



## What is the Board of Education and what is their role?

### The Seymour Board of Education

- Includes 9 elected board members
- Members serve 4 year terms
- Members are volunteers and are not compensated for their board participation
- Members may not be employees of the Seymour Public Schools
- Members each serve on 3 sub-committees of the Board
- Members meet monthly as a board and as needed for sub-committees
  - schedules and agendas can be found here - <https://www.seymourschools.org/board-of-education/meetings-and-locations>
- Members with their contact information are listed here - <https://www.seymourschools.org/board-of-education/boe-members>

Responsibilities and authority are granted under the Connecticut Constitution and State Statutes and include:

- Developing and updating school system policies to remain in alignment with legislative directives and mandates
- Selecting and evaluating the Superintendent of Schools
- Serving on hearing panels for terminations, expulsions or grievances
- Assisting in the development and promotion of the annual school budget
- Allocating resources within budgeted appropriations
- Approving curriculum choices
- Reviewing student performance metrics
- Building public support and understanding of school initiatives
- The last stop in the Chain of Command (Teacher->School Administration->Central Office Administration->Board)

**What the Board of Education is not**

- The Central Office Staff (Superintendent, Associate Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations, etc.)
- A single Board member - decision-making authority lies only with the entire board which when assembled will vote on matters of importance within their authority as a BOE
- A paid position
- Charged with the day to day operational matters of the school district. That is the role of the Superintendent and their administrative team.