadership, community relations, and academic performance.
- 1/00 – 6/02 Principal, Banfield Elementary School, Austin, Minnesota. Responsible for the leadership of the building. Duties included personnel, teacher evaluation, instructional leadership, academic performance and district coordinator of Title I, II, and VI federal funds.
- 7/98 – 12/99 Director of Educational Services, Austin Public Schools, Austin, Minnesota.
Responsible for Pre-K through grade 12 curriculum adoption, curriculum alignment, testing, program evaluation, staff development and state and federal grants.
- 1/94 – 6/98 Principal, Ellis Middle School, Austin, Minnesota. Responsible for the leadership of the building. Duties included strategic planning, site budget, personnel, instructional leadership, community relations, and academic performance.
- 7/91 – 12/93 Principal, Neveln Elementary School, Austin, Minnesota. Responsible for the leadership of the building. Duties included personnel, teacher evaluation, instructional leadership, academic performance and district coordination of reading and language arts curriculum.
- 10/88 – 6/91 High Potential Coordinator, Austin Public Schools, Austin, Minnesota.
Responsible for development and implementation of curriculum for high potential students K-12. Duties included staff development, program planning and implementation, organization of spelling bees, geography bees and program assessment, after school enrichment programs and parent communication.
- 7/84 – 9/88 Teacher, Austin Catholic Schools, Austin, Minnesota. Responsible for teaching kindergarten. Developed and implemented all day kindergarten in 1985.
- 7/81 – 6/83 Gifted and Talented Coordinator/Teacher, Crosby Independent School District, Crosby, Texas. Responsible for identification and program development for gifted and talented students grades K – 6. Duties included staff development, program development and direct teaching of gifted and talented students.

7/78 – 6/81

Teacher, Goose Creek Independent School District, Baytown, Texas. Responsible for teaching grades 2, 4 and 5. Developed and implemented a reading lab for students in grades 1-6.

PUBLICATIONS

- Raskin, C., & Haar, J. (Summer 2009) Full-Day Kindergarten Results in Significant Achievement Gains. *AASA Journal of Scholarship & Practice*.
- Haar, J., Raskin, C. & Robicheau, J., (2009, January) Attaching Women Leaders to the Superintendency. *Minnesota School Boards Association Journal*. 61,12-15.

RECOGNITIONS

- 2009 – Selected for Leadership Institute, MNSU
- 2009 – Selected for Professional Development School Institute, MNSU
- 2008 – VFW Promotion of Education and Americanism Award
- 2008 – Austin Public Schools Recipient of Energy Star Award – One of eight school districts in the nation
- 2008 – 3A Rating, Quality Fiscal Management, updated grade bond rating
- 2007 – Recipient of a 1.3 million grant from the Hormel Foundation to create the Hormel Foundation/University of Minnesota Fellowship Program which provides funding for 96 Austin teachers to receive advanced coursework in mathematics, science and literacy. The Hormel Foundation/University of Minnesota Fellowship Program is designed to make Austin Public Schools a model center for mathematics and science education by creating an environment of continuous learning in which the district's teachers can benefit from specially-created educational opportunities.
- 2007 – Minnesota Rural Education Association – Distinguished Service Award

PRESENTATIONS

- 2009, MNSU Webinar. *New Opportunities in Data Application*
- 2009, MASA Fall Conference. *What is the Status of K-12 School Leadership Positions? A Review from 1999-2009*
- 2009, Women in Educational Leadership Conference, University of Nebraska. *One State's Trends of Women Advancing into School Leadership Positions*
- 2009, Minnesota School Board Association 88th Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota *How School Boards Can Expand their Pool of Superintendent Candidates*.
- 2008, Hutchinson Area Health Care Leadership Team, Hutchinson, Minnesota, *Leading Change*.
- 2008, Women in Educational Leadership Conference, University of Nebraska. *The Superintendency: Challenges Faced by Aspiring Women Leaders*.
- 2008, Minnesota Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. *Learning, Teaching, and Empowering: A Model for Building a Professional Practice Partnership*.
- 2008, Minnesota Association School Administrators, Fresh Start Series. *Accountability for Learning*.
- 2008, Minnesota Association School Administrators, Fresh Start Series. *Leading a Learning Organization*.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Editor, Maverick Insights, <http://ed.mnsu.edu/maverickinsights.html>, 2009 -2010
- Content Reader, Bush Foundation Planning Proposal, 2009-2010
- Panel Participant, MASA/MASE Spring Conference, “Women in Leadership” April 2008
- Testimony, Achievement Gap Subcommittee Minnesota Senate, “Beating the Odds”, January 2008
- Presenter, Friends of the Library, “Impacting the Achievement Gap through Early Intervention and Increased Access,” January 2008
- Presenter, Austin Packaging Company Executives, “Creating Programs of Excellent, Science and Mathematics Initiative,” August 2007
- Presenter, Commissioner Seagren and Assistant Commissioner Klinzing, “Creating Programs of Excellence, Science and Mathematics Initiative,” October 2007
- Presenter, Minnesota School Board Association State Conference, “All Day, Every Day Kindergarten: Austin’s Woodson Kindergarten Center,” January 2007
- Testimony, Minnesota House of Representatives Education Committee, “All Day, Every Day Kindergarten – Increasing Student Achievement,” February 2007
- Testimony, Minnesota House of Representatives Education Committee, “Early Intervention,” February 2007
- Presenter, Austin Immigration Forum, “Austin Public Schools, A Celebration of Success and the Future,” April 2007
- Presenter, Austin Medical Center, “Changing Demographics: Challenge, Changes and Opportunities,” July, 2007
- Presenter, Hormel Institute Scientists, “Creating Programs of Excellence, Science and Mathematics Initiative,” August 2007

ORGANIZATIONS

- MASA Federal Advocacy Committee – 2009 – Present
- Member, SCHOLIA, 2009- present
- Member, Professional Development School Institute, Center for School Partnerships, MNSU, Mankato, 2008- present
- Member, Minnesota Board of Teaching Standards and Rules Committee, 2007-Present
- Member, Minnesota Association for School Administrators, 2004 – Present