

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO COUNTY BOARDS/COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

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Instructions: You may fill out this application on-line by tabbing between fields. After you have completed the form, print the application by clicking on the Print button at the bottom of the page. Alternatively, you may print the blank form by hand. You must sign and date the application. Attach any additional documents and mail to the address at the Board of Supervisors

Name of Board/Commission/Committee as listed on announcement:

First 5 Nevada County Children & Families First Commission

Filing Period (as listed on the announcement):

Open until filled

Type of Member:

Commissioner representing the interests of schools

Incumbent?  Yes  No

Name: Last

Johns

First

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Residence Address (Must be a resident of Nevada County)

Mailing Address, if different from residence

Address

[Redacted]

Address

[Redacted]

City

City

State

Zip Code

Supervisorial District 1 through 5 (Available from Election Office, 265-1298)

2

Home Phone with area code

[Redacted]

Email Address

[Redacted]

Work Phone with area code

Time(s) available to attend meetings (days, evenings, etc.)

any

Experience: A resume, or additional sheets, may be attached containing any information that would be helpful to the Board in evaluating your application. See attached

Education/Employment Experience

[Redacted]

Community Experience and Affiliations

[Redacted]

Other County Boards, Commissions, or Committees on which you have served:

[Redacted]

Other experience you feel would be helpful to the Board of Supervisors in making this appointment:

[Redacted]

References: Please list two references with telephone numbers

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Applicants may be required by State Law and County Ordinance to file a financial disclosure statement as part of the appointment process. The form may be viewed at http://www.fppc.ca.gov. An Oath of Office will be required upon appointment.

I have reviewed the Financial Disclosure Statement requirement: SJ Initial

Signature

Shar Johns

Date

7/24/17

# Sharla (Shar) Anderson Johns

## Objective

To continue the vision and mission of the Nevada County Board of Education to provide high quality educational programs for all students and continue ongoing support for educational excellence in Nevada County Schools.

## Professional Experience

**Associate Superintendent, Educational Services**  
**Nevada County Superintendent of Schools, Nevada City, CA**  
**Holly Hermansen, County Superintendent**

**July 2013 – Present**

- Provide support, guidance, and leadership in the areas of curriculum, instruction, assessment, and state accountability to the school districts and charter schools in Nevada County.
- Facilitate, supervise and manage the County Office's Educational Services Department which includes: Professional Development, Curriculum and Instruction, Alternative Education, Early Childhood Education, Foster Youth Services and Independent Living programs, Indian Education, Beginning Teacher Support, Categorical programs, and State Accountability measures.
- Provide training and technical assistance to districts and charter schools in the development and implementation of their Local Control Accountability Plan.
- Develop and implement a Local Control Accountability Plan for programs operated by the County Board of Education.
- Create and implement countywide programs including: Adventures in Learning Summer Program and STEAM Expo.
- Develop regional and community partnerships including local businesses and non-profits.
- Provide training and technical assistance to districts and charter schools in the state accountability dashboard.
- Create, develop and implement opportunities to boost professional development activities and countywide school climate and safety plans.
- Coordinate PBIS training opportunities.
- Provide technical assistance and coordination to districts in need of differentiated assistance.
- Facilitate countywide curriculum leaders committee.
- Oversee and direct the implementation of state standards and state curriculum adoption activities.
- Provide oversight for Williams visits to county schools as required.
- Coordinate Gold Ribbon Schools applications and site visits.
- Coordinate charter oversight and renewal process.
- Analyze and evaluate student data to promote increased student achievement.
- Attend monthly SELPA meetings.
- Maintain cohort relationships with partners and leaders in the state and regional departments.

**Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services**  
**Pleasant Ridge Union School District, Grass Valley, CA**  
**Britta Skavdahl, Ed.D., Supervisor**

**July 2011 – June 2013**

- Provide vision, motivation and administrative leadership to a community of 180 staff members and 1450 students to promote student achievement and academic rigor.
- Serve as Director of Special Education to provide guidance to staff and develop program for specialized academic instruction within the school community.
- Facilitate and conduct Special Education Self Review as required by the state of California.

- Develop and update district special education policy and administrative regulations.
- Assist in the development, oversight and administration of the special education budget.
- Develop and implement district level primary autism program.
- Promote, develop and facilitate professional growth opportunities to improve student achievement through Professional Learning Communities, CCSS implementation, intensive reading intervention and instruction, collaborative decision-making, data-driven instruction, and Response to Intervention.
- Serve as CELDT (California English Language Development Test) Director for growing EL population.
- Serve as state testing/accountability coordinator.
- Encourage, support and interface with the district foundation in grant writing and fundraising opportunities.
- Act as lead member of the district negotiating team for all employee groups.
- Interface with Human Resources in the employment, evaluation, promotion, transfer, demotion and dismissal of certificated and classified staff.
- Serve as the district emergency preparedness and response coordinator.
- Coordinate, organize and lead district home study programs.
- Serve as the administrative head of the district in the absence of the superintendent.

### **Elementary Principal**

**December 2009 – June 2013**

**Alta Sierra and Cottage Hill Elementary Schools, Grass Valley, CA**

**Britta Skavdahl, Ed.D., Supervisor**

- Provide administrative leadership for teachers, staff and students in the areas of curriculum and instruction, accountability, academic achievement, facility usage and school site safety.
- Created, organized and implemented an innovative reading intervention program, raising school API score by 7 points in the first year.
- Lead all staff members in use of data, Response to Intervention strategies, Professional Learning Communities, and Student Study Teams to promote student improvement and program development.
- Develop, oversee and administer a \$3.3 million dollar annual operating budget.
- Consult with students, parents, teachers and administrators in matters of student welfare, academic achievement, discipline and attendance.
- Participate in the development and evaluation of curriculum and instruction programs as well as in the selection of textbooks and instructional materials.
- Developed, coordinated and implemented a site technology plan placing upgraded instructional technology in all classrooms.
- Initiated and coordinated expansion and upgrade of school's computer lab including facility infrastructure and capital outlay.
- Developed, coordinated and implemented a successful pre-school program designed to encourage and retain student enrollment.
- Direct, lead and model instruction and activities to promote positive school climate, including character development and positive incentive programs.
- Developed, coordinated and implemented the district's first Transitional Kindergarten Program.
- Evaluate performance and identify staff development needs for all employees.
- Created, organized and implemented late start enrichment program to facilitate teacher collaboration time.
- Developed and implemented partnerships with community service groups, homeowners associations and businesses to enhance student achievement and make campus improvements.

### **Community Day School Principal**

**August 2006 – December 2009**

**Pleasant Ridge Union School District, Grass Valley, CA**

**Linda Rooney, Supervisor**

- Develop, oversee and model instructional strategies for at-risk students.
- Monitor, assess and council individual student academic achievement and social development.

- Consult and provide guidance to students, parents and teachers in matters of student welfare, academic achievement, discipline and attendance.
- Develop and implement behavior and academic contracts to promote student success.
- Evaluate performance and provide mentorship for certificated and classified staff.

**Middle School Assistant Principal**  
**Pleasant Ridge Union School District, Grass Valley, CA**  
**Linda Rooney, Supervisor**

**July 2004 – December 2009**

- Promote school safety and student accountability through the development and implementation of school discipline policy and California Education Code procedures.
- Responsible for student discipline and attendance monitoring.
- Interface with local and county agencies to promote student welfare and safety.
- Direct, lead and facilitate grade level curriculum meetings.
- Develop master schedule and staff supervision schedules.
- Schedule and chair Student Study Team meetings.
- Act as administrative head of school in absence of the Principal.
- Assist in selection and evaluation of school staff.
- Organize and oversee paraprofessional schedules and duties.
- Direct, lead and facilitate textbook adoption committees.
- Serve as site testing and accountability coordinator.
- Promote, coordinate and facilitate student activities, positive behavior and academic incentive programs, extra-curricular activities, and student enrichment opportunities.

**Classroom Teacher**

**Barrett Middle School, SJUSD, Carmichael, CA**  
**Mark Roberts, Ed.D., Supervisor**

**August 1993 – July 2004**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Core (English/US History): Standards-based integrated curriculum to include writing, grammar, literature, and the study of early American history and geography through experiential learning and expository research.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective (Broadcast Media): Designed curriculum and implemented program to include live and taped video production. Incorporated school-wide closed circuit television system with emphasis on district goals and standards in writing, speaking and technology.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective (Journalism): Designed curriculum to enhance publication of school yearbook and monthly student newspaper with emphasis on writing and technology standards including desktop publishing techniques.
- 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective (School-to-Career): Designed and implemented curriculum to enhance student motivation and application of life-long learning techniques with a focus on content standards in writing, speaking and technology.
- Served on School Site Council
- Served as department chair for site leadership team.

**Additional Leadership Activities**

**District Special Education Director**

**2010 – 2013**

- Provide administrative leadership for the district's Special Education population, including oversight of Special Ed personnel and the IEP process, fostering positive relationships with parent community, and maintaining district compliance within state and federal standards for students with disabilities.

- District Testing/Accountability Coordinator** **2009 - 2013**
- Organize and facilitate the implementation of state testing procedures and guidelines for the district and at the school sites.
- ACSA Nevada County Charter Treasurer** **2010 – Present**
- Member of the executive board for the Nevada County Charter of the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA). Provide monthly accounting statements for expenditures and maintain annual budget for the county charter.
  - Plan and coordinate professional recognition and social activities to promote educational leadership.
- Department Chair** **2000 - 2004**
- Facilitate implementation and collaboration of district goals and standards, analysis of data and curriculum to increase student achievement, manage purchasing and site budget planning, collaborate on grade-level and vertical articulation and master scheduling.
- Program Director for Student Educational Tours** **1994 - 2004**
- Planned, implemented and directed student educational tours to the East Coast to connect experiential learning to California US History standards. Organized and managed complete itinerary, policies, and security for 120 travelers and chaperones.
- BTSA (Beginning Teacher Support) Site Coach** **2000 - 2002**
- Mentored and supported new teachers with standards-based curriculum and benchmarks, classroom management and effective teaching techniques, analysis of student data to increase student achievement.
- School-to-Career Site Coordinator and Grant Writing Committee Chair** **1997 - 2000**
- Co-authored \$15,000 grant to fund new Elective curriculum. Developed and implemented School-to-Career curriculum.

## Education

- ACSA Curriculum and Instruction Academy, Fairfield, CA** **2011 - 2012**
- Professional certificate
- ACSA Special Education Academy, Sacramento, CA** **2010 - 2011**
- Professional certificate
- University of LaVerne, LaVerne, CA** **2003 - 2004**
- Professional Clear Administrative Services Credential
- University of LaVerne, LaVerne, CA** **1997 - 1998**
- Master of Arts in Education, Classroom Guidance and Counseling
- National University, Sacramento, CA** **1992 - 1993**
- Multiple Subject Teaching Credential
- California State University, Sacramento, CA** **1989 - 1991**
- Bachelor of Arts – US History
  - Cum Laude, Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
- University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY** **1987 - 1988**
- Undergraduate coursework
- Laramie County Community College, Cheyenne, WY** **1985 - 1988**
- Associate of Arts – Elementary Education

## **Professional Growth Activities**

- "Understanding CCSS", Common Core Standards, Placer County Office of Education, 2012
- Response to Intervention, Mike Mattos, 2011 – 2012
- Professional Learning Communities, Richard and Rebecca DuFour, 2010 - 2011
- ACSA Regional Leadership Conference, Annually, 2006 - 2012
- Executive Functioning, Patty Schetter, 2010
- Steps to Respect Bully Prevention, 2010
- Time to Teach, behavior intervention training, 2009
- Step Up to Writing Seminar, 2006
- Master Scheduling Workshop, 2005

## **Honors and Awards**

- 2017: Nevada County Central Office Administrator of the Year
- 2011: Nevada County Elementary Principal of the Year
- 2008: Association of California School Administrators Region 2 - Co-Administrator of the Year
- 2003: California League of Middle Schools – Educator of the Year nominee
- 2002, 1997: ISPAAC (Intermediate School Parents and Administrators) – Teacher of the Year, Barrett Middle
- 1997: Carmichael Chamber of Commerce – Teacher of the Year

## **Professional References**

- Scotia Holmes-Sanchez. Ed.D. – retired Superintendent, Yuba County Office of Education, Marysville, CA
- Linda Rooney – retired Superintendent, Eureka School District, Granite Bay, CA
- Heidi Veneman – Teacher/Administrator, Menlo Park, CA
- Eric Fredrickson – Superintendent, Grass Valley School District, Grass Valley, CA
- Scott Lay, Superintendent/Principal, Clear Creek School District, Grass Valley, CA
- Debra Sandoval, retired Superintendent, Pleasant Valley/Ready Springs School District, Penn Valley, CA