

What Do School Board Members Do?

When you are elected to serve on the school board, your education has just begun. There is much to learn and absorb as a board member. There is a large time dedication, and many decisions to be made that bear a tremendous amount of responsibility. A board member is elected by the public for a term of 4 years.

The school board's major responsibility is setting policy. The board hires the district superintendent, who in turn hires staff to put policies into practice. The superintendent/chief executive is accountable to the board for managing the district according to board policies.

As a public employer, the school board establishes policies that govern the recruitment, employment, supervision, evaluation, and dismissal of employees.

Board members must also do the following:

- Establish budgets
- Set goals, and evaluate progress toward those goals
- Ask voters to approve bond measures and local option levies for facilities and operations
- Guide collective bargaining (negotiations)
- Choose transportation systems
- Evaluate the superintendent or chief executive

Lake County School District # 7 is fortunate to have an excellent, fair, and dedicated school board. Please see the "School Board Members" link on our website to contact your local board members, or call the Board Secretary at 541-947-3347 for further information.

How Do I Request an Item Be Added to the School Board Agenda?

If you would like to request an item be added to a school board meeting agenda, please refer to Lake County School District (LCSD) #7 Board Policy BDDH, Public Participation in Board Meetings, which states that, "A member of the public may request the superintendent place an item of concern on the agenda of a regular Board meeting. This request should be made in writing and presented to the superintendent for consideration at least five working days prior to the scheduled meeting." If you have questions, please contact the District Office at (541) 947-3347.