### **Vision Statement**

The Utah School Boards Association shall provide leadership training, member services, and advocacy for effective school board governance.

#### **Mission Statement**

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## **Belief Statements**

- 1. Public education provides opportunities for all children.
- 2. Public education's success depends on public support.
- 3. A sustained financial commitment is essential to public education.
- 4. Locally elected nonpartisan school boards best represent local education needs.
- 5. Effective local school boards influence student achievement when collaborating with parents, students, and the education community.
- 6. Multiple land use provides funding for public education.
- 7. School trust lands must be managed for the benefit of all Utah students in perpetuity.
- 8. Legislation should support excellence in public education.

# **History of USBA**

Recognizing the need for a unified voice on behalf of children, parents, and taxpayers, local school board members founded the Utah School Boards Association (USBA) in 1932.

The association is governed by the Board of Directors comprised of: one elected director from each of the nineteen (19) association regions, one at-large director, the four elected officers, any Utah School Board member presently holding an elected position with the National School Boards Association (NSBA), and may include 1 representative designated by the State Board of Education.





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#### **USBA Services**

USBA provides opportunities and information to educate local boards about the member services available.

- Superintendent and Business Administrator searches
- Board, Superintendent and Business Administrator evaluations
- School Board goal setting
- Policy consultation services
- Customized board/district training
- Publications and electronic newsletters
- Workshops and conferences
- Collaboration among districts
- BoardBook
- Group Health Insurance pool
- Workers' Compensation Insurance
- · Model Policy Reference Manual
- Risk Management
- Flexible Spending Accounts
- · Health Savings Accounts
- · Group Long Term Disability
- Group Life Insurance

# **BOARD LEADERSHIP**& PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

USBA provides professional development to board members through:

- Annual Conference
- Regional meetings
- Leadership Academy
- New Board Member Workshop
- President/Vice-President Workshop
- Pre-Delegate and Delegate Assembly
- Master Boards Certification (MBC)
- Legal updates
- Sharing best practices
- · Networking Opportunities

# **Advocacy**

USBA advocates for excellence in public education through:

- Promoting and supporting legislation that is in the best interest of children
- Continuing to be the voice of public education in Utah through locally elected members
- Lobbying and providing valuable discussions through the Joint Legislative Committee
- Training members to work with legislators
- Providing relevant information to members
- Promoting and supporting local school board decision making







