



association of
ALASKA
school boards

Board of Directors Nomination Form

Nominations must be received by **October 09, 2020**

Name Mrs. Penny Vadla

Address _____

City Soldotna State AK Zip 99611

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(Work) _____
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Email pvadla@kpbsd.k12.ak.us

Nominee is a current board member of the
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District School Board.

Dates of Service 2008 to present

Year Current Term Expires 2023

Offices held on local school board with dates: See Attached

Other Education-related public service at the local, state or national level (Boards, commissions, task forces, committees) with dates and leadership positions held, if any:

See Attached

Other Non Education-related public service or cultural activities at the local, state or national level, with dates and positions held, if any:

See Attached

Nominated individuals will be interviewed via Zoom on
Saturday, October 24, 2020

A committee of AASB membership will conduct these interviews

Ways in which nominee has demonstrated advocacy for children:

See Attached

Background Information

Education See Attached

Present Occupation See Attached

Previous Occupation(s) See Attached

Membership in professional or other organizations, if any.

Dates - Offices Held: **See Attached**

This nomination form should be accompanied by a **one page written statement** from the nominee regarding that individual's views on:

1. The appropriate role of the AASB.
2. Three major issues facing AASB in the near future.
3. How AASB could better serve school boards?
4. Ways AASB can help school boards meet Board Standards.

If nominee is selected by Nominating Committee, this statement will be made available for the General Membership at the Annual Conference.

Formal action was taken by the Kenai Peninsula Borough
School Board on October 5, 2020

to submit the name of this nominee.

Signed _____
School Board President or designee

Nominations must be received in the
AASB office by October 09, 2020.

Please return to:

AASB Nominations Chairman
Association of Alaska School Boards
1111 W. 9th St.
Juneau, AK 99801

Tel: 907-463-1660 Fax: 586-2995

Nominations form should be accompanied by a copy of the Board of Directors Job Description Code of Ethics, signed by nominee.

AASB Board of Directors Nomination
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Penny Vadla

Soldotna, Alaska 99669

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Nominee is a current board member of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District School Board.

Dates of Service:2008 to present

Year Current Term Expires: 2023

Offices held on local school board with dates:

Clerk: 2011-2016; Vice President 2016-2017; and President 2017-2020

Communications Committee Chairperson 2016-2019, Governance Handbook Chairperson 2016-2019, Superintendent Search Committee Chairperson 2019-present

Other Education-related public service at the local, state or national level (Boards, commissions, task forces, committees) with dates and leadership positions held, if any:

KPBSD Smart Start committee member 2020, AASB BOD 2016-present, co-presenter with Superintendent Dusek at the spring 2018 AASB Fly-In, Governor's Education Excellence Committee 2017, KPBSD English Language Arts Curriculum Committee, AASB Board Mastery 2013; UAA Technology Fellowship recipient and Mentor Instructor 2012-present; AK State Analytical Writing Assessment member 2004-2005; KPBSD Teacher Mentor 2000-2002; Caring for the Kenai presenter, judge, other 2004-2014; AK Junior Miss Educational Essay and Best Self presenter 2005-2007; City of Soldotna Scholarship Review committee 2012-13; and KPBSD Effective Education Committee 2013-2017.

Other Non-Education related public service or cultural activities at the local, state or national level, with dates and positions held, if any:

Solarize the Kenai 2019-2020, City of Soldotna Parks and Rec committee 2010-present; City of Soldotna Charter-Home Rule Commissioner 2016 to present; Cook Inlet Keeper Sustainability volunteer many capacities 2013 – present.

Ways in which nominee has demonstrated advocacy for children:

As a high school English for 30 years and an adjunct professor for 10 years, I worked closely with my students to provide a quality education and to instill a love of learning in their life. I coached Quest FPS students, designed the AWA (Analytical Writing Assessment) for KPBSD, coached cx running for 30 years, worked with a variety of school programs that aim to improve instruction. I continue to engage in professional development both as a board member and as an educator. I have supported our student board representatives by working closely with them during and after our AASB Fly-Ins. I regularly attend and often co-chair AASB Resolutions committee

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meetings. I continue to work with students as part of our KPBSD Student Voice. I regularly go to Juneau to discuss educational issues with legislators. I support and attend student community led meetings and events. I will always advocate for children.

During my 2016-2020 AASB BOD experience, I have learned and grown as a BOD member and gained insight and knowledge about education in Alaska. I would like to continue as an AASB Board of Director to continue my advocacy for excellence and equality in education for all Alaskan children.

Background Information

Education: Masters in Public School Administration 1992; Bachelors in English with minor in French 1974; various writing workshops and fellowships over the years.

Present Occupation: Retired Educator

Previous Occupation: Adjunct Professor at Kenai Peninsula College (UAA) 2003-2016; Teacher KPBSD 1978-2006; copywriter 1975-1977

Membership in Professional or other organizations: NEA Lifetime, NCTE, Tech Fellow UAA, AASB

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Written Statement: Penny Vadla

The appropriate role of the AASB.

The role of AASB is to provide information, knowledge, training, and support to Alaska's school districts and board members. Our mission that 'Children should always be our number one priority' in the state of Alaska is a clear mission that provides us continued direction. Working together to ensure this quality education for all children is paramount to our success.

Three major issues facing AASB in the near future.

There are so many issues facing the educational arena; however, I will list only a few essential to a successful educational culture and environment:

1. Timely, sustainable, adequate funding; (Covid19 Hold Harmless funding as well)
2. Early childhood education;
3. Social, Emotional Learning and Well-being
4. Public Education as a Priority

How AASB could better serve school boards.

This is a difficult question as AASB serves districts well. All districts face a plethora of individual interests, promising practices, and challenges too; however, we all serve one charge which is to provide a quality education for all students. AASB could be the catalyst that unites our state's educational front. AASB and/or a Board Director could reach out to another district and form a partnership to share instructional practices and/or resources that could benefit one another. This connection and partnership could be attained by holding workshops and sectionals at AASB conferences or by hosting zoom events where a district board leader or a BOD member met and shared educational resources.

Ways AASB can help school boards meet Board Standards.

AASB should continue hosting workshops that not only disseminate information about the standards but also provide additional examples explaining the importance of the AASB Standards: Vision, Structure, Accountability, Advocacy, and Conduct and Ethics. Additional training opportunities/continuing education classes in parliamentary procedure, OMA, board roles and responsibilities, would also be very beneficial.

Board of Directors Job Description and Code of Ethics

Job Description

Constitutional Responsibilities

The Board of Directors establishes policies to supervise, control and direct the business of AASB within the limits of, and consistent with, the Resolutions and Beliefs, and Constitution and Bylaws approved by the Delegate Assembly. Within these limits, the Board of Directors:

- Actively promotes the purposes of the Association;
- Interprets AASB's Constitution and Bylaws;
- Adopts such policies, rules, and regulations for the conduct of its business as it shall deem advisable;
- Employs and annually evaluates the Executive Director;
- Adopts and periodically adjusts the Association's budget;
- Provides oversight for the operation of the Legal Assistance Fund and AASB Scholarship Fund;
- Proposes changes to the dues structure to the general membership;
- Sets/approves/adopts the amount AASB will charge for all meetings, services and materials.

Corporate Responsibilities

In the exercise of its corporate responsibilities, the Board of Directors adopts and maintains a Board Policy Manual which sets forth procedures and guidelines for the Board's operations and Director's participation in AASB activities. In order to accomplish the overall mission of the Board of Directors and to achieve its corporate objectives, each member of the Board has several kinds of individual responsibilities. Members should:

- prepare well for each Board meeting, through full and careful study of the agenda and its support materials, other relevant materials and through discussion of agenda items, where appropriate, with school board association staff members, fellow school board members, and others as desired in the formulation of preliminary personal views on each topic in advance of the Board meeting. These judgments are to serve as a base point for further discussion in the meeting;
- attend the entire board meeting by arranging travel schedules in advance to permit on-time arrival and staying through the full meeting;
- participate effectively in the Board meeting by ensuring that the concerns formulated in the preparation stage are heard by the whole Board. Each Director is expected to retain an open mind until all the facts and view points on issues are before the Board. Conclusions on action items are sought that are believed to be in the best interests of AASB. And, once a decision is made, the director is expected to support such Board conclusions, even when one may have some reservations about them;

- evaluate and follow-up on the actions taken in the Board meeting, by keeping track (through published AASB reporting documents) of how the actions of the Board are being implemented in the short- and long-run, and bringing up any concerns with the President, Executive Director or Board of Directors, as appropriate;

- establish two-way communication through the Board Liaison Network and with their respective school boards to explain and discuss actions taken by the Board of Directors, and;

- provide personal liaison to the member boards through the Board Liaison Network or caucus leadership, or in such other ways as are determined by the President or Board of Directors;

- fulfill responsibilities of any collateral assignment as an AASB committee member or AASB appointed representative to other agency committees or task forces in accordance with the purpose of the committee or the nature of the representation on behalf of AASB and consistent with the precepts of preparation, attendance, participation and evaluation set forth above, and;

- participate actively in the legislative activities of AASB, in the most effective manner, to be jointly decided with the Executive Director, and;

- diligently participate in the annual evaluation of the Executive Director by completing the evaluation instrument and returning it to the designated officer in a timely manner, participating fully and constructively in the Board's evaluation discussion, and assisting in setting professional performance goals for the Executive Director, and;

- accept occasional public speaking assignments such as chairing caucuses and introducing speakers at meetings and giving reports as appropriate before the Board or general membership, and;

- acknowledge and abide by the AASB Board of Directors Job Description and Code of Ethics.

Additionally, the Board Member serves as an Ambassador of the Association. As such, each member of the Board functions as a representative of AASB to member school districts and the general public. Each Director must assume responsibility for explaining AASB's programs, the basis for governance decisions, AASB's vision for the future as described in the AASB's Long Range plan, and AASB's missions and goals, together with the action plans approved by the Board to realize that vision and attain those missions and goals.

Finally, the Board member serves as an advocate for AASB both at home and at the state level. Each member of the Board is part of the governance team selected by the AASB general membership. He or she is expected to be a vigorous, knowledgeable and articulate advocate of AASB and its programs, as approved by the Board of Directors, so that the value of

membership in AASB can be made fully and clearly known in the district from which the Director comes, as well as to all other school boards around the state. As a result of this advocacy, the attitudes, opinions and conclusions about AASB, formulated by school board members around the state, can be made with full understanding of all the facts that Directors can make available.

Code of Ethics

As a member of the Association of Alaska School Boards Board of Directors I will strive to improve public education, and to that end I will:

- Attend all three regularly scheduled AASB board meetings and other teleconference meetings, insofar as possible, and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;

- Recognize that I should endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held board meetings;

- Render all decisions based on the available facts and my independent judgment, and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups;

- Encourage the free expression of opinion by all board members, and seek systematic communications between the board and member school boards;

- Work with other AASB board members to establish effective board policies and to delegate authority for the administration of the association to the Executive Director;

- Communicate to other AASB board members, and the Executive Director, expressions of member and public reaction to AASB resolutions, policies and programs;

- Inform myself about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by my state and national school boards association;

- Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as association staff, and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff;

- Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, and refrain from using my board position for personal or partisan gain;

- Remember always that my first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending the public schools.

My signature below indicates that I have read and agree to abide by the AASB Board of Directors Job Description and Code of Ethics.

Name _____

Date _____