

## Running for School Board

What you Need to know!





### **Get on Board**

Serving on the school board is more than just a volunteer role. It is a chance to make an impact on the education system.

It is your chance to advocate for public education and actively contribute to your local schools



## What School Board Members Do

Board members 4 main responsibilities are:

- Establishing Policies
- Approving a Budget
- Establishing Goals and a Vision for the District
- Overseeing the Superintendent's Performance



## What School Board Members Don't Do

#### Board members do not:

Manage the day-to-day operations

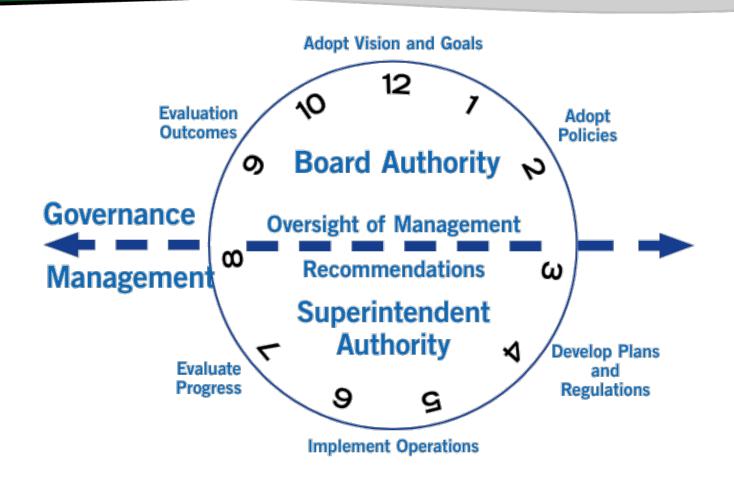
Oversee District communications

Act in isolation or independently

Solve direct problems with stakeholders



### **MASB Governance Clock**





### **NCSD** Board of Education

This November there will be two 6-year Board of Education trustee seats on the ballot.

The terms will run from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2030.



# Board Member Time Commitment

- The Board meets once a month with Regular Board meetings where the business of the Board is conducted.
- There are bi-annual work sessions.
- Each board member is typically on 2 committees which meet throughout the year.
- Some of these meetings will take place in the summer months of June, July, and August.



## **Types of Meetings**

- Regular Meetings
- Committee of the Whole Meetings
- Administrative Committee Meetings
- Work Sessions



## Eligibility

#### To run for your local school board

- ₹you must be a U.S. citizen,
- at least 18 years old, by the date of the election.

#### You must also be:

- ♣ a resident of Michigan for the last 30 days;
- A resident of your school district on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day prior to the election date; and
- A registered voter in your school district.



## **Nominating Petitions**

### Filing – Michigan Election Law requires:

- Nominating Petitions OR a \$100 Fee;
  - Nominating Petition Signatures In Novi, the petition must be signed by a minimum of 40 registered voters in the school district and a maximum of 100.
- 2 copies of an <u>Affidavit of Identity</u> filed with the City or County Clerk along with either:
  - Filing Fee of \$100, or
  - Nominating Petition
- Failure to file will result in ineligibility to appear on the ballot.



## **Nominating Petitions**

**Circulator** (Person running for the Board Identified on the Petition Sheet):

- A petition Sheet can only be signed by those electors residing in the city of Novi (which is identified in the petition header.
- All signatures on the petition sheet must be collected in person, face-to-face.
  - Do NOT leave the petition unattended.



## Tips for a Successful Campaign

#### Seek Information:

- Attend school board meetings
- Become familiar with meeting procedures

#### **Study Board Policies:**

- Become aware of Board guidelines that will prevent you from making public mistakes during you campaign.
- MASB Campaign Finance



## Tips for a Successful Campaign

#### Know Your Community's Concerns:

- Study the issues
- ₱ Do not make promises you can't keep

#### **Keep Your Faith and Commitment:**

Win or Lose – your school district needs people who are committed to children, public education, and get involved in collaborative decision-making.



## **Campaign Finance**





## **Key Election Dates**

#### Key election dates to remember:

- Filing Deadline July 23, 2024, by 4:00 PM
- ₩ Withdrawal of Nomination July 26, 2024, by 4:00 PM
- Write-In Candidates Oct. 25, 2024, by 4:00 PM
- General Election Nov. 5, 2024
- Term of Office begins Jan. 4, 2025



# MASB: Virtual Candidate Forums

#### Forum Meetings run from 6:30 – 8:00 PM



WEDNESDAY

JUNE 12

THURSDAY

JUNE 20

TUESDAY

JUNE 25

WEDNESDAY

JULY 10

THURSDAY

JULY 18



## Candidate Statement of Organization

Thank you for attending and showing an interest in running for our school board.

All of the information presented this evening is available on the district website at:

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