

Board Training Opportunities, SY 2026-27

Strong governance takes ongoing learning. These resources are available to our Board this year. Most are free through existing memberships, and all can be done virtually.

1. CharterSource Operations Institute

ALREADY PAID • NO COST TO BOARD MEMBERS

CCS's annual membership gives every board director access to 30+ on-demand courses, live virtual sessions throughout the year, and a community space for support.

To start: Use the [CCS enrollment link](#) from Mary Cannon's 9/18 email. New users create an account and list "Crosslake Community Schools" as the school. Returning users **must** log in through that link to renew for this year.

Bookmark chartersource.thinkific.com. Questions: Mary Cannon, mcannon@chartersource.org, (612) 618-8033

2. MACS Board Governance Resources

FREE • MEMBER SCHOOL BENEFIT

Governance articles written for charter boards: [Board Governance Basics](#) · [Board Meetings and Minutes](#) · [Member Responsibilities and Education](#) · [Assessments and Evaluations](#)

On-site training: MACS will hold a board training at our school. We can submit their [request form](#).

3. MSBA Learning Hub

EARN MSBA RECOGNITION POINTS

Charter School Board Workshop: Before Taking Office.

Required training for new charter board members: roles, Open Meeting Law, and Data Practices. Virtual, 6–9 p.m., **Wed., Nov. 18**. Register by Nov. 9; \$125–\$155 per person. I'll submit one CCS registration for everyone attending.

Upcoming virtual events: Coffee & Conversation (Oct. 6) · Board Chair Chat (Oct. 14) · Webinar: Amplifying Student Voice (Oct. 15)

Learning to Lead series: I. Board Basics · II. School Finance · III. High-Performance Teams · IV. Policy & Engagement

In-district workshops: Mutual Expectations · Board Self-Evaluation · Superintendent Evaluation

mnmsba.org/workshops-events · [Resource Library](#) · Katie Klanderud, kklanderud@mnmsba.org, 507-934-8143

4. Osprey Wilds: *The Sounding Board*

FREE • FROM OUR AUTHORIZER

Short governance guides for Minnesota charter boards, well suited to self-study or board discussion. Most useful issues right now:

Training & self-assessment

[#41 Board Evaluation & Training Self-Assessment](#) · [#13 Ongoing Board Training](#) · [#19 Board Self-Evaluation](#)

Roles & onboarding

[#17 Roles & Responsibilities](#) · [#16 Role of the Board Chair](#) · [#7 Onboarding New Members](#) · [#2 Initial Board Training](#)

Finance & oversight

[#38 Finance Committees](#) · [#32 Financial Oversight](#) · [#20 Use of Public Funds](#) · [#28 Conflicts of Interest](#)

Academics & mission

[#39 Oversight of Academic Outcomes](#) · [#42 Oversight of Environmental Education](#)

Working with the superintendent

[#25 Supporting the School Leader](#) · [#10 Evaluating School Leaders](#) · [#8 Succession Planning](#)

Meetings & legal basics

[#37 Open Meeting Law Scenarios](#) · [#31 Data Practices Act](#) · [#35 Communication Outside Meetings](#) · [#11 Parliamentary Procedure](#)

Full library of 40+ issues: [Osprey Wilds Resources for Schools](#) · [Charter School Events](#)

Idea: Discuss one *Sounding Board* issue briefly at each regular board meeting. That builds ongoing, low-cost training right into our calendar.

Next step: Please reply **as soon as possible** with the trainings you're interested in attending, especially the Nov. 18 MSBA session or an on-site MACS or MSBA workshop, so we can coordinate registration.

Dr. J.