

## WE WORK FOR ALL ACSD KIDS

The Addison Central School District (ACSD) Board is made of 13 elected members who represent the citizens of Bridport, Cornwall, Middlebury, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, and Weybridge. Board members represent the interests of all students in the district, not just the town in which they live.

The purpose of this brochure is to help you understand:

- Our mission & vision (our purpose and what we do);
- Our role in the communities we serve (how we do what we do); and
- How you can engage with us in our local education work.



The ACSD serves students PreK through 12th Grade, and operates these schools:

- Bridport Central School
- Cornwall School
- Mary Hogan Elementary School
- Ripton Elementary School
- Salisbury Community School
- Shoreham Elementary School
- Weybridge Elementary School
- Middlebury Union Middle School
- Middlebury Union High School

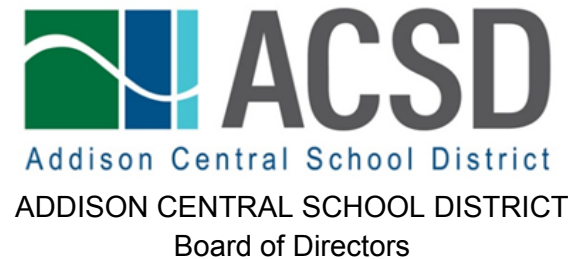
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OTHER RESOURCES:

Vermont School Boards Association  
2 Prospect Street, Suite 4  
Montpelier VT 05602  
802-223-3580  
[www.vtvsba.org/prospective](http://www.vtvsba.org/prospective)

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1 National Life Drive, Davis 5  
Montpelier, VT 05620-2501  
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## ***Understanding the Mission, Work, and Role of Your School Board***



## ***OUR MISSION: What We Do***

**The mission of the ACSD Board is to provide high quality, equitable, and varied learning environments that inspire a passion for learning and growth among our students.** Our vision is for all students to reach their full learning potential, have a sense of belonging in our schools, and enrich our community and the communities where they live in the future.

The purpose of the Board is to:

- set goals,
- conduct high-level planning,
- establish policy,
- hire and supervise the Superintendent, and
- allocate resources in support of this vision.

Simply put, the Board sets the direction for the district, hires the Superintendent to operate the school system, approves the budget, and provides oversight to ensure accountability.

## ***OUR ROLE in the Community***

While the Board sets priorities and guides the Superintendent and administration in their work, it does not manage day-to-day school operations. Understanding and respecting the line between the Board's role and that of the staff and administration is critical to a high-functioning, effective school system.

The Superintendent is the critical link between the Board's work and how the school district operates. We work closely together to ensure that school operations align with Board goals, that District staff have the resources they need, and that the District is accountable to the community.

The Board currently has five committees to support its essential work:

- Communications and Engagement,
- Facilities,
- Finance,
- Negotiations, and
- Policy Committees.

We hold regular committee and full Board meetings to establish our goals, conduct our work, and report and celebrate accomplishments. All of these meetings are open to the public and can be found at:

[www.acsdvt.org/school-board/board-meetings](http://www.acsdvt.org/school-board/board-meetings)

## ***WORKING TOGETHER: How to Engage with the ACSD Board***

The ACSD Board welcomes public participation in Board and Committee meetings. Stakeholders may include residents, staff members, students, parents, and other invited guests. Everyone who appears before the Board will be treated with respect.

The Board has established regular times for individuals to provide public comment at Board meetings. Public comments on agenda items are accepted at the beginning of each meeting, and public comments on all other ACSD matters are accepted at the end, after completion of the Board's work.

It is important to understand that the Board does not manage operational issues, so please follow the appropriate chain of command to address your concern before bringing the matter before the Board:

Teacher → Principal → Superintendent

Finally, the Board may host public meetings to report to the community or request feedback on Board decisions. Your participation is critical to making our District successful. Public meetings can be found on the District Calendar, and are also posted in our Board Updates, both found at: [www.acsdvt.org/school-board](http://www.acsdvt.org/school-board).