Welcome! We are so glad you are here!

Ready, Set, Govern! Thursday, November 3, 2022



We will begin at 9 am.



Today's Objectives



- Increased understanding of your role as School Board Member.
- Review key roles & responsibilities of being a school board member.
- Connect with school board members from around the state.





Agreements

- In every chair a leader
- We are responsible for our experience
- Take care of yourself; take care of each other.
- Value our time together

Agreements Adapted from First Alaskans Institute



Greeting Frenzy!

1. Introduce Yourself

(Name, District, length of time on school board)

2. Why did you become a school board member?

3. What is one thing you hope to learn this

week?



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.







Turn to a neighbor and share:

Think about the first school board meeting you attended (as a school board member).

- How did you feel?
- What was it like?





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



So, what do School Boards do





What do school boards do?

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





AASB Board Standards

- **Vision:** The Board creates a shared vision to enhance student achievement.
- **Structure:** The Board provides a structure that supports the vision.
- **Accountability:** The Board measures district performance toward accomplishing the vision and reports the results to the public.
- Advocacy: The Board champions the vision.
- Conduct & Ethics: The Board and its individual members conduct district business in a fair, respectful, and responsible manner.

https://aasb.org/board-standards/







Begin with Orientation



New member orientation – ask your Superintendent and Board President!

AASB provides training:

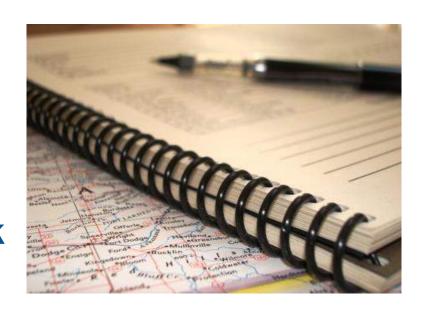
- Ready, Set, Govern!
- First Year Board Member webinar series
- Boardsmanship Academies



Be Prepared – the public is watching!

- Read material BEFORE meetings
- Take notes
- Ask questions
- Listen
- Learn how meetings work
 - Study Parliamentary
 Procedures
 ex. Robert's Rules of Orders

 (ex.www.jurassic parliament.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.



