

What is the School Board?

In Illinois, public education is the states' Constitutional responsibility. The state delegates the authority to govern the school districts to local school boards. Boards are made up of seven district residents elected at large to serve staggered terms of four years without pay. So, although the board is politically responsible to district voters, it is legally responsible to the state.

Is the Superintendent a Board Member?

No. The Superintendent is a professional educator hired by the board to carry out its goals and policies and oversee the day-to-day operation of the district.

The Board's job is to:

- adopt goals and policies that meet the state requirements and reflect community needs;
- provide the resources necessary to pursue it's goals according to it's policies;
- Monitor district performance to see that results are consistent with goals and policies.

Among the Board's legal duties are:

- Directing what shall be taught and what textbooks are used.
- Hiring necessary personnel and setting their salaries.
- Providing and maintaining the buildings.
- Arranging for the revenue necessary to operate the district.

Does the Board have committees?

The Board has three standing committees: Board Policy, Education and Curriculum, Finance and Operations.

How are the Board meetings conducted?

Meetings follow an agenda which establishes the sequence of events. The meeting is conducted by the board president based on a combination of Robert's Rules of Order, common sense and common courtesy. Meetings can last up to several hours, depending on the contents of the agenda.

Are Board meetings public?

Board meetings are not public meetings – rather, they are meetings held in public. By law, all board discussion and deliberation must be conducted in public, except for certain specific matters, such as personnel, student disciplinary cases, land acquisition, and legal issues, which may be discussed in closed session. However, all official board action must be taken in public.

What if I have a concern?

The district employs an administrative staff to ensure the efficient day-to-day operation of the school. They are often in a position to provide the information you need or to address your concern. You may wish to request a meeting with the administration prior to bringing a concern to the Board.

May I speak at the Board Meeting?

The tradition has been to allow any visitor the opportunity to comment or ask questions of the board. Visitors may speak at a time specifically set aside during the meeting when visitors are recognized. That portion of the agenda will be identified as Public Comments/Questions. Groups attending board meetings are requested to limit their remarks to five minutes. The board president has the responsibility to recognize visitors for comments, to maintain calm and order during the meeting, and to call an end to comments when this seems appropriate.

Will the Board resolve my concern at this meeting?

The board rarely can be expected to act immediately on an issue brought before it for the first time. Even with more familiar issues, the board takes action only after it has thoroughly examined all aspects of an issue. You may, however, expect the board to act as promptly as circumstances allow and to notify you when it arrives at a decision.

When and where does the Board meet?

Regular meetings of the District 201 Board of Education are held on the third Monday of the each month. They are scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Minooka School District Board Room. When special meetings are necessary, local newspapers are notified of the times, dates and locations. To verify a meeting date, please call the District Office at 815-467-6121 ext. 1.

I would like to address the Board

If you wish to address the Board at this meeting, please complete the form, detach and present it to the recording secretary.

**Minooka Community Consolidated
School District 201
Public Comments/Questions
Request to address the Board**

Date: _____

Name _____

Phone No. _____

Subject to be addressed:

**Please limit comments/questions to five minutes. Have you discussed
your concern with the administration? Yes / No**

**Minooka Community
Consolidated School
District 201**

**School Board Information Brochure
And Request to Address the Board**

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