



MSSD14 BOE

Informational Meeting – July 19, 2021

Introductions

Current Manitou Springs School Board Members

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Purpose of this Meeting

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Give a brief overview of the basics of the role of a Public Education Board Member
- Explain the Policy Governance Model
- Provide Key dates of the Election Process and additional resources

Including CASB information <https://www.casb.org/built-to-serve>

2021-22 BOE GOALS

- Work as a team with one voice to govern via Board Policy
- Ensure that any new Board members have the content knowledge and training needed to govern effectively
- Ensure our Board Policies are current and that they provide the framework for all Board decisions
- Evaluate the Superintendent as per Board Policy

BOE Job Description





“The Board will govern lawfully with an emphasis on (a) outward vision rather than an internal preoccupation, (b) diversity in viewpoints and sufficient understanding of issues, (c) strategic leadership more than administrative detail, (d) clear distinction of Board and chief executive roles, (e) collective rather than individual decisions, (f) future rather than past or present, and (g) pro-activity rather than reactivity.”

Job Qualifications

A candidate for the school board must be a resident of the school district and a registered voter for at least 12 consecutive months prior to the election (19 or older). No person who has been convicted of a sexual offense against a child is eligible to serve on the school board. Because school director elections are nonpartisan, candidates may not campaign as members of a political party.

Responsibilities

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES: The school board has direct supervisory responsibility for communicating with and evaluating the performance of the district superintendent. **REPORTS TO:** The school board reports to the community as its elected trustee. **PERFORMANCE RESPONSIBILITIES:** The responsibilities of the school board include the ability to function effectively as a team in each of the following areas*: *These activities are performed as a board of education team, not as an individual school board member

Build School District Leadership

Advocate for Public Education

Provide Fiscal Oversight

Foster Board Team Effectiveness

Manage District Policies

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An introduction to Policy Governance

- Policy Governance, created by Dr. John Carver, is a model of governance designed to empower a Board of Education (BOE) to fulfill its obligation of accountability for the organization it governs on behalf of the owners.
- The model enables the BOE to focus on the larger issues, to have an outward vision, to delegate with clarity, to control the school district's job without meddling in administrative details, to rigorously evaluate the accomplishments of the school district; to truly lead the school district.

Principles of Policy Governance

1. Owners of the school district.
2. BOE decisions are predominately policy decisions.
3. BOE speaks with one voice and as one governing body.
4. Ends Policies: what result, for whom, at what cost?
5. Governance Process: the work of the BOE.
6. Executive Limitations: the BOE places boundaries on superintendent Means.
7. BOE policies start broadly.
8. Board-Superintendent Linkage: the BOE delegates to the superintendent.
9. BOE delegates only to the superintendent who uses reasonable interpretations.
10. BOE monitors the superintendent's progress or results to the Ends Policies.

Where to find BOE Policies: [BBDA](#)



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Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Resolution

Meeting Dates 2021-22

Minutes

Notice of Virtual School Board Meetings

R20 Ends Model (pdf)

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Public Participation

Any member of the community who would like to participate in Public Comment will need to email Kendal Kelly (kkelly@mssd14.org) by 5:45 p.m. on the day of the meeting. She will then email you a link to join the meeting. When it is time for Public Comment, you will have 3-minutes to speak to the Board of Education.

The Manitou Springs Board of Education (BOE) consists of 5 members elected to four-year terms. The BOE meets once a month. This date is usually the fourth Monday of the month; however, there are months that require earlier meetings. Please check with the district administration at 685-2024 for specific dates and times of yearly BOE meetings. The fundamental work of the BOE is to establish the direction of the district, set organizational goals, and

Election Timelines and Events

Important Dates

- Aug 4- First Day nominations petitions may be circulated
- Aug 27-Nominations petitions and accompanying forms must be filed by this date
- Aug 30-Deadline to file as a write-in candidate
- Sept 3-First date a district may cancel the election if no contest
- Nov 2 Election Day

Get ready to hone your speaking and writing skills

- Numerous candidate forums and publications

[CASB Guide for Candidates and Veteran Board Members](#)

Running a Campaign Manitou Style

- Don't leave a footprint, or at least only a small one
- Non-partisan
- Stay positive -promote yourself and the district
- Listen to your community

Interested?

Attend Board Meetings and Work Sessions

Speak with various Board members, past and present

Gauge your capacity to be fully involved

Assess your reasons for serving as a school board member

“Remember that you were elected to represent the students and to be an advocate for all students. As hard as it is, try to leave your own personal bias and issues at the boardroom door.”

Paul Reich, Telluride R-1 Board Member, CASB President-Elect (2017)

Questions, Answers, Feedback?