

Role of the Fort Bend ISD School Board



Video: Role of a School Board (TASB)



FBISD Board Operating Procedures



The operating procedures include:

- Board Member Ethics
- Addressing the Board
- Agenda Creation and Consent Agenda
- Board Officer Elections
- Standards of Behavior
- Advocacy

Operating Procedures Scavenger Hunt



As a table, you will have 10 minutes to review the FBISD Board Operating Procedures, in search of answers to specific questions regarding the FBISD Board of Trustees.

Board's Purpose – Governance & Oversight



- School boards are entrusted by the public to translate the needs of students into policies, plans, and goals that will be supported by the community.
- Policies dictate the standards and philosophy by which schools are run and the criteria used to judge whether they are being run well.
- Boards serves as the advocate for educational excellence for the community's youth and puts those interests first.

Board's Roles & Responsibilities

- Advocacy at the local, state, and federal level
- Ensure creation of a vision and goals for the district and evaluate district success
- Adopt policies that inform district actions
- Hire a superintendent to serve as the CEO of the district and evaluate the superintendent's success
- Approve an annual budget consistent with the district vision
- Communicate the district's vision and success to the community



Special Training for Board Trustees

School board members are required by Texas law and the State Board of Education to participate in three types of continuing education:

- An orientation to local district policy and the laws affecting public education in Texas;
- An annual team-building activity, taken in conjunction with the rest of the board and the superintendent; and
- A specified number of hours each year in areas of special need. Boards determine these needs annually by reviewing the Framework for School Board Development, a document that outlines the tasks an effective board performs in its governing capacity.

How do school boards make decisions?



A school board is a governmental body, so it can take action only by a majority vote at a legally called public meeting.

The individual board member's major responsibility is to study issues facing the district, evaluate needs and resources, and, after due consideration, vote in the best interest of all students at such a meeting.

Fort Bend
Independent School District

**BOARD OF
TRUSTEES
MEETING**



Policy Overview

- Educational Philosophy (AE Local)
- Framework for School Board Development (BBD)
- Planning and Decision Making (BQ Local)



2-minute summary:

Each table has a designated policy to review in 5 minutes. During the review, cohort members are asked to determine the following:

- 1. What is the purpose of this policy? What does it accomplish or ensure?*
- 2. What are 2-3 key points of interest or information that stood out to you when reviewing?*
- 3. How does this policy provide clarity to you about the role of a school board?*

Once time is called, each group will have 5 minutes to develop a 2-minute pitch that you can use to explain this policy to another cohort member. Use the questions above to frame your pitch.

Stand Up, Pair Up, Share Up

Q & A

THANK YOU

