

## SPCSA Application

**First Name:** Amy

**Last Name:** Nelson

**Reason to Serve:** I retired after 30 years in education, and my last three years as a district-level director included working with distance learning, adult education and alternative education programming. I realized the value of choices for parents and students. My last year, I developed a hybrid program for kindergarten through sixth graders that blended distance learning with in-person learning. It was a very rewarding process. Living in a rural setting, I feel it will be of value to have the small district representation on the charter school board. I have the time, energy and background knowledge of public education to offer if accepted.

**Qualifications:** I have thirty years of experience in public education starting as an aide in a self-contained unit and serving as a teacher, principal and director through the years. I have a strong appreciation of and dedication to traditional and charter school programming.

**Summary of Experience, education, achievements:** See attached resume.

**County of Residence:** Lander

**Highest Level of Education Completed:** Master's Degree

**Current Employer:** Humboldt County School District

**Job Title:** Director of Innovation

**Professional Licenses:** Master's in Educational Administration and Supervision Master's in School Counseling

**Served on other Board, Commission, etc:** Yes

Lander County Public Lands Board Member Lander County Conservation District Board Member

**Registered to Vote:** Yes

**Registered Lobbyist:** No

**Gender Identity:** Female

**Identify as Hispanic and/or Latino/a:** No

**Ethnic Identity:** Caucasian/White

**Tribal Heritage:** n/a

**Languages:** English

**Veteran Status:** No

**Disability Status:** No

**Accurate Information:** Yes

**No Conflict of Interest:** None

# Amy Nelson

## *Results-Oriented Leader in Educational Administration*

### Excerpts from Letters of Recommendation

“Amy is able to create high expectations while building relationships with those whom she leads.”

~Aaron Hansen,  
NNRPDP Leadership  
Consultant

“Amy is a leader who has proven herself in working with several different school staffs...and a team player when working with her fellow principals and superintendent.”

~Steve Larsgaard,  
Superintendent

“Amy is one of the most reliable and responsible administrators I have worked with – her ability to plan and implement professional development and an effective learning environment is phenomenal.”

~C. Jordan,  
Superintendent

“There’s no administrator out there that has already and will continue to provide the commitment and dedication to the job and school community.”

~Dawn Hagness,  
HCSA Assistant  
Superintendent

## Career Summary

- ▶ Leadership development consultant
- ▶ Three years at district level administrative position
- ▶ Seventeen years of experience as a school administrator K-12
- ▶ Skilled in the design and implementation of innovative and proven systems for improving staff and student performance
- ▶ Leadership style that creates a strong culture and strengthens teams
- ▶ Authentic, passionate speaker with ability to lead meetings and presentations
- ▶ Strong team building and supervision - aligned resources with district and site priorities
- ▶ Developed and managed budgets and resources efficiently

## Professional Experience

District Director – Humboldt County School District Winnemucca, NV 6/2017-10/2020

Highlights: Created first district K-6 distance education hybrid program and supervised all district distance education. Facilitated development of the strategic plan. Coached and mentored school administrators and supported continuous improvement initiatives.

K-4 Elementary Principal - Sonoma Heights E.S. Winnemucca, NV 7/2013 – 6/2017

Highlights: Implemented PLC’s and data teams, participated in the NCAAT process, piloted the NEPF evaluation system, was responsible for the district K-5<sup>th</sup> comprehensive life skills program, supervised and managed 570 students and 60 staff members, participated in the NNRPDP Leadership Academy, mentored principal interns.

4-6 Principal/District Support - Lemaire E.S. Battle Mtn., NV 7/2007 – 6/2013

Highlights: Designated high achieving and a 4-Star rating at Lemaire. Also served as Austin K-12 rural principal. Additional responsibilities included serving as the district Title I Director, chairing the district Improvement process, organizing the district-wide professional development efforts, participating on the district negotiations team, serving as the administrative finance liaison to the Board, coordinating the district safety team and developing the district safety policy, mentored principal interns.

Junior High and High School Principal - Battle Mtn. H.S. Battle Mtn., NV 6/2000 – 6/2007

Highlights: Transferred over mid-year and stabilized a volatile school climate. Implemented the Instructional Consultation Team for the district, brought in two CTE programs and increased student enrollment in GBC courses. Designated ‘high achieving’ several times, Austin K-12 rural principal, served on district insurance committee, created bully reduction program, implemented an ‘alternative education’ program with the Sixth Judicial Courts to support struggling students and close the achievement gap, created the district attendance committee offering intervention and support for students with chronic attendance issues

Previous School Positions - Lois Allen E.S. Sun Valley, NV 08/1992 – 06/2000

Highlights: Began as an aide in a SEH self-contained classroom, worked as the student intervention clerk, completed a counseling internship, became a 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom teacher, completed an administrative internship, promoted to the school’s math facilitator and teacher-leader on the school’s governance committee.

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## Additional Experience and Skills

Business Owner – Event Venue and Rental Properties Battle Mtn, NV 05/2008-present  
Co-owner of investment properties and event venue. Responsible for arranging financing, managing the bookkeeping, preparing taxes, preparing and executing contracts, overseeing daily activities, and identifying business opportunities.

## Education and Certification

University of Phoenix, Reno Campus – MA in Educational Administration and Supervision  
University of Nevada, Reno – MA in School Counseling, BA in Social Psychology  
Sierra Nevada College – K-8 Teaching Certification  
Professional Learning Communities Training  
Northwest Accreditation Team Member  
Instructional Consultation -8 years experience  
Data Teams Training  
Curriculum Mapping and Design Training  
CCSS Professional Development Training  
McGrath Bullying and Harassment Systems Training  
FRISK Documentation Training  
Love and Logic Training  
WIDA Training  
SIOP Training

## Recognition & Affiliations

FCC Board of Directors Member  
Agape Hospice Board Member  
Lander County Public Lands and Conservation District Board Member  
NNRPDP Leadership Academy  
Lander County Economic Development Board (previous)  
United Way of the Great Basin Board (previous)  
Lander County Recreation Board (previous)  
Lander FCC Chairman (previous)  
Dale Carnegie Course Graduate – Highest Award for Achievement  
NASB Administrator of the Year, 2013  
Teacher of the Month – Washoe County School District, 1998  
Golden Key Honor Society - University of Nevada Reno  
Athlete-Scholar of the Year/Triple E Award - Elko High School

## References

Dave Jensen – Humboldt County Superintendent –  
Steve Larsgaard – Former Lander County Superintendent –  
Aaron Hansen – NNRPDP Leadership Consultant –  
Dan Baldini – Sixth Judicial Juvenile Department –