

2020 First-term Board Member Webinar Series



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- Jan 7th - **Welcome to the board and AASB Board Standards**

Welcome to your school board! This web meeting will focus on some board basics and the AASB Boards Standards as a framework for your new role & responsibilities.

- Jan 21st - **Effective meetings & Roberts Rules of Order**

Do your board meetings run smoothly? Does everyone get an equal chance to participate? Does your meeting agenda make sense and is it effective? Are you new to using Robert's Rules of Order? This webinar will help new and more experienced members gain a better idea of how meetings should proceed and what you can do to help! Join us!

- Feb 4th - **The Superintendent - Building a relationship**

The relationship between the school board and the superintendent is a critical one if you are to be successful in achieving the goals of the board and the vision of education for your district. This webinar, hosted by an AASB staff and an experienced superintendent, will explore what it takes for each board member to establish and maintain a working and communicative relationship with the superintendent. The superintendent is a key leader and member of your board team. Find out how you can learn what their role and your role is and how you can foster a productive relationship!

- Feb 18th - **School Finance with an Expert!**

Please join us as an AASB staff and an experienced school finance and business official co-host this webinar with Norm Wooten from AASB. This webinar will introduce board members to the world of school finance and their fiduciary responsibility as a member of the board. Adopting and monitoring the budget is one of the primary duties of the board of education.

- Feb 25th - **The Board and the Budget**

This web meeting will explore the board's role in developing, analyzing, approving and monitoring the district budget. This presentation will help provide you with that information that focuses on the need to align the budget to

support the district strategic plan and board priorities that ultimately should result in improved student achievement. We will also discuss transparency and effective fiscal monitoring.

- **March 10th - Board Policy - Development and Use for Governance**

School Boards rely upon their Board policy to govern the district. Find out more about what policy is and is not, how to use it, and how the Board develops and adopts its policies.

- **April 7th - Working with your Board (*postponed*)**

Learning how to work with your fellow board members effectively is essential if you are driven to make your board effective. Learn about balancing your perspective and personal beliefs as an individual board member compared to the need to function as a team member to accomplish your board's mission and vision. Join an AASB Board member and Lon Garrison (AASB staff) as they explore this critical topic affecting board performance.

- **April 21st - Working with your Community**

Please join one of our exceptional Alaska Initiative for Community Engagement (Alaska ICE) team members, and an experienced school board member as they lead a discussion on the board's role in supporting and working to improve community engagement with the district. The cohosts will look at how community engagement is an integral part of a well functioning board and has direct connections to the five AASB Board Standards: Vision, Structure, Accountability, Advocacy, and conduct/Ethics.

- **May 6th - School Law Basics**

In this final webinar of the 2019 spring season, we will explore the basic laws that govern and regulate public education in Alaska. Join us for an informative hour with a school law expert as we cover state and federal statutes and practices affecting a school board's role and responsibility.