



New Boston School Board



Running for School Board

The following information provides prospective candidates with a better understanding of the role, responsibilities, and time-commitment required of school board members. All candidates must file the official application during the designated filing dates typically beginning in mid-January.

Purpose & Mission

- The New Boston School District will seek to instill a love of learning in all our children through a well-structured curriculum that emphasizes linguistic development, mathematical skills, national and international social development, and a knowledge of scientific principles. We will also seek to instill in every student the concept of good citizenship based on the constitutional principles of the United States and the State of New Hampshire. At all times, we will strive to stimulate that innate and precious curiosity all children possess regarding their surroundings through the encouragement of individual initiative and cooperative process
- The Board sets the vision and direction for the district — through policies, long-term goals, and oversight — but does not run day-to-day operations.

Key Responsibilities:

- Adopt district-wide policies that govern how schools operate in compliance with federal and state laws.
- Establish and oversee the annual school district budget — allocating resources to support educational priorities.
- Hire and evaluate the Superintendent (the only district employee under the supervision of the Board).
- Set academic standards and educational goals; ensure the district's curriculum, programs, and services align with those goals.
- Provide oversight and accountability: monitor student achievement, district performance, financial health, and compliance with laws/regulations.
- Serve as a link between the community and the schools: communicate with stakeholders, listen to concerns, and represent the public interest.

How the Board Operates

- The Board is comprised of five elected members who serve staggered three-year terms.
- The Board acts as a single entity: Individual members do not have the authority to act on behalf of the board alone — decisions come through majority vote.
- The Board-Superintendent relationship is a partnership: the Board governs; the Superintendent administers day-to-day school operations.
- The Board focuses on strategic planning, long-term goals, and outcomes.

New Boston School Board Meeting Expectations

- The Board typically meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m., in person at the New Boston Central School Media Center.
- Board members are assigned to one or more subcommittees, requiring additional meeting hours.
- New Boston School Board members are also members of many Goffstown School District subcommittees.
- Typical school board meetings are between 2-3 hours in duration, while subcommittee meetings range from 1-2 hours. Meeting preparation times vary based on subcommittee assignments and the nature of meeting agendas.
- New Boston School Board members are also SAU 19 School Board members (comprised of both the Goffstown and New Boston School Boards). The SAU 19 School Board typically meets three times a year in October, December, and April.

If Elected — What Happens Next

Election & Recount Period: After the vote, there is a required recount period (or waiting time) before your election victory is official. See [NH RSA 671:32 Recount; Tie Vote](#) and [NH RSA 669:30](#)

Oath of Office: Once the recount period expires and results are certified, newly elected members should contact New Boston Town Hall to be formally sworn into office by either the town or school clerk. (603-483-3311).

Assumption of Duties: Upon being sworn in, new board members are able to participate in board meetings, subcommittee assignments, and all business. Contact the SAU 19 office (603-497-4818) for more information regarding new school board member orientation and onboarding.