

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

Name of Applicant: RICHARD B. FOSTER Date: 6 Feb 2009

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Occupation: State insurance regulator

Seat Applicant is Applying For: Seat B (Applicant must be at least 18 years of age and a registered voter in the Municipality of Anchorage.)

Have you ever been convicted of, admitted committing, or are you awaiting trial for any crime involving moral turpitude? (PTPC Reg. 20 AAC 10.030)

Yes  No If you answered yes, please attach written explanation.

Attachments to this application should include:

- resume
- statement of reasons why the applicant wishes to be a member of the Board
- other information deemed pertinent by applicant

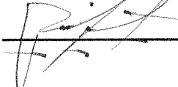
Note: Within 30 days of taking office, the successful applicant will be required to submit a Conflict of Interest form as required by APOC.

Applications should be mailed to: Office of the Superintendent  
Anchorage School District  
5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd.  
Anchorage, AK 99504-3135

Or hand-delivered to: 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd.

Deadline for applications: All applications need to be received in the Superintendent's office by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 6, 2009.

The School Board will make the appointment during a Special Meeting, convening Saturday, February 14, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.

Signature: 

6 February 2009

Mr. Jeff Friedman, President, Board of Trustees  
Ms. Carol Comeau, Superintendent  
Anchorage School District

Dear President Friedman, Superintendent Comeau, and the Anchorage School Board of Trustees,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my application to become a board member for the Anchorage school district.

As the son of an elementary school teacher, I recognize there are those that shine beyond the call of a mere eight-to-three job. From my mother's dedication to her students every year for thirty years, I understand the commitment and effort required of these public servants that far exceed any value the district can pay them. From this experience, I recognize the greatest front line resource our school district and community has is represented in our teachers and administrators.

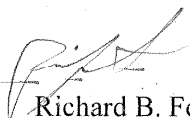
As the product of public education through one of the largest high schools in Illinois at the time, I remember that my greatest growth in life came from experiencing diversity in many forms, from class offerings to classmates; and it is through those broadening horizons that challenged me to grow. It is also no small testament to the schools I attended that I can still remember the names and faces of most of the teachers, principals, and administrators that so profoundly influenced and supported me even after thirty years. From these experiences, I would delve to provide the support necessary for all children to experience a wide range of interests grounded in the security of a classroom setting.

Additionally, as a financial regulator for almost twenty years in public service, my training has taught me to review and analyze all situations to be able to defend the final decisions arrived at before the director of the division as well as the management of the companies under review. As the Board has shown this same type of analysis in their deliberations, I would like add my training to this process as well as no decision is so small that it can be made lightly. My experience in working with management of various sizes and at various levels would, I believe, be an asset to the district.

Lastly, as the father of a kindergarten student at Northern Lights ABC school and a second to hopefully attend there in the future, I look forward to bringing the real-time experiences of a parent of an elementary student to the Board. Knowing that my children would also face the consequences of our choices, I would be reminded of each and every decision we make in the faces of my two daughters. From the difficult decisions to those that may appear to be easy at the outset, I look forward to bringing my experiences and training to Anchorage's school board.

Again, thank you for this opportunity; I look forward to participating in the future of my children's education and the development of the Anchorage municipality in whatever capacity necessary for years to come.

Sincerely and respectfully,

  
Richard B. Foster

# RICHARD BRYAN FOSTER

## OBJECTIVE

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As a school board trustee, my objective will be to assist in the formulation of policies covering school operations as well as oversee the school district's fiscal affairs along with any other duties called upon as required by a trustee.

## EMPLOYMENT

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### **Alaska Division of Insurance**

**Anchorage, AK**

July, 2000 to Present

#### *Insurance Financial Examiner II*

- Responsibilities include the statutory financial examination of domestic insurers along with continual analysis of companies' operations and financial disclosures. Upon completion of an examination, a public report is produced which must be defended and then presented to the company's senior management and board of directors. Position includes "first point of contact" for insurers to the division as well as working with insurers to properly implement statutes and regulations adopted by the director of the Division and legislature.

### **Illinois Department of Insurance**

**Chicago, IL**

November, 1989 to June, 2000

#### *Actuarial Examiner*

- Responsibilities included the review and testing of insurers' reserves and premium calculations along with a review of policy contract language. Final product included reports that were defended and ultimately incorporated into final examination workpapers.

### **Preferred Meal Systems, Inc.**

**Schaumburg, IL**

August, 1988 to November, 1989

#### *Accounts Payable Manager*

- Responsibilities included the maintenance of school accounts and preparation and distribution of checks covering food suppliers for subsidiary of Canteen Corporation providing school lunches to districts across the nation.

### **R. W. Mitchell, Inc.**

**Hillside, IL**

October, 1985 to August, 1988

#### *Accountant*

- Responsibilities included the maintenance of individual accounts and checks for food broker's account representatives' promotions and sales.

## EDUCATION

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- Wheaton College** **Wheaton, IL**  
August, 1981 to May, 1985  
*B.S. Mathematics w/ Computer Science Minor equivalence*
- Thornwood High School** **South Holland, IL**  
August, 1977 to May, 1981  
*College preparatory track*  
National Honor Society  
Band (4 yrs), German Club (4 yrs), Mathlete

## ACCREDITATIONS

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- Dad to two beautiful daughters  
Certified Financial Examiner (CFE) – Society of Financial Examiners  
Accredited Financial Examiner (AFE) – Society of Financial Examiner

## PROFESSIONAL & BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

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- Society of Financial Examiners**
- Vice President – Financial Discipline, March, 2008 to present
  - Executive Committee, January, 2008, to present
  - Board of Governors, August, 2006, to present
  - Alaska State Chair, August, 2004, to present
- Oak Hills Condominium Association (Woodridge, IL)**
- President, November, 1997 to June, 1999
  - Treasurer, 1995 to 1997
  - Member, 1993 to 1999
- First Baptist Church (South Holland, IL)**
- Financial Secretary, 1987 to 1988
  - Board of Trustees, 1986 to 1988

## EXPERIENCES

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- Pine Trail Camp (Saugatuck, MI)**
- High School Director, summers of 1992 to 1993
  - Various staff positions, summers of 1978 through 1985

## REFERENCES

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References are available upon request.