


OH NO!
What am I getting
myself
into?

So you want to be a
School Board Member:
Tuesday March 19, 2024




**What does a
School Board do?**

School Boards are responsible for the admission, instruction, discipline, grading, and as appropriate, classification of students attending the public schools in their districts: for the employment and management of necessary professional and support staff; and for purchasing, leasing maintaining and insuring school buildings, properties, equipment, and supplies.

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School governance is rooted in the belief that a group of different individuals dedicated to the same goal can make a better decision than one person alone.

“Kentucky School Board Association School Board Leadership Guide” 2014

I am only one of five voting members and not a power of one. -- *Richard Asadoorian, board member, California*

What are the responsibilities that School Boards have?

- Approve all district policies.
- Develop a yearly budget and advocate for that budget with the residents of the community.
- Work with the superintendent and administrative team.
- Approve all personnel appointments, contracts, financial transactions, Special Education modifications, etc.

VERNON VERONA SHERRILL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA
January 25, 2021 - 7:00 PM - VIRTUAL

DISTRICT VISION

The Vernon-Verona-Sherrill School District aspires to be valued as a district of distinction by our community

DISTRICT MISSION

The Mission of the Vernon-Verona-Sherrill School District is to nurture and support students for success in life, preparing them to embrace challenges, learning opportunities, diversity, and civic responsibility.

- ITEM 1 PUBLIC SESSION
- ITEM 11 AGENDA APPROVAL/REVISIONS
- ITEM 111 APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 21, 2020 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AND
JANUARY 9, 2021 BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
- CONSENT ITEMS

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- ITEM V-A PERSONNEL ACTION
1. Acceptance of Civil Service Resignations
 2. Approval of Civil Service Appointment
 3. Acceptance of Administrative Resignation
 4. Acceptance of Instructional Resignations
 5. Approval of Instructional Leave of Absence
 6. Approval of Instructional Long-Term Substitute Appointment
 7. Approval of Annual Appointment
 8. Removal of Instructional Substitute Appointment
 9. Approval of Instructional Extra-Pay Assignments

- ITEM VI-A FINANCE ACTION
1. Acceptance of Claims Auditor's Approval to Pay Warrants dated December 15 & 31
 2. Acceptance of Claims Auditor's Approval to Pay December Warrants General Fund
 3. Acceptance of Claims Auditor's Approval to Pay December Warrants — Special Aid Fund
 4. Acceptance of Claims Auditor's Approval to Pay December Warrants — Trust & Agency Fund
 5. Acceptance of Claims Auditor's Approval to Pay December Warrants School Lunch Fund
 6. Acceptance of Claims Auditor's Approval to Pay December Warrants Capital Fund
 7. Approval of Treasurer's Report Ending December 31, 2020
 8. Approval of General Fund Budget Report Ending December 31, 2020
 9. Approval of Special Aid Fund Report Dated December 31, 2020
 10. Approval of School Lunch Fund Report Dated November 30, 2020

ITEM IV-B POLICY ACTION

1. Acceptance of CPSE, Sub-CSE, & 504 Committee Recommendations
2. Approval to Remove Policies 1030, 5306, 7044 & Section 4000 from the Table
3. Approval of Policies 1030, 5306, 7044, & Section 4000
4. Approval to Table Policy 6038 & Section 5000 for Review
5. Approval of VVSTA Memorandum of Agreement
6. Approval of Revised 2020-2021 Student Program Calendar
7. Approval of Resolution to Approve a Proposition for Continuous Registration

ITEM VI-B FINANCE ACTION

1. Approval to Award the Contract for General Construction Work (Concession) to J. Priore Construction Co., Inc. Pursuant to the 2018 Capital Project #41-20-00-05-0-006-014
2. Approval to Award the Contract for General Construction Work (Ticket Booth) to M.E.I.D., LLC Pursuant to the 2018 Capital Project #41-20-00-05-0-006-014
3. Approval of Extra Curricular Reports for 10/1/20-12/31/20

ITEM VII PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. February 6, 2021 - Board of Education Virtual Budget Workshop, 8:30 AM
2. February 22, 2021 — Board of Education Virtual Meeting, 7:00 PM (link to be posted on website for public)

ITEM VIII SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Support Services Report — Mr. Wixson
2. Educational & Safety Initiatives — Mrs. Group

ITEM IX BOARD FORUM

ITEM X PUBLIC SESSION

ITEM XI EXECUTIVE SESSION for discussion of specific personnel & contract negotiations)


ITEM XII INFORMATION

1. Enrollment Report from December 31, 2020
2. Acknowledgement Note from Alana Boylan
3. WSFriday Flash, Weeks 16-18
4. LRP Publications Inc. Board & Administrator for School Board Members, January 2021
5. ENV Insurance Agency's Live well, Work well

The public is encouraged to attend Board of Education Meetings, and their input is welcome during Public Sessions. The President may recognize and/or limit the amount of time people have to speak. The President, as spokesperson for the Board, will respond by thanking individuals for their comments. The President and/or the Vice-President may refer to another Board Member for a single response to any question. Requests for additional information will be referred to the Superintendent for a written response. The President may indicate that the expressed idea or concern will be considered by the Board at a future meeting. The person will be notified, if feasible, of the date on which the item will be discussed. (Policy 2055)



**What does the
Superintendent and
Administrative team
do?**



The **School Superintendent** is the chief executive officer of the school district and has the right to speak on all matters before the board but not to vote. The Superintendent is responsible to enforce all provisions of the law, rules and regulations under the direction of the Board of Education. The Superintendent supervises the development of content of all courses of study and presents this material to the board for approval. The Superintendent supervises all staff members employed by the school and all courses offered by the school

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To be an effective team, a strong sense of mutual confidence must be maintained between the superintendent and the school board!



Recognize the difference between setting policy (the board's job) and administering the schools (the superintendent's job).



The School Board's role

Our unique body of knowledge, for which we alone are responsible to use, and which cannot be delegated to staff, combines our understanding of the community, including its dreams, values, hopes, and expectations, with a willingness to act on its behalf.



Individual School Board Members and the “School Board”

What **AUTHORITY** does an individual School Board Member have when the board is not in session?



An individual board member has **NO** more authority than any other qualified voter of the district.

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Commit to the big picture. EDUCATING KIDS!

If it is not good enough for my child, it is not good enough for any child. -- *Bill Kress, board member, New York*

Your primary constituents are the students -- who do not vote. -- *Charles Wilson, board member, Virginia*





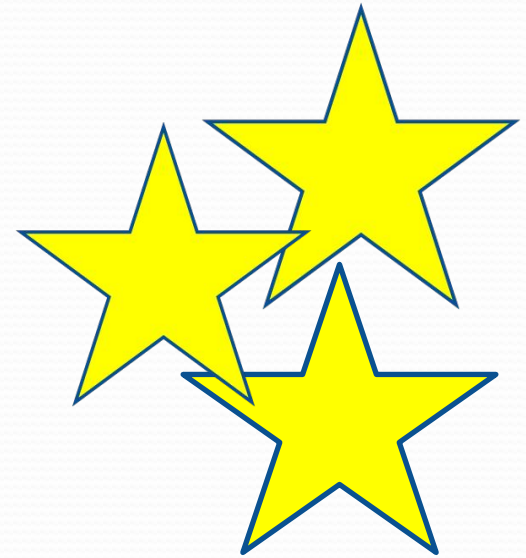
Decide to spend enough time and effort to do the job.

You will have plenty of support.

- Your local Administrative team.
- Other Board members in your district.
- Organizations
(OMHSBI, NYSSBA, others)



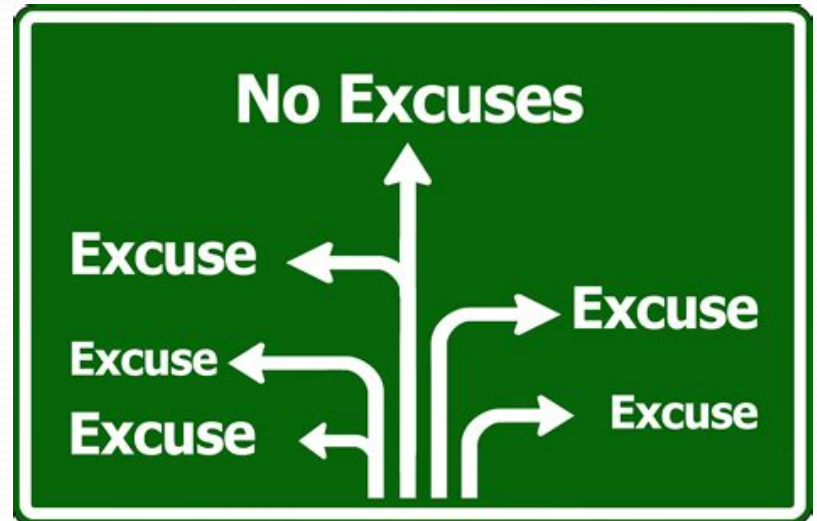
If you don't
understand.....
ask!



All of the acronyms are overwhelming.
-- *Steven Hermann, board member,
Missouri*

Take full responsibility for your behavior at and away from the board table.

The community will often view you as a representative of the school district 24/7.



- Be a role model for students and staff. Commit to a “TEAM” effort.



As a board member, you personally will not make any difference, but as a team, you will. -- *Linda Kessler, board member, Wyoming*

Think about what you post on

social media. Some members of the community will “know” you through your social media. Review what you have posted to make sure what you have presented properly represents who you are.



Attend work sessions, in-service workshops, conventions, etc.

Your first year is like drinking from a fire hose.
The amount of reading materials and data you
will be inundated with is unbelievable.

-- *Ronald Sommer, board member
Vice-President, New York*



Don't make promises you can't keep.

When people present you with a problem, make sure you ask them whether they have already discussed the issue with the building level administrator, i.e., principal, before bringing it to you. If they have not, ask them to before you begin investigating. -- *David Mauffray, board member, Mississippi*

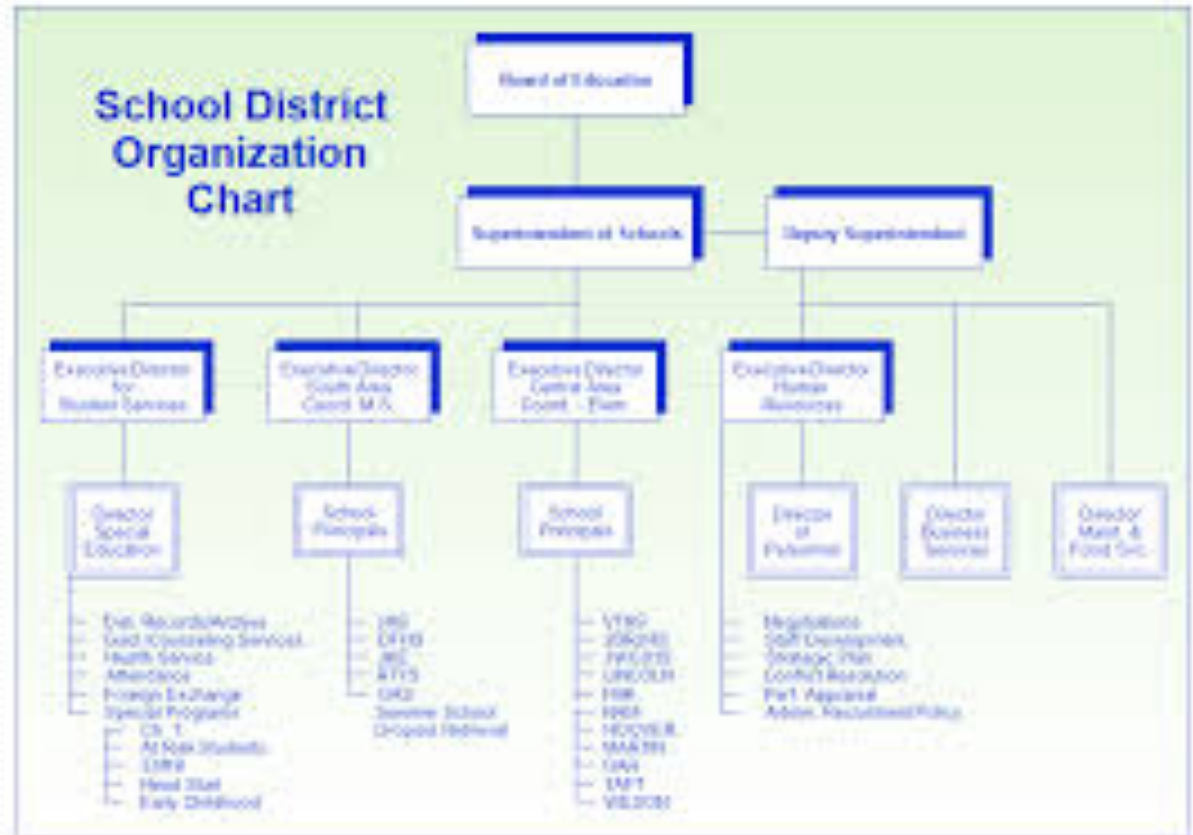


Don't micro-manage. Your responsibility is oversight. The Superintendent is the chief administrator, not you!

If you feel like you are overwhelmed, you are micromanaging. -- *Jim Butt, board member, Pennsylvania*



Respect
the
school's
hierarchy.



Support board votes regardless of your position. The majority rules!

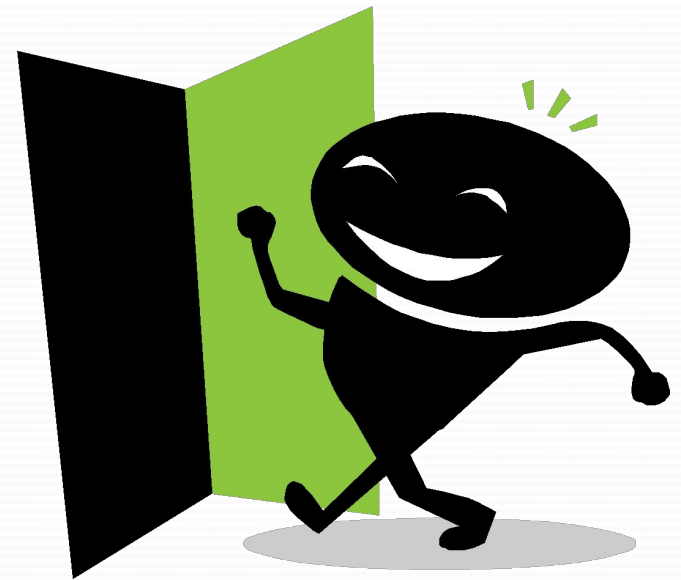
Once a decision is made you should support the decision. If you disagree, try to change the decision. -- *James R Dykeman, Jr., board member, Massachusetts*

Change takes time. Start slow and build to fundamental change.
-- *Sheldon Wigdor, retired board member, California*



Be proud to be a School Board member.

Treat visitors with respect, no matter how they may behave.



At Board meetings don't respond immediately to criticisms or complaints -- *Kathleen Oxberry, board member, Pennsylvania*



Become familiar with Education Law.

Become familiar with your Board Policies and review them regularly.

Read your school state laws and codes and ask questions about anything you don't understand. -- *Terisa Fitzpatrick, board member, Illinois*

Read and learn your board policies and state law regarding school boards. -- *Ginny Moe, board member, South Carolina*

Maintain a sense of humor.

God made the Idiot for
practice, and then he made the
School Board.

Mark Twain