

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

I am a retired teacher and principal with the Hawaii Department of Education and was elected to the state Board of Education for two terms.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Bachelor of Science in Education 05-30-69

Professional Secondary Science-Physical Certificate 01-26-76

Professional School Administrator Certificate 09-01-88

Kauai Principal of the Year 1996-97

State Board of Education 2004-2011

From 1969 to 1989 I was a secondary science teacher and then went into administration. In 1990 as principal I opened the new school King Kaumuali'i Elementary and was there for 10 years. In 2000 I then opened the new school Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle. As a school leader my entire focus was to provide a child-centered environment that allowed each student to achieve to his/her potential. While principal I served on the HGEA Unit 06 Board for many years. I retired December 2003 and was persuaded by some teachers and principals to run for the state Board of Education. I was elected in 2004. I served as Chairperson of K-12 Regular Education Committee, Board designee of Title 1 Committee of Practitioners, Board designee of the Hawaii Teachers Standards Board, member of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Study Committee on Early Secondary Schools and Study Committee on Assessment Systems for the 21st Century Learner, Board member on the management negotiations team dealing with the Hawaii State Teachers Association and Hawaii Government Employees Association, and a member of various board committees.

SKILLS

I believe very strongly in our public school system and have the necessary experiences to understand the issues, make relevant policy decisions, and relate to school, complex and state personnel to monitor and improve schools.