



Better Together: At the Board Table

Essential Resources for School Boards and Superintendents

Highly effective school boards set clear expectations focused on student learning, create conditions for success, hold the system accountable to the expectations, build collective will in the community, and learn together as a board-superintendent team. These IASB resources support boards and superintendents in their journey toward leadership for student learning.

Please note that you will need to login to the [IASB website](#) to access the following materials.

Open Meetings & Public Records: All boards must adhere to Iowa's Open Meetings Law.

Pro tip: Check out this [document](#) with information explaining a motion to enter into closed session.

School Safety Resources: This section includes school safety and mental health resources available to Iowa public schools.

Online Policy Subscription Service: The Policy Reference Manual is one of IASB's most popular services. The subscription-based service provides districts with online access to more than 430 sample policies. Additional resources included with the subscription include the Policy Update Newsletter, a list of mandatory policies, and Title IX resources.

New Board Member Portal: Whether you've got a newly appointed or newly elected board member, check out the New Board Member Portal along with [Board Books](#).

Pro tip: Share the [Glossary of Education Terms](#) with your new board members.

School Finance and Data Resources: IASB provides a variety of resources to help boards and superintendents navigate school finance and budgeting. Resources include [tentative agreement information](#), the [Board Presidents' Budget Calendar](#), the [Financial Focus Data Tool](#), and [Visualizing Data](#).

Pro tip: One of the biggest advantages of IASB membership isn't just the documents—it's knowing where to turn when questions come up. Whether you're navigating board governance, policy questions, school finance, or strategic planning, IASB staff are here to help connect you with the right resource at the right time.

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