



Name: Josh Ogaard

NLA Affiliation: NLA Licensed Instructor (Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 124E.07, Subdivision 3)

1. Describe your personal and educational background, as well as in what areas you have an expertise that will aid the NLA School Board in its missions of proper governance, financial oversight, and academic growth.

I have currently been an educator for nine years, this being my eighth year at NLA. I graduated from Minnesota State University Moorhead with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics emphasis in Secondary Education. During my tenure at NLA, I have involved myself in many different capacities. Currently I am the head boys' varsity soccer coach, one of the mathematics teachers at the Upper School, Testing & Data Coordinator for the Upper School, and I am also involved with the Grading Committee for the Upper School and the Finance Committee for the K-12 district.

In the past, I had served on the NLA school board for almost two years. During that time, I held the position of treasurer and collaborated with my fellow board members to approve the expansion down to kindergarten as well as the construction of our new K-8 building. I would have kept serving, but needed to step down as at the time my wife had agreed to help coach the NLA volleyball team. Due to the pandemic, my wife had decided to step away from coaching. After discussion, I am ready to serve the NLA community again with your support.

2. What do you see as the primary responsibility of a school board for a charter school? *

I believe the primary duty of the school board is to maintain the mission and vision of the school while still growing as a positive entity within the community.