

You've Been Elected, Now What?



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Congratulations on being elected or appointed to your local school board!



We applaud your willingness to dedicate yourself to serve the students in your communities.



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**As a new board member,
where do I start?**

What do I need to know?



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Prepare for life in the “public eye”!

Begin a transition to your new role:

Board Candidate → **Board Member**

Private Citizen → **Public Official**

Individual Action → **Team Action**



What do school boards do?

1. Hire and evaluate the **superintendent** – your only employee!
2. Set and approve the **district budget**
3. Review and adopt **curriculum**
4. Develop and adopt **policies** to govern the district



Begin with Orientation



**New member orientation –
*ask your Superintendent
and Board President!***

AASB provides training:

- Board Room Boot Camp
- First Year Board Member webinar series
- Boardsmanship Academies



Be Prepared – the public is watching!

- **Read material BEFORE meetings**
- **Take notes**
- **Ask questions**
- **Listen**
- **Learn how meetings work**
 - Study **Parliamentary Procedures**
ex. Roberts Rules of Orders
(ex.www.jurassicparliament.com)



Personal Agendas

- Realize that they are a **waste of time**
- **Perspective** versus agenda
- You are now a member of a **team!**
- **Listen and learn from others**
- **Be patient, think of the whole**



Listen



- **Be professional**
- **Listen to all sides of an issue**
- **Be aware of district policies on issues.**
- **Don't make promises that "something will get done."**



You CAN and WILL make a difference!

- Take the time to **learn about your new job**
- **Learn about your district**
- Be **patient**
- **Enjoy** your new role in the community, it will make a difference for kids.

