

## **North Star Charter School Director Position**

The Board of North Star Charter School (NSCS) shall consist of Directors elected or appointed for a two (2) year term of office as set forth below. The number of Directors constituting the Board of the Corporation shall be not less than five (5) or more than seven (7) Directors. The function of the Board can be described as policy making, advising and evaluating. The Board shall have the further duty of directing the financial means by which the educational program is conducted. They shall also ensure the community be informed of the needs, purposes, values and status of the charter school. The position of Director is a volunteer position.

***Community Director*** - may be an individual with no affiliation, direct or indirect, with any students or their families, other Board members, school staff, contractors to the school, vendors or any other affiliates of NSCS.

***Parent Director*** - may be a parent or grandparent with one or more children attending the NSCS.

The Board, as a board, shall have the full power and duty to manage and oversee the operations of the Corporation's business and to pledge the credit, assets and property of said Corporation when necessary to facilitate the efficient operation thereof. Authority is given to the Charter School Board of Directors by the State of Idaho as provided in the "Public Charter Schools Act of 1998." (Idaho Code § 33-5201).

The duties and responsibilities, as a member of NSCS Board of Directors, will be to support the improvement of student achievement in education at NSCS, and to that end will:

1. Attend all regularly scheduled Board meetings, insofar as possible, having read packet of materials, ensuring they informed about the issues to be considered at the meetings;
2. Recognize the Board, in compliance with Idaho's Open Meeting Law, as recited in Idaho Code §74-206, only has authority to make decisions at official Board meetings;
3. Make all decisions based on the available facts independent judgment, and refuse to surrender judgment to individuals or special interest groups;

4. Understand the Board makes decisions as a team. Individual Board members may not commit the Board to any action unless so authorized by official Board action;
5. Recognize Board decisions are made by a majority vote and the outcome should be supported by all Board members;
6. Acknowledge NSCS policy decisions are a primary function of the Board and should be made after full discussion at publicly held Board meetings, recognizing that authority to administer policy rests with the Administration;
7. Be open, fair and honest, carry no hidden agendas, and respect the right of other Board members to have opinions and ideas which differ from their own opinion;
8. Recognize Administration is the Board's advisor and should be present at all meetings, except when the Board is considering Administration's evaluation, contract or salary;
9. Understand the chain of command policy, refer problems or complaints to the proper administrative office while refraining from communications that may create conditions of bias should a district concern ever rise to the attention of the Board as a hearings panel;
10. Keep abreast of important developments in educational trends, research and practices by individual study and through participation in programs providing such information;
11. Respect the right of the public to be informed about NSCS decisions and school operations;
12. Understand that each Director may be present and participate in Executive Session meetings which are not open to the public, and during the course of such Executive Session meetings, the Directors will receive confidential information. Directors will not divulge any confidential information to anyone, including family and friends. Each director recognizes, if they share any confidential information to anyone who is not a participant of the Executive Session meeting, it may be cause for immediate termination from the Board under the NSCS by laws;

13. Give staff the respect and consideration due skilled, professional employees and support the employment of those best qualified to serve as staff, while insisting on regular and impartial evaluations for all staff;
14. Present personal criticism of operations to Administration, not to staff or to a Board meeting;
15. Refuse to use their Board position for personal or family gain or prestige. Each director will announce any personal conflicts of interest before Board action is taken; and
16. Remember always that each Director's first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending the NSCS.

Please go to NSCS website to find the School BYLAWS, as follows:

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  - School board
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