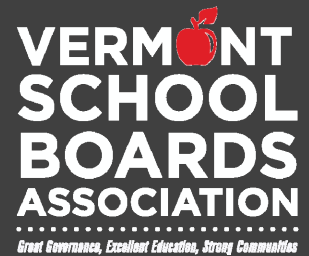


# School Board Professional Development



## WEBINARS

### Preparing for the Annual School District Meeting

February 21  
6:00 - 7:00pm

This webinar will provide school boards with guidance on presenting the school district budget to voters. We'll consider the Governor's Budget and School Board response, the outlook on the Education Fund, state-wide budget pressures, and other relevant topics.

### Welcome to School Board Service

March 13  
5:00 - 6:00pm

Getting elected is just the beginning. This brief webinar provides an orientation on the roles and responsibilities of school boards and school board members and the resources available to them through VSBA.

## LIVE WORKSHOPS

### ESSENTIAL WORK OF VERMONT SCHOOL BOARDS

*A framework for the effective governance of our public schools*

3/26/18 - Lyndon  
3/28/18 - Jamaica  
4/02/18 - Newport  
4/04/18 - Winooski  
4/10/18 - Montpelier  
4/16/18 - Rutland  
4/17/18 - Windsor  
4/23/18 - Webinar

The workshop will review the role and responsibilities of a school board member, which include:

- Building a shared vision for education in the community.
- Establishing policy parameters.
- Hiring and working with a superintendent to lead and manage the district to achieve the vision.
- Monitoring progress toward the vision, and assuring accountability for results
- Developing and adopting a budget to support the vision.
- Engaging the community in supporting the education of students.

The workshop provides new school board members with the tools and resources they need in order to fulfill their roles and responsibilities.

### THINK BIG!

#### Developing & Monitoring a Vision for Your Education System

Effective School Boards operate with an overall vision that addresses these questions:

- What do we want students to know?
- What do we want students to be able to do?
- What kind of experiences do we want students to have?
- Given limited resources, what are our priorities?

In this session, we'll discuss the range of stakeholders, techniques for gathering their input, and the board's role in honing, using, and updating a vision statement. We'll also explore ways to use the vision statement as the basis for a strategic plan for the district. This workshop will get your juices flowing ahead of your summer board retreat by addressing the integral relationship between setting goals and monitoring outcomes.

March 15  
Winooski High School

March 21  
Manchester Elementary

March 19  
Hartford High School

March 27  
Lyndon Town School

### Effective Engaged Governance

Saturday April 14, 2018 – 9:00-3:30pm  
Montpelier

The relationship between school and community is vital. It can help produce far-sighted, broadly supported decisions about key school and community issues and educational inequities. Rather than long, tense meetings, you can establish better ways for people to share information, understand one another, make decisions, and work together. Even where the relationship has been relatively good, finding ways to strengthen it further would help unlock the full potential of communities to support their young people.

In this workshop, guided by Public Agenda, we'll discuss why it's important to include all stakeholder voices in the conversation about education, explore new engagement tools and strategies including the potential of student leadership, and identify engagement strategies that might help overcome real challenges that each district faces.

Join Public Agenda and the Vermont School Board Association for a statewide workshop on April 14 to explore ways to fill the four typical gaps in school governance.

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