

Public Charter School Governing Board Member Information Sheet

Name of Public Charter School - Maine Virtual Academy (MEVA)

Name of Board Member - Susan Walters

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Occupation - Retired Special Education Director Augusta School Department

Please respond to the following questions:

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

Throughout my career as an educator, I have found decision making of the School Board's an interesting aspect of education. It connects community and educators, and often offers a different perspective on what is needed. School Board's offer a balance in decision making and accountability for the school. Being a part of a School Board would allow me the opportunity to continue supporting educators and students, no longer in the capacity of an educator but as a community member.

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

Technically, if a child lives in the State of Maine they can access any Charter School. Most Charter Schools have a catchment area connected to transportation support. Maine Virtual Academy has a large catchment area due to it being an online program. This allows for all Maine students the opportunity to attend if they chose too, without transportation concerns.

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

Speech Language Pathologist - Winslow Schools - 1996 - 2005
Speech Language Pathologist - MSAD 54 - 2005 - 2007
Special Education Director - Winslow School - 2008 - 2010
Asst Special Education Director - AOS 92 - 2010 - 2017
Special Education Director - Augusta School Department - 2017 - 2021
Special Education Director - Community Regional Charter School - 2021 - 2022

Building Committee - Winslow Schools 2016 -2017
Winslow Schools Employees Foundation - 2003 - 2005
Budget Committee - 2008 - 2021
Administrative Contract Negotiation Team - 2017 - 2020

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

Knowledge of Educational Processes, School Board involvement, Administrative team membership, involvement of curriculum development, involvement with personal and human resource oversight and knowledge of special education regulations.

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

The role of a School Board member is to help establish goals, and to assist in setting standards for performance of the school and for the Superintendent. Board members are liaison's of the community's values and perspective of educational needs.

Sign__ Susan Walters _____ Date 8-3-2023 _____

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