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Board of Trustees (Attn: BOT Secretary)
Nye County School District
484 S. West Street
Pahrump, NV 89048
ncsdboardvacancy@nyeschools.org

Re: Application for Appointment — Board of Trustees, Trustee Area III Vacancy

Dear Members of the Board of Trustees:

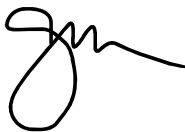
I am writing to express my interest in being appointed to fill the vacant Trustee Area III seat on the Nye County School District Board of Trustees. As a licensed Nevada educator, Pahrump property owner, and committed community member, I bring a perspective grounded in the daily realities of public education and focused on the future of Nye County's students and families. I hold a Master of Arts in Teaching (K–8) from UNLV (2024), Nevada teaching licensure (K–8), and am a STEM.org Certified Educator and NSTA member. My classroom experience includes 6th-grade Science at Kenny C. Guinn STEM Academy, 1st grade and K–5 STEM instruction at Jeffers Elementary, and ten years teaching in a homeschool cooperative.

My background before teaching adds practical governance experience. As a U.S. Air Force Personnel Officer, I directed a 20-member HR team and earned Outstanding Junior Officer of the Year. As principal consultant of Race Consulting, LLC, I secured over \$1.8 million in grant funding including CDBG grants and managed a \$700M sales portfolio at AT&T/Lucent. I know how to navigate budgets, personnel decisions, federal compliance, and community accountability.

I care deeply about the future of Pahrump and the students who call it home. I want to contribute to thoughtful planning for the district's growth, help ensure we have the facilities and teachers our community deserves, and serve with transparency and a commitment to results.

I confirm that I am not employed by NCSD, reside within Trustee Area III, and meet all qualifications under NRS 386.240. I respectfully ask the Board to consider my appointment and welcome the opportunity to speak with you.

Sincerely,



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PROFILE

Educator, leader, and consultant with over 20 years of experience spanning K–12 education, nonprofit management, business consulting, and program development. Proven expertise in staff training, grant writing, organizational leadership, and project management. Adept at building collaborative partnerships, supporting diverse learners, and delivering measurable outcomes across educational and community-based settings. U.S. Air Force veteran and Pahrump property owner seeking appointment to the Nye County School District Board of Trustees, Area III.

EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Teaching (K–8)

University of Nevada, Las Vegas — 2024

Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice

Southeast Missouri State University — 1993

Double Major: Law Enforcement & Security Management

CERTIFICATIONS & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Nevada Teaching License (K–8, All Subjects), License #221106
- STEM.org Certified Educator
- National Science Teaching Association (NSTA)
- Nevada State Science Teachers Association (NSSTA)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

6th Grade Science Teacher

Kenny C. Guinn STEM Academy, Clark County School District — Las Vegas, NV

August 2024 – Present

Teach 6th-grade science using inquiry-based, hands-on instruction aligned with NGSS standards to approximately 168 students in a Title I STEM-designated school. Implement accommodations and instructional supports for students with IEPs and 504 plans to ensure equitable access to learning. Collaborate with administration, specialists, and families to monitor academic progress and promote student success.

1st Grade Teacher

Jay A. Jeffers Elementary School, Clark County School District — Las Vegas, NV

August 2023 – May 2024

Delivered instruction across all core subjects to a first-grade classroom of 16 students. Designed differentiated lessons to meet diverse academic and social-emotional needs. Partnered with families and staff to support student growth and engagement.

STEM Guest Teacher (Substitute)

Jay A. Jeffers Elementary School, Clark County School District — Las Vegas, NV

October 2022 – May 2023

Delivered hands-on STEM instruction to approximately 500 students in grades K–5. Designed and facilitated lessons emphasizing problem-solving, collaboration, and critical thinking.

Homeschool Educator

Las Vegas, NV

2012 – 2022

Provided home-based instruction in Science, History, and Social Studies for my son, and expanded to facilitate classes for a small cooperative of homeschooling families with students ages 5–13. Developed interdisciplinary curricula that promoted inquiry, collaboration, and academic confidence.

Owner / Principal Consultant

Race Consulting, LLC (formerly RaceVentures, LLC) — Colorado & Nevada

1999 – 2014

Provided consulting, project management, fundraising, and training services for nonprofit and educational organizations. Secured more than \$1.8 million in grant funding and supported organizational growth through strategic planning and capacity building.

Key Projects & Accomplishments:

- Las Vegas Science & Technology Expo (2013): Organized and trained volunteers for statewide STEM outreach initiatives.
- CSU–Pueblo GEAR UP Program (2004–2005): Managed marketing and fundraising for a federally funded college-readiness program serving first-generation students; secured \$5,000 in contributions and coordinated scholarship events.
- Bessemer Association for Neighborhood Development (2002–2004): Established a 501(c)(3) nonprofit; recruited and trained board members; authored and secured \$500,000 in grant funding including Community Development Block Grants (CDBG); organized the Bessemer Heritage Festival (3,000 attendees; \$5,000 raised).
- Colorado Music Fest (2005): Directed staff and volunteers; raised \$10,000; managed 10 concerts, four youth camps, and a 30,000-attendee July 4th event.
- SPIN Project, EPA Cooperative Agreement (2003–2005): Program Manager for a \$100,000 federal grant; facilitated community partnerships, coordinated stakeholder meetings, and ensured compliance and reporting.

Sales Planner — Marketing & Sales

AT&T / Lucent Technologies, Inc. — Greenwood Village, CO

1996 – 1999

Managed sales planning for \$700M in accounts, contributing to a 32% increase in successful proposals. Conducted competitive market analyses and developed financial models to support strategic sales initiatives.

Lieutenant, Human Resources / Personnel

U.S. Air Force — Keflavik Naval Air Station — Iceland

1993 – 1996

Directed a 20-member HR team supporting over 3,000 personnel. Led a major base downsizing initiative, reducing personnel from 3,000 to 600 in under eight months.

Awarded **Outstanding Junior Officer of the Year** for exemplary leadership and performance.