

Public Charter School Governing Board Member Information Sheet

Name of Public Charter School _____Baxter Academy for Technology and Science_____

Name of Board Member _____Justin Richards_____

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Occupation _____Pharmacist_____

Please respond to the following questions:

1. Why do you wish to serve on the governing board?

I wish to serve on the board for Baxter Academy to provide perspective on coursework that will benefit students looking to pursue a career in healthcare as well as serve as a role model and mentor for students. My ultimate goal is to help retain students in our great state by showing that they can obtain promising and fulfilling careers right here in Maine.

2. What is your understanding of the educational needs of students in the catchment area?

Increased availability of advanced science and math courses, as well as professional exposure to career paths within the area that they may not know about.

3. Please list any previous or present educational involvement; such as board member, budget committee, citizens committees, etc. List school(s) or district(s).

- University of Maine Alumni Association Senior Skulls AIG: Vice President
- University of Maine Alumni Association Senior Skulls AIG: Secretary
- University of New England College of Pharmacy lecturer: Introduction to Veterinary Pharmacology
- University of New England College of Pharmacy lecturer: Advanced Veterinary Pharmacology
- Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry: Naturalist and Interpretive Ranger

4. What special qualifications do you have that will help you to be a board member?

I'm wholistically Maine born and educated. I grew up in the western foothills where I was a student at Dirigo High School, after graduation I received my BS in Biology from the University of Maine and then my Doctorate in Pharmacy from the University of New England. I've personally experienced the struggles of transitioning from a public high school with minimal advanced placement science and math courses and having to compete in college and grad school with students who received stronger educational support earlier in their academic careers. I believe my experiences give me a unique perspective on how to help the Maine youth prepare for college and pursue careers in healthcare

5. What is your understanding of the role you will play as a public charter school board member?

My role will be to highlight the wellbeing of students while prioritizing the mission of the school. I will serve as a collaborative board member who strives to advance our programs with an open mind and thoughtful understanding of necessary adaptations for optimal growth.

Sign _____ Justin Richards _____ Date _____ 07/13/23 _____

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