

Utah School Boards Association

YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD



Building Better Boards

The School Board makes decisions that determine how children are educated and tax dollars are spent.

A Community of Success

Voting for School Board members is a simple but powerful way to support student success and strengthen your community.



*Be a bridge, create
the big picture.*

What is a School Board?

A School Board is a nonpartisan locally elected body that represents community members and taxpayers. The Board insures that community values are incorporated in the School Districts operations.

Highly effective Boards consist of individuals with varying perspectives and backgrounds that provide leadership and direction to the School District.



The choice matters.

The Right Person Makes a Difference.

Qualities, Skills, and Experience you should
look for in a School Board Candidate.

1. What are the Candidate's vision and goals for high academic achievement for all students?
2. Does the Candidate inspire parents and other stakeholders to have confidence in the local public schools?
3. Does the Candidate understand that the School Board's role is about the big picture—setting the direction for the District, and providing oversight and accountability—rather than day-to-day management?
4. Does the Candidate focus on one issue or discuss a broad range of School District concerns?
5. Will the Candidate be able to work effectively with the rest of the Board to get things done?
6. Will the Candidate enhance the mix of skills and backgrounds on the Board and help represent the diversity of the community?
7. Is the Candidate committed to do what is right for all children, even in the face of opposition?
8. Is the Candidate willing to devote the time needed to fulfill the four year commitment?



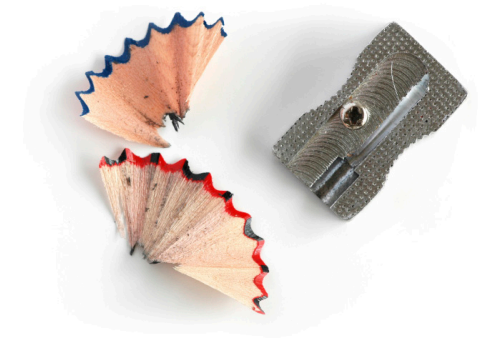
*Success is part
of who we are.*

What Successful Board Members Do.

1. Listen to constituents and share concerns with the whole Board
2. Help constituents understand the proper process to resolve problems
3. Are accessible to the community
4. Remember that they are elected locally but are responsible for the entire School District
5. Work issues and concerns through the Superintendent; do not go directly to staff
6. Seek constant improvement in student achievement
7. Support all Board decisions
8. Keep confidential matters confidential
9. Remember an individual Board member has no authority
10. Refrain from promoting a personal agenda
11. Publicize the great things happening in the School District
12. Develop a cohesive team with Board, Superintendent and District staff



*Serve together for
the good of others.*



Official Duties of the School Board.

1. Sets the general direction and expectations of the School District
2. Hires, supervises, and evaluates the Superintendent and Business Administrator
3. Establishes the District vision and goals/priorities
4. Develops, adopts and revises policies for District operation
5. Approves a balanced budget that supports District vision and goals
6. Oversees implementation of the District plan
7. Ensure accountability and sets clear expectations

Utah School Boards Association

860 East 9085 South
Sandy, Utah 84094

801.566.1207 www.usba.cc

