



GREENEVIEW LOCAL SCHOOLS
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Being a School Board Member

Recent local discussions have led to questions about the role and function of a School Board Member. The Ohio School Board Association (OSBA) and National School Board Association (NSBA) have assembled essential roles and functions of the Board. Board Members are tasked with leadership through challenging times for public education in Ohio. Effective leadership takes deliberate and intentional efforts to maintain unity and clarity of purpose. Our Greeneview Board of Education does an excellent job of keeping student needs and success at the center of their focus.

Board members have worked diligently to make informed decisions that have a positive impact on our students and our community as a whole. The board functions, based on a set of Board Policies, legal mandates, generally accepted practices and protocols already in place. While they are five individually elected members, they operate as one Board to make decisions based on ultimately what is best for students, keeping the district moving in the right direction.

School Boards are different than most charitable or non-profit boards because our roles and functions are established in Ohio law. Unlike booster groups, youth boards, or charitable organizations, the board cannot effectively make all of the decisions necessary to operate the District's day-to-day operation.

The OSBA and NSBA offer these Four (4) Main objectives and responsibilities for successful Board leadership:

1. Cast Vision

- a. Maintain a focus on student-centered planning, based on community beliefs and norms
- b. Develop, with the input of stakeholders, long-term plans

2. Maintain an Effective Organizational Structure

- a. Hire the Superintendent and utilize a management structure that empowers people to operate the District's day-to-day operations
 - i. Set and maintain high instructional standards
- b. Hire the Treasurer and utilize a fiscal structure that empowers people to operate the District's day-to-day operations
 - i. Allocate resources to support teaching and learning
- c. Review and set policy based on state and federal requirements and local best interest

3. Remain Accountable to District's Progress

- a. Monitor District progress on shared vision and plans
- b. Evaluate the Superintendent and Treasurer performance
- c. Monitor progress on student achievement, long-term goals, and vision
- d. Report District progress to the community

4. Advocate for the District's Staff and Students

- a. Seek resources to expand opportunities
- b. Celebrate student and staff successes publicly
- c. Advocate for Greeneview Schools and the stakeholders of the District

If you would like more information on school boards, please visit the OSBA website for resources on the role of a Board Member and what to do if you wish to run for office.

<https://www.ohioschoolboards.org/being-school-board-member>

District Board of Education Members are elected officials. If you are interested in running for the Greeneview Board, please take some time to review the information provided by OSBA. <http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/Board-Candidate>.

Candidacy and elections are governed by the Greene County Board of Elections. Please visit their site for information on petitions and deadlines <https://www.co.greene.oh.us/128/Board-of-Elections>

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